

**North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes**  
**Two Harbors Area Office**  
**February 13, 2004**  
**10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Doug Rowlett, Craig Sterle, Martha Minchak, Bob Kirsch, Lawson Gerdes, Tim Quincer, Doug Tillma, and Gaylord Paulson.

**Meeting Process:** The following recommendations were made:

- Meetings will be scheduled for every other week versus weekly. 1 or 2 day meeting depending on need.
- Information to be discussed at the meetings should be sent out several days to a week prior to the meeting.
- Two meeting rule for making decisions on an issue will be more closely followed.
- Issues within scope or outside the scope of the SFRMP process. **Gaylord** will check with Jon on the process whether these should go to him (and Merchant and Rusterholz) or to the Region.

**Management Objective Coding Status:** The Cloquet Area Group completed the assignment of preliminary objective codes and team comments on 2-12 to the stands in the 10-year pool for stands located in outstanding and high biodiversity significant Sites in the North Shore Highlands and the high survey priority in the Toimi and Laurentian Uplands. 1331 stands including 26,893 acres were assigned coding and/or comments. The Two Harbors Area Group is approximately half done.

**NLTCSA shapefile:** **Lawson** will contact Paul regarding edits relating to stands in MCBS Sites. **Craig and Martha** will provide information to Paul regarding discrepancies they noted in the Criteria Field. The old growth stand discrepancies noted in the 12-18 email need to be cleaned up prior to stand selection.

**MCBS Site Review Process:** Discussion on the need to review the 7-16 meeting notes on the procedure for incorporating MCBS information into SFRMP and develop a step-by-step process to finish up the MCBS Site review. The 7-16 notes recommended the review be done by Site or group of stands instead of the stand-by-stand review that is now being done. The need to do the review prior to the FY2005 stand selection created the need to change the procedure.

**Issues needing Region Direction:** Team members should review and submit comments to Gaylord by noon on Thursday, 2-19.

- Ecological Services coordination during implementation of SFRMP plan.
- Conflicting management recommendations for some stands in some MCBS Sites.
- Limiting intensive forest development/tsi activities in some stands in MCBS Sites.
- Animal survey coding and management recommendations review.

Need further clarification in the SFRMP process of when Region managers should be notified of issues needing Region direction.

**GDS 1F:** GDS statement may need to be revised to clarify the meaning of it. (Doug R handout).

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

GDS 1F

GDS 1C

GDS 9 (Doug T)

SX cover type recommendations review (Craig)

Things to Do Table (Gaylord send out)

Review steps to finish up MCBS Site Review.

- based on guideline, 7-16 notes, and where we are now.
- review of stands not in 10-year selection pool?

Site summaries content (Lawson)

Review of decisions from Region (if done)

Conversion standards and cover type rules (Doug T)

Cover Type Chapter review (Gaylord)

**Meeting Dates (revised):**

Feb 25-26

March 11-12, 25-26

April 8

Notes by gp, 2-17-04

Approved 2-25.