

**North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes**  
**Two Harbors Area Office**  
**March 11-12, 2004**

**March 11, 2004 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**March 12, 2004 8:15 am – 3:00 pm**

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

**Meeting Notes** from 2-25/26 revised and approved. Added Items 1 and 6 in the MCBS Site Review Steps.

**Region Direction on Issues:**

Team reviewed the Region direction provided on the submitted issues.

Maya Hamady, NE Region Nongame Wildlife Program Specialist, in Grand Rapids will be the first point of contact for Ecological Services regarding Forestry and Ecological Services coordination on activities in MCBS Sites of Outstanding or High biodiversity significance during implementation of the plan. **Doug T** will inform the forestry areas of the Ecological Services Division contact.

The team requests that the **Statewide SFRMP Process Group** provide direction on final distribution of SFRMP plan and associated shapefiles and documents.

Areas should be provided the shapefile of the MCBS Sites so they know which stands are in Sites of Outstanding and High biodiversity significance (NSH) and survey priority of High (LU and TU) for annual plans, annual plan additions, and other forest management activities.

**Gaylord** will ask Bud Kincaid if the NLTCSA shapefile can be added as a coverage in FORIST-SRM so it can be readily available to field staff that have access to FORIST. 3-22: *Bud says it can be added as a layer like the other layers there now such as old growth. It would be a read-only file and viewable statewide.*

Discuss with **Paul** at the next meeting, updates to the Site Name, ECO\_REC, ECO\_COM, Objective, and TEAM\_COMM Fields in the NLTCSA shapefile.

**Gaylord** will send a request for clarification of the Region direction on Issues B and D regarding when and how the ECO\_REC and ECO\_COM information should be provided to stand appraisers and how appraisers are to be made aware of the Animal Survey Staff Recommendations for reference/consideration in forest management activities. *Request sent to John, Lee, and Jeff on 3-17.*

**Objective Codes:** A detailed description of the codes is needed and should be included in the Appendix.

**Updates from last meeting:**

ECO\_REC and ECO\_COM coding updates: Lawson completed the updates to the NLTCSA2g shapefile for delivery to Paul.

NE Region wood turtle guidelines: there are none for the Whiteface River.

Watershed protection areas for Peatland SNAs: No GIS coverage, Lawson will get a hard copy.

*3-10 email to Lawson from Steve Wilson: the WPAs did not receive any legislative protection, and any special management within the WPAs has been negotiated on a case-by-case basis. For example, the peatland SNA fire policy, negotiated with Forestry, talks about how to approach fire suppression in the WPAs, with the intent of minimizing impacts. I think it's appropriate to look more carefully at management within the WPAs, since they were identified as hydrologically-sensitive areas (i.e. activities there could negatively impact hydrological function of the protected features within the SNA). 1 in these subsections – Sand Lake Peatland.*

*3-25: hard copy distributed. Doug R will check on getting it digitized.*

**Doug R** will check the two old growth stands in the Two Harbors Area that are still in question if they have been designated or not.

Trails and Waterways Division lands that have not been inventoried yet will not be included in the SFRMP plan now. *Some may be completed.*

**GDS-1F:** Continued the review and made edits to the document. To be continued on 3-25.

**Next Meeting:** March 25-26 in Two Harbors

Agenda Items: CSA to FIM conversion of NLTCSA shapefile, etc. – Paul Olson

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Things to do yet

Chapter 4 - Cover Type Recommendations - edits

Notes by gp, 3-23-04

Approved 3-25.