

North Shore Subsections SFRMP Meeting Notes
Two Harbors Area Office
July 15, 2004

Approved by Team 8-3-04

Present: Lawson Gerdes, Bob Kirsch, Martha Minchak, Tim Quincer, Doug Rowlett, and Doug Tillma

Thursday: 8:15 am – 3:00 pm

FIM Green Sheet: Tim Quincer will send e-copy to relevant non-forestry personnel.

Birch over 85 (Field Review Process): The plan refers to this; however, a process is not defined. There are 4,714 acres of birch >85 years that will be on the 10 year treatment list. There is a question whether to include stands <85 years that are considered low volume. Uncertainty was expressed on the ability to hold birch to age >85 although some cases are known

Stand Info Table: Will not be included in plan. Will be distributed as an internal document. Other agency help may be required (soil typing given as example). Tim Quincer will work with Doug Rowlett to put table into Access format.

Cedar Cover Type: It is proposed that Dave Ingebrigtsen, Wildlife and Jon Splinter, Forestry take the lead on developing cedar harvest assessment and evaluation procedures based on the cedar cover type guidelines.

Maps (for Director's review): Many comments for improvement were given. Doug Tillma took copious notes and will work with Tom Engel to implement changes.

Yet to do Table: Wildlife assessment matrix still needs to be done – Tim Quincer will handle. NP, WP & WS model data – Doug Tillma convince group that this was not needed, dropped from table.

Public Open House: Dates to be determined after public review of plan. Locations will be determined later (St. Paul and at least one location within subsection).

Step 3, Strategic Plan Document: Gaylord Paulson is to send to field staff for review at the same time as it is sent to Directors for review.

Stand Selection Direction: Begin planning after Commissioner's review (tentatively Sept. 13 – Oct. 13). 9-year selection, assign treatment year. Arc View Stand Selection extension needs to be updated to be FIM compatible. Tim Quincer will check with Steve Benson and Paul Olson. Gaylord Paulson will request an updated MCBS site layer from Shannon Flynn. It was proposed and accepted that the Core Team will do a dry run of stand selection procedures, to work out bugs, prior to direction being sent to Areas. Doug

Tillma will contact Fisheries to clarify which stands they want tagged for field visit by Fisheries staff.

Timber Access: Considerations of new road construction; when USFS access permits are needed; opening older existing roads; disposition at end of sale or use. Need to determine what level of road access needs review. Lots of discussion regarding maximum length of new road before review is required, concerns expressed over maintaining proper review but not making process too cumbersome. 1320 feet proposed as threshold for new road review. “New road” needs to be defined – **Doug Tillma** will contact John Nelson and Greg Kvale for direction. Status of review for “old roads” needs to be determined.