

OSAF/WSSAF Leadership Conference Forest Policy

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WSSAF Policy Activities

- 2011 Done
- 2012 Proposed

2011 Policy Activities

- Position Statements
- Community Presentations
- Congressional Letters
- National Policy Support

Position Statements

- 2010 Biomass
- 2011 Working Forests
- Wild Olympics Campaign (letter)
 - All include active forest management to provide social, ecological and economic products and services.

Working Forests Position Statement

- WSSAF
- National Office Review
- Executive Committee – Unanimous
- WSSAF Membership – 95% ?

WSSAF Working Forests

- A working forest is defined *here* as a forest that is actively managed for a sustainable and balanced delivery of social, ecological, and economic products and values.

WSSAF Working Forests

- **Active management** means that silvicultural practices including determination of tree species composition, stocking control, thinning, and timber harvest are planned and happen recurrently and perpetually over most of the forestland area, **causing a different balance of benefits than would occur from passive management alone.**

WSSAF Working Forests

- Note that all working forests are managed forests, but not all managed forests are working forests.
- WSSAF recognizes that the bundle of benefits from working forests will vary from forest to forest, but will **always include a balance of social, ecological, and economic products and values.**

Community Presentations

- Biomass
 - Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce
 - Kiwanis Club
 - Mill Site Permit Hearings
- Working Forests / Wilderness
 - Port Angeles Business Association
 - Wild Olympics Congressional Workshops

Legislative Letters

- Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act
 - Clean Water Act Exemption
 - HB 2541 S1369
- Wild Olympics Proposals
 - WSSAF Attended All Four Workshops
 - No Net Loss of Working Forests

National Policy Support

- Silviculture CWA Exemption
 - Chapter Chairs
 - Local Congressional Staff
 - Town Hall Meetings ?

2012 Policy Plans

- Present WSSAF Position Statements to local groups
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Contact local, state and federal legislators
- Position Statements
 - Forested Wetlands
 - Adequate vs. Best Available Science

WSSAF 2012 Annual Meeting

- Joint North Olympic & Admiralty Inlet
 - May 3 & 4
 - Port Angeles
 - Theme: Working Forests – Wild Forests
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- **WHAT IS THE BALANCE?**

2012 Morning

- **Olympic Forests – What do they Provide and What challenges do we face?**
- (Facilitator – Adrian Miller, Past WSSAF Chair)
(8:15 – 10:00 AM)
 - Karen Gustin, Park Supt - Olympic National Park
 - Dale Hom , Forest Supervisor - Olympic National Forest
 - Peter Goldmark, WA Commissioner of Public Lands
 - Mari Parker, General Manager Makah Tribe

2012 Morning

- **Challenges to Olympic Forests:** (10:15 – 11:15 AM)
- (Facilitator - Chuck Lorenz, Past Council 1 Rep)
 - Karen Ripley, WA DNR Forest Health
 - Heather Ballash, WA Dept of Commerce
 - Gordon Culbertson, Forest2Market

2012 Afternoon

- **Wild Olympics Proposal** (11:15 AM – 12:00 PM)
- (Facilitator – Ann Forest Burns, American Forest Resource Council)
 - Jon Owen and Jim Gift Wild Olympics Coalition
 - Josh Weiss, WA Assn. of Counties (invited)

2012 Afternoon

- **Future Forests of the Olympics – A Politicians View?**
- (2:45 – 4:00 PM) (Facilitator – Mark Doumit, WFPA)
 - Sarah Crum - Congressman Norm Dicks Staff ?
 - State Sen. Jim Hargrove
 - State Rep. Steve Tharinger
 - Commissioner Mike Chapman - Clallam County
 - Port Commissioner Jim Hallett, Port of Port Angeles (invited)

2012 Afternoon

- **Examples of Olympic Forest Cooperation**
- (4:00-5:00 PM) (Facilitator – Tom Hanson, WSSAF Chair)
 - Olympic Experimental Forest – Angus Brodie DNR
 - UW Olympic Natural Resource Center – Jason Cross UW
 - Forterra (CLC) – Michele Connor
 - Wilderness Society Mike Anderson, JD.
 - Tribal – Mike Henry Lower Elwha (invited)

2012 Annual Meeting

- We are concerned that attendance may be low due to economic conditions.
- Please Come

DONE

