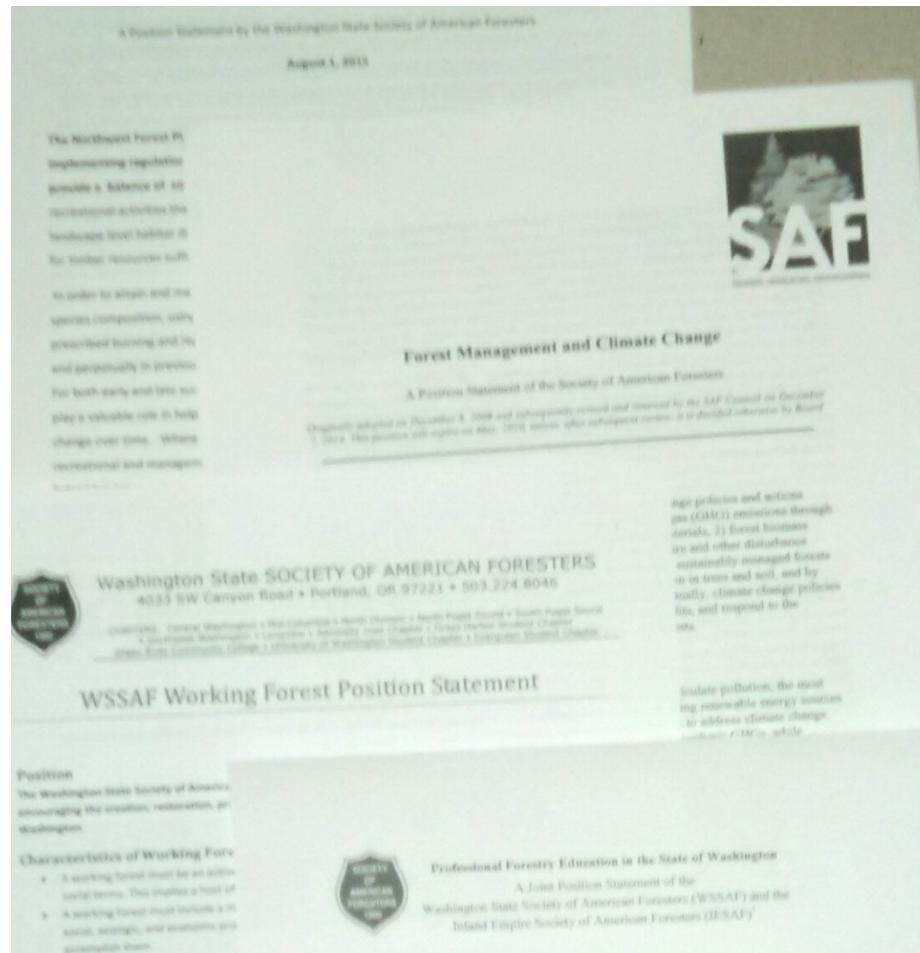


# WSSAF 2015 Leadership Conference

Policy and Outreach

# WSSAF Position Statements



# WSSAF Position Statements

- Drafted by Policy Chair or Member Volunteers
- Current Issues in Washington State
- Adopted by Executive Committee
- Vote by Full Membership

# Current Position Statements

[Management of Federal Lands in the State of Washington](#) Updated 2015

[Professional Forestry Education in the State of Washington](#) Updated 2013

[Working Forests Position Paper](#) Updated 2013

# Positions Needing Updates

[Addressing the Threat of Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface](#) Expired 2014

[Considering the Contributions of Washington's Forests Involving Carbon Sequestration](#) 2014 ?

[Harvest and Use of Forest Derived Biomass in the State of Washington](#)  
Expired 2015

[Washington DNR Trust Land Management](#)  
Expired 2013

[Revision of the Olympic National Forest Plan](#) Expired 2014

# Policy Outreach Activities

- Olympic Peninsula Collaborative
- Clallam Trust Lands Advisory Committee
- Clallam Climate Adaptation Plan
- Climate/Carbon Talking Points
  
- WSSAF Legislative Reception
- WFFA Legislative Day

# Olympic Peninsula Collaborative

- WSSAF Full Member
- Olympic National Forest
- Within the Northwest Forest Plan
- Short term log supply
- Late Successional Habitat
- Limited Stakeholder Representation
- Not an Alternative to NWFP Changes

# Clallam Trust Land Advisory Committee

- Board of Commissioners Ordinance
- Pros & Cons to County Management
- DNR Oversight re Fiduciary Management
- About 92,500 acres
- Very Broad Stakeholder Membership
- WSSAF Member Committee Chair
- Final Report October 2016



# North Olympic Peninsula Climate Adaptation Plan

- NOP Resource & Conservation Development
- Adaptation International
- Washington Sea Grant

# Collaborators

- County
- Cities
- Tribes
- PUD
- Non Profits
- Port
- WSSAF
- Others

# Prioritized Vulnerabilities

- Ecosystems (forestry and agriculture)
- Water Supplies
- Infrastructure (roads, utilities)

# Forestry Adaptation Strategies

- Forests are Very Adaptive
- Develop Seed Sources for Changing Climate and Public Use
- Sequestration in Trees or Wood Produces Discussion (not in plan)

# WSSAF Climate/Carbon Talking Points

- Recognize the carbon storage and ecosystems services provided by working forests within the current application of the Forest and Fish Law with no additional action required by landowners.
- **Provide credit to forest landowners for their current and additional capture of atmospheric carbon, storage of that carbon in wood products, and the reduction of carbon release by the substitution of wood for steel and concrete building materials.**

# WSSAF Climate/Carbon Talking Points

- Expand markets by promoting the use of wood for construction and energy.
- Promote the reduction of estate taxes on forest land to promote intergenerational working forest management planning and consolidation of working forests.

# WSSAF Climate/Carbon Talking Points

- Include state forest taxation systems that encourage long-term investment in sustainable forest management and habitat restoration, and that discourage parcelization.
- Promote silviculture that provides broad habitat diversity including regeneration harvests for early successional habitats.

# Outdoor Education

- Clallam Conservation Days
- Nature Bridge



# Clallam Conservation Days

## 50 Years

- Forks & Clallam Bay 5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- In Class Preparation
- Field Sessions
- Participants
  - National Forest & Park
  - DNR
  - Rayonier, Green Crow Merrill & Ring

# Field Sessions

- Forest Products
- Forest Management
- Fish & Wildlife
- Forest Recreation
- Forest Health
- Tree Identification
- Tree Planting

# Nature Bridge

- K-12 (c. 2000)
- 3 and 5 Day Programs
- Students are inspired to make informed decisions about what constitutes a healthy relationship between natural and human communities, their role in that relationship and appropriate actions they can take to sustain it.

# Nature Bridge

- National Program
- Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park
- WSSAF Work in Progress
  - Site Specific Forest History
  - Characterize Habitat Diversity
  - Associated Wildlife
  - Manage for Different Outcomes

# 2016 Plans

- Forest Policy Committee
- Update Position Statements
- Talking Points/Letters per Position Statements
- Policy Outreach Strategy
  - Legislative Contacts
  - Social Media ?
  - Legislative Reception
  - Working Forest Workshop ?