

Champion and Steering Team Meeting

Summary Notes



Purpose:

- Identify where we are at and what actions have been taken.
- Develop new methods of staying connected.
- Continue to discuss and identify areas of cross issue collaboration.

In attendance: Paul DeLong, Fred Souba, John Duplissis, Mark Heyde, Lisa MacKinnon, Fred Clark, Dave Marcoullier, Ken Genskow, Nick Miller, Ryan Lynch

Not Present: Mike Strigel, Bill Horvath, Joe Wilson

Summary:

Review of Outcomes from April Meeting and Current Activities

- **Much progress has been made.**
 - Wisconsinforestry.org is up and running.
 - Leadership Teams are continuing to meet to discuss relevant issues of cross collaboration and have begun to take concrete actions.
 - ***Invasives Best Management Practices (BMPs) Proposal has been approved and endorsed by the Council on Forestry. Currently searching for funding to develop BMPs.***
 - ***In order to increase Assistance to Private Forest Landowners, a letter has been sent to Wisconsin State Conservationist, Patricia Leavenworth, to insist that the NRCS Forester position be filled and that a forest landowner's representative be appointed as a permanent member of the EQIP committee.***
 - ***The Changes in Land Use and Ownership team provided a field tour for the Council of Forestry to highlight the importance of addressing land fragmentation. In addition, a seminar emphasizing the importance of utilizing Managed Forest Law (MFL) to address land fragmentation issues is scheduled to take place in early November.***
 - ***New research will begin analyzing Recreational Conflict Issues, particularly investigating compatibility issues amongst various recreational users.***
 - ***The Nature Conservancy will be assembling a Forestry issue based team that will consider issues of Biological Diversity.***

- Invasives continues to be an area of cross-collaboration, particularly in the area of Invasives BMPs.

Forward Thinking

- **Issues concerning research funding were widely discussed. Several possible areas of action include:**
 - Investigating the possibility of conversations within the DNR to identify areas of research and funding
 - Council on Forestry providing a representative to perform lobbying activities for regular funding in the SFP areas of interest.
- **Facilitating communication was an issue of great interest.**
 - A Champion/Steering Committee Listserv is in the process of being constructed to further communication among the Champions and Steering Committee.
 - A broader SFP Newsletter Listserv is being constructed to reconnect with Governor's Conference on Forestry (COF) participants.
 - A progress report to mark the one year anniversary of the COF will be developed to reconnect with participants.

Assignments:

- *ALL → Next meeting December 14th, 10am-2pm, location TBD.*
- *Ryan → Construct Listserv for Champions and Steering Committee as well as SFP Newsletter for COF participants*
- *ALL → Progress reports to Steering Team/Council on Forestry*
- *ALL → Progress report to COF participants (Ryan to compile)*
- *Champions → Organize and meet with Leadership Teams:*
 - *Continue Progress*
 - *Continue to explore issues of connectivity to Invasive BMPs*
 - *Identify what inventory and monitoring needs your theme has and utilize Listserv to transmit information.*