

DRAFT Notes
Region II-III Reforestation Science & Technical Committee (S&TC)
Pre-BOF check-in -- July 23, 2015
DNR Large Conference Room - Fairbanks

S&TC Members present

Jim Durst, co-chair

Doug Hanson

Tom Paragi

Marty Freeman, co-chair

Glenn Juday

Note: Handouts referenced in the minutes are available from either co-chair.

- The group briefly reviewed the draft consensus points from May 6, 2015. Final review and adoption of the minutes will happen at the next full S&TC meeting on Sept. 8.
- The group reviewed public input from Jeff Graham, including concerns about lengthening the period for natural regeneration, needing scarification for successful regeneration, and the cost of corrective measures if regeneration fails. Freeman will invite Graham to the next S&TC meeting to discuss his concerns. Juday previously responded to Graham's comments. Freeman will send his response to the S&TC. Juday is reviewing the Morimoto manuscript and findings which are relevant to this discussion.
- Freeman presented the PowerPoint presentation on the S&TC work that she will show to the Board on July 28. The group provided input to strengthen the presentation.

Comments noted:

- Paragi: The trees/acre stocking standards should be added to the slide on natural stocking
- Durst: The discussion of stocking standards should note naturally occurring mortality
- Juday: The "sawtimber" definition [≥ 9 " dbh] may be set high – the Fairbanks area is more fertile than elsewhere, and it's the only place natural stocking meets the standard
- Paragi: The definition of "sawtimber" reflects merchantability, and has meaning for wildlife use.
- Paragi: Poplar seed production is generally similar to that for aspen (i.e., frequent good seed years, and good seed dispersal).
- Durst: Grass may be coming in to blowdown salvage harvests in the Tok-Delta area.
- Hagelin: The findings and consensus points are not numbered by priority. We may want to prioritize them later, at least by category.
- Paragi: Include identification of research gaps on future S&TC agendas.

Next meeting dates: September 8 and 24 in Fairbanks

Other attendees

Julie Hagelin,

Ryan Jess

Handouts

- Agenda
- Draft minutes from May 6, 2015 meeting
- Definition of “non-stockable,” “stocked plot,” and “free-to-grow” from DOF Reforestation Handbook
- Example of weighted stocking from DOF Reforestation Handbook