

Forest Certification Management Review

Maryland DNR Forest Service
Chesapeake Forest Audit

Salisbury, Maryland
January 26, 2006
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Agenda

1. Review progress on SFI / FSC 2005 Surveillance Audit items.
2. Develop Action Plan to follow-up on identified tasks.

Notes

1. Operation Order "Policy for SFI Management Review and Continual Improvement" sent to Auditors; item has been fully addressed (re: SFI 13.1.3).
2. SFI 1.1 and 4.1.2 – ESA management prescription document/proposal received from Heritage staff today. Proposal needs to be reviewed further by Forest Service staff and go through Interdisciplinary Team Review. Purchase of modeling software approved and in progress. (Cross reference with FSC CAR 2005.2).
3. SFI 2.4.1 – Reference has been inserted into Chesapeake Forest Policy & Procedures Manual; item fully addressed.
4. SFI 4.2.2 – Subscription initiated to Southern Journal of Applied Forestry in August 2005. Relevant research articles have been reviewed and will be added to files as appropriate. Item fully addressed.
5. SFI 7.1.1 - Reference new Board of Public Works policy to improve merchandizing and utilization.
6. SFI 10.1.2 - MS-22 job descriptions for Chesapeake Forest have been revised to include performance of SFI and FSC requirements. MS-22's for HQ personnel still need to be modified to include appropriate Certification language.
7. SFI 12.1.2 – CF staff are utilizing "Overview of the Chesapeake Forest" brochure. An additional logger specific handout on sustainability was distributed. It was also noted that the SFI SIC is working on producing a brochure that will meet this goal.
8. SFI 12.1.5 - HCVF Task Group formed and initial definition discussions held. Follow-up guidance received from Auditors, and follow-up information provided back to HCVF Task Group. (Cross reference with FSC CAR 2005.5 [as well as with the results of ESA review - SFI 1.1]).
9. SFI 13.1.2 – CF 2005 Annual Summary will be completed soon and posted on the web. Research has been conducted regarding posting forest product sales on DNR website; however, there are questions about whether this will provide a significant enough benefit to justify the required effort to maintain. Watershed Services has provided the Forest Manager with a 1 page

report describing the Puckham restoration project, which is currently posted on the web, and committed to providing a follow-up report on 2005 monitoring results. WHS will also be providing a 1 page report on 2005 monitoring results for the Campbell restoration project. Additionally, a monitoring report of water quality on the Pepperfield tract conducted by the Contract manager has been developed. Link to SFB and FSC websites may not be possible, due to DNR web policy; however, inclusion of web addresses may be possible; issue still being researched.

10. Decision implemented to combine Chesapeake Forest and Pocomoke State Forest Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC). All new CAC appointments made, with the exception of one user group representative (recreational interest), which is still in process. CAC met in October 2005 to review and provide input on FY2007 AWP.
11. FSC CAR 2005.1 - Efforts to identify and contact indigenous peoples is continuing. No special sites have been identified.
12. FSC CAR 2005.3 - Contract extension put in place through 3-31-06. RFP process completed; contract approval through BPW in progress.
13. FSC CAR 2005.4 - Feasibility of combining Chesapeake Forest and Pocomoke Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) to gain operational efficiencies was discussed. The CAC will utilize the same citizen member/ representative categories as developed for State Forests.
14. FSC REC 2005.1 and 2005.2 – Items fully addressed. Transition Plan included as a requirement in new RFP / Contract, and compliance with FSC Principles included as a requirement in new RFP and Contract.