

Senate Rural Communities & Economic Development

May 30, 2014

Hearing Room D, State Capitol

Members Present: Senator Roblan, Senator Baertschiger, Senator Burdick, Senator Hansell, Senator Prozanski

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

FEDERAL FORESTLANDS REPORT - PACE AND SCALE (SB 357, 2013)

Doug Decker, State Forester, Department of Forestry submitted a [report](#) entitled “*SB 357 Report to the Legislature – Federal Forest Management*.” He set the stage for discussion of increasing the pace and scale of federal forest management and described some new tools that recently became available through the 2014 Farm Bill. Oregon is pioneering a new way of working with federal partners largely through supporting collaboratives and helping the Forest Service improve their planning process. There are 62 million acres of land in Oregon – half of this acreage is forested; 60 percent is owned by the federal government. Many of these lands face serious management and forest health problems. Most of Oregon’s timber supply does not come from federal lands.

Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Governor's Office discussed more content from the report. There is no one silver bullet; the report offers a set of concepts developed through the work group process, including revenue generating options. Under federal law, Oregon cannot be paid back directly from timber revenues produced by a project funded by the state on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Federal agencies also cannot put timber revenues back into planning needs. Any funding to increase pace and scale must come from new congressional appropriations or other sources (state or local). Even without direct payback authority, there is a payback in jobs, economic development, reduced fire costs, etc.

Tom Insko, Region Manager, Boise Cascade, and Board of Forestry member provided [testimony](#) to the committee. He described Boise Cascade facilities located in Oregon and noted they employ more than 1,430 people in this state. Four of the five manufacturing facilities in northeast Oregon are operating at reduced capacities; an adequate supply of raw materials would result in an additional 150 jobs. Jobs added last fall resulted, in part, from confidence that a shift in management on eastside forests will result in an increased and more consistent long-term supply of raw materials.

John Audley, President, Sustainable Northwest provided [testimony](#) on collaborative forest landscape projects. He noted work on the [Malheur Forest](#). He asked that the Legislature continue to support these programs to restore federal forest health and the communities that depend on those forests. Building markets for high and low value wood fiber is important to these efforts.

MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING AND THE MAKING OF OREGON'S TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN

Paul Klarin, Marine Program Coordinator, Coastal Division, Department of Land Conservation and Development made a [presentation](#) on “*Marine Spatial Planning and the Making of Oregon’s Territorial Sea Plan.*”

TSUNAMI PLANNING

Althea Rizzo, Oregon Office of Emergency Management made a [presentation](#) on “*Tsunami Planning in Oregon*” addressing planning efforts and public education and outreach programs.

Ian Madin, Chief Scientist, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries made a [presentation](#) addressing funding, science and regulatory issues related to tsunami planning.

Patty Snow, Ocean and Coastal Services Division Manager, Department of Land Conservation and Development provided an [overview](#) of a guide developed for coastal communities titled “*Preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Coastal Communities.*”

LIGHTHOUSE BEACH DOCK DEBRIS

Chris Havel, Parks and Recreation Department provided an [overview](#) of the dock situation at Lighthouse Beach.

Lori Warner-Dickason, Land Management Operations Manager, Department of State Lands provided [testimony](#) on the jurisdiction of the Department of State Lands over state-submerged and submersible lands, including the territorial sea.

Scott Brewen, Director, Marine Board distributed a [brochure](#) entitled “Keep it Afloat and Protect our Wildlife, Oregon’s Foam Encapsulation Program.” He described the encapsulation certification program.

Charlie Plybon, Oregon Field Manager, Surfrider Foundation provided [testimony](#) and a [presentation](#) with pictures of the incident.

BIOMASS OVERVIEW

Matt Krumenauer, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy, provided the committee with a [list](#) of bioenergy facilities and a [presentation](#) on bioenergy in Oregon. The presentation addressed the bioenergy industry, feedstocks and facilities, the importance of the industry, and state policies and programs. The presentation also summarized the state’s investment in bioenergy from January 2000 – May 2014.