

MINUTES  
IMST Forestry Review Subcommittee Meeting  
April 1, 2010  
Richardson Hall, Room 115  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis OR 97331

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Nancy Molina (Subcommittee Chair)

Michael Harte

Vic Kaczynski

**Others Attending:**

Kathy Maas-Hebner, OSU

Lisa Gaines, INR

Rod Kraemer, ODFW

Molina convened the meeting at 9:08 AM.

The subcommittee discussed the pending request from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to review the scientific underpinnings of the agency's document titled *The Influence of Modeled Management Scenarios on Habitat for Species of Concern*. ODF would like IMST and the Institute for Natural Resources (INR) to collaborate on the review of the document with INR taking lead on social and economic components. Lisa Gaines (INR) and the subcommittee discussed various options for collaboration including having INR manage a review, including the biological aspects) with IMST serving in an ad hoc advisory role to help formulate questions the various species experts would be asked to consider and formulate their professional opinions on. INR is considering four different reports: social, economic, biological, and an integration report. The reports could be turned over to the IMST to do a general review of the final products. If funding is approved by the Board of Forestry, INR could start the review in June (and completed by September, 2010) if the framework could be put together quickly. Molina suggested that there are eight different topic areas that could be focused on during the review – all of which are listed in the first two paragraphs of the analytical frame work of the species of concern document. In addition a conservation biology point of view could be taken and species experts could address what the potential consequences would be of not approaching species of concern from a broader, multi-species approach as suggested by accepted tenants of biodiversity conservation.

Other items of discussion included the possibility of having an IMST FRA assist INR with the biological information gathering and providing literature to the taxa specialist involved with the review. Rod Cramer also discussed ODFW's previous and continuing roles in the Species of Concern strategy developed by ODF. He indicated that ODFW provided taxa expertise during the process and because of political pressure the process was done quickly and acknowledges that there are some holes but it needed to get it done, so a comprehensive external review would be appreciated by the agencies.

The group concluded that Gaines will put together a scope of work that will be submitted to ODF for the review. The IMST subcommittee would then review it as far as the IMST's role

and potentially and FRA's role in the process. Harte will be the subcommittee chair on the species of concern review and be INR's main IMST contact.

**Public comment:** None given.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM

*Minutes were prepared by staff and reviewed by the subcommittee for accuracy.*

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