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New England Society of American Foresters
Co-hosted by the Northeastern Forest Pest Council (NEFPC)

92nd Winter Meeting

April 3-6, 2012

UMass Amherst Campus Center – Amherst, Massachusetts

Local Forests, Local Markets, Local Services and Benefits

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **NESAF executive committee meeting**
Room 174-76
- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Meeting registration**
Campus Center Concourse, outside auditorium

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Meeting registration**
Campus Center Concourse, outside auditorium
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Plenary session 1**
Campus Center auditorium

Welcome and introductions

Ed O’Leary, Chair, NESAF

Bill VanDoren, General Chair, winter meeting

10:00 am: **Plenary speaker 1-A**

Adam Moore, Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation

Beware the king’s broad arrow: Ensuring that conservation lands are connected to the local community

11:00 am: **Plenary speaker 1-B**

Mariko Yamasaki, Research Wildlife Biologist, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service

Silviculture and wildlife habitat

- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch / NESAF business meeting**

- 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Concurrent session 1**

- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm *Break*

Concurrent session 1-A: NEFA’s landscape approach to strengthen markets and conservation

Moderators: **Christopher Riely**, Forest Supervisor-Providence Water and **Chris Modisette**, USDA NRCS
Room 162-75

1:30 pm: **Bob O’Connor**, Director of Lands and Forests, Office of Police MA EOEEA

Regional forest stewardship and conservation in four interstate landscapes in New England

2:00 pm: **Charlie Levesque**, Executive Director, Northeast State Foresters Association

The partnership of state forestry agencies to promote forest stewardship in New England and New York

2:30 pm: **Bill Labich**, Regional Conservationist, Highstead Arboretum

The role of regional conservation partnerships in the W&W vision

3:30 pm: **Brian Hotz**, Senior Director of Strategic Projects, SPNHF

Quabbin to Cardigan Initiative

4:00 pm: **Leigh Youngblood**, Executive Director, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust

A Massachusetts’ land trust perspective

4:30 pm: **Brian Szyndlar**, land owner

A private landowner’s perspective

Concurrent session 1-B: Forest industry – From the forest

Moderator: **Mike Bartlett**, Hull Forest Products

Room 163C

1:30 pm: **Mary Hull**, Partner, Hull Forest Products

Local benefits and services: Hull Forest Products and the Hull forest lands

2:00 pm: **Paul Baker**, General Manager, Country Carpenters

Early New England homes, fine post and beam barns and carriage sheds

2:30 pm: **Jameson French**, CEO, Northland Forest Products

The Unified Hardwood Promotion and the hardwood check-off

3:30 pm: **Jeff Hallowell**, President, ClearStak

Technology update for thermal biomass emissions reduction

4:00 pm: **Charlie Neibling**, General Manager, New England Wood Pellet, LLC

Heating New England with renewable biomass: Overcoming obstacles to major market transformation

4:30 pm: **Dr. William Strauss**, President, FutureMetrics

How Manomet got it backwards: Challenging the “debt-then-dividend” axiom

Concurrent session 1-C: Local Use Silviculture

Moderator: **Jeffrey Ward**, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Room 165-59

1:30 pm: **David Beers**, Connwood Foresters

Mushrooms

2:00 pm: **Michael Haines**, Future Forestry and **Emery Gluck**, EP Forester I, CT-DEEP Forestry

Witchhazel: secondary products and TSI

2:30 pm: **Don Mysling**, Senior Fisheries Biologist, CT-DEEP Inland Fisheries

Utilization of wood products for stream enhancement

3:30 pm: **David Irvin**, EP Forester I, CT-DEEP Forestry

Making Forest Friends from Forest Foes! -- Forestry Recreational Challenges

4:00 pm: **Steve Hagenbuch**, Conservation Biologist; Audubon; and **Nancy Patch**, VT DFPR

Vermont silviculture with birds in mind

Concurrent session 1-D: NEFPC

Room 101

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Quiz Bowl

In or near the auditorium

Join students from around the region and quizmaster Tim Hawley of the Regional Water Authority while they educate and entertain in this NESAF Winter Meeting classic

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Poster session

In or near the auditorium

Researchers will have the opportunity to discuss their research with the membership

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Social hour/icebreaker

In or near the auditorium

Relax and unwind, catch up with old friends and make new ones, and prepare for the next day of the meeting

5:15 pm – 8:00 pm

NEFPC executive committee meeting

Room 101

Thursday, April 5, 2012

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Meeting registration

Campus Center Concourse, outside auditorium

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Working group meetings

Campus Center, group-specific meeting locations to be announced

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Concurrent session 2

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break

Concurrent session 2-A: Public outreach

Moderator: **David Kittredge**, University of Massachusetts

Room 162-75

8:30 am: **Paul Catanzaro**, UMass Extension and MA Dept Environmental Conservation

Strategies for reaching private woodland owners

9:15 am: **David Kittredge**, UMass Amherst and Harvard Forest

It's the network: the informal ways landowners acquire information about their land

10:30 am: **Richard Campbell**, Forest Manager, Yale Forests

The Quiet Corner Initiative: reaching woodland owners in the vicinity of Yale's forests

11:15 am: **Liza Poinier**, NH Fish and Game

The use of Facebook to publicize the NH Fish and Game agency

Concurrent session 2-B: Social Value of Local Products

Moderator: **John Volin**, University of Connecticut

Room 163C

8:30 am: **Charlotte Rand, John Volin and Robert Ricard**, UConn

Buy local: Consumer behavior and wood products

9:15 am: **Robert Ricard**, University of Connecticut, Department of Extension

Why stakeholder social and political perspectives to buy local campaigns matter

10:30 am: **Douglas Emmerthal**, Utilization Program Manager, CT-DEEP Forestry

Connecticut Grown Forest Products

11:15 am: **Peter Grima**, Outreach Service Forester, MA DCR

Wood and food don't need to rhyme: Parallels between forestry & local agriculture

Concurrent session 2-C: Poster presentations and student session

Room 165-69

8:30 am: **Richard Campbell**, Yale Forest; and **J.P. Barsky**, CT Agricultural Experiment Station

Student poster presentations; approx. 10 min each

10:30 am: **Jeff Hutchins**, NESAF Membership Chair

Student roundtable: ideas from the national conference and more (tentative)

Job Fair (**TENTATIVE**)

Concurrent session 2-D: NEFPC

Room 101

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch / NESAF Awards**
Campus Center auditorium

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm **NEFPC session**
Room 101

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm **NESAF Plenary session 2**
Campus Center auditorium

2:30 pm: **Plenary speaker 2-A**

Gary Miller, Research Silviculturist, Northern Research Station, USDA Forest Service

Critical points in managing oak forests

3:30 pm: **Break**

4:00 pm: **Plenary speaker 2-B**

Kevin J. Dodds, Forest Entomologist, USDA Forest Service

Recent observations of Asian longhorned beetle in forested areas

5:00 pm: **Plenary speaker 2-C**

Roger Dziengeleski, Past President, Society of American Foresters

The fundamental role(s) of SAF and broadening the membership

5:15 pm: **Plenary speaker 2-D**

George Frame, District VI SAF Council Representative

An introduction to SAF's tiered membership structure

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm **Alumni socials**
School-specific meeting locations to be announced
Reminisce about the good times and relax at these popular events

Friday, April 6, 2012

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Meeting registration**
Campus Center Concourse, outside auditorium

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Informal local unit meetings**
Campus Center Concourse, unit-specific meeting locations to be announced

7:00 am – 1:00 pm **NESAF Leadership training program**
Ron Lemin and Ken Laustsen
(NOTE: separate registration required; contact Ron at teiron@aol.com for information)
Room 101

7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast and introductions

7:45 am – 8:00 am “The Tower Game:” a warm-up exercise in communication and collaboration
8:00 am – 8:30 am Introduction to SAF organization
8:30 am – 9:00 am Leadership roles: A perspective from your council representative
9:00 am – 10:00am MBTI assessment and how to make your personality fit the SAF leadership template
10:00 am – 10:15 am Break
10:15 am – 11:15 am MBTI wrap-up
11:15 am – 11:45 am Your roles as a leader in SAF
11:45 am – 12:15 pm How to run a meeting and different meeting types
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Summary, discussion, and “Watering the plants” letter
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Adjourn, evaluation form, credits, box lunch

8:30 am – 12:00 pm **Concurrent session 3 / Field Trips**

10:00 am – 10:30 am *Break*

Concurrent session 3-A: Ecosystem Services Markets and New England Forests

Moderator: **Chad Oliver**, Pinchot Professor of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University
Room 162-75 (*panel discussion*)

Brad Gentry, Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Investments and Research Scholar, Yale University

Deborah Spalding, Managing Partner, Working Lands Investment Partners, LLC

Mark Ashton, Morris K. Jesup Professor of Silviculture and Forest Ecology, Yale University

Thom Snowman, Environmental Analyst, MA DCR Division of Water Supply Protection

Concurrent session 3-B: Social Value of Local Products

Moderator: **Chris Pryor**, New England Forestry Foundation

Room 163C

8:30 am: **Paul Catanzaro**, University of Massachusetts Extension
Helping landowners decide the future of their land

9:15 am: **Neal Bungard**, USFS

Timber tax management for family woodland owners

10:30 am: **Roy Henshaw**, CPA, Rucci, Bardaro, and Barrett PC

11:15 am: **TBA**, NRCS

Concurrent session 3-C: Biomass: Public Policy and Forest Management

Moderator: **Lloyd Irland**, The Irland Group

Room 165-69

8:30 am: **Lisa Rector**, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management
Air quality regulations and related issues

8:51 am: **Averill Cook**, Biomass Commodities, Inc.

How the building owner looks at biomass conversions

9:15 am: **Rick Handley**, Rick Handley Associates

Why is the biomass market growing so slowly in the northeast? What can we do about it?

9:37 am: **Alec Giffen**, Clean Air Task Force

Biomass and the CO2 cycle: are we letting the tail wag the dog?

10:30 am: **Richard Campbell**, Yale Forest

Managing in a world of limited biomass markets

10:52 am: **Rich Roy**, Public Service Company of New Hampshire

How biomass affects forest management in my area: Problems and opportunities

11:15 am: **Dan Hudnut**, Wagner Forest Management

How large scale biomass markets are affecting management on our ownership

11:37 am: **Sarah Smith**, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

The push for biomass harvesting guidelines - and the push back

Field trip 3-D: Wildlife management for revenue and habitat

Led by **Michael Downey**, Service Forester, MA DCR

See forest management for habitat firsthand at the Swift River Sportsman's Club

Field trip 3-E: Family forest conservation and management tour; North Quabbin Region

Led by **Christopher Riely**, Forest Supervisor, Providence Water

Meet family forest owners and see how land conservation interacts with a working forest landscape