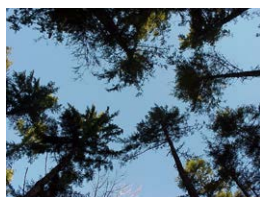


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Carbon Survey - The Next Steps

To date we have received 225 usable survey results from the online carbon survey we sent out in February. Usable means that the survey was completed and not duplicated – no data has been discarded. A great big thank you to those that shared your opinions, and especially for those thoughtful comments. If you would still like to take the survey, click [here](#). There is still time, as it closes May 15th. Our database calls it a petition because we have opened the survey up to non-WFFA members, but rest assured – it is a survey – not a petition.

Preliminary analysis shows that your opinions are all over the map! While this result was not unexpected, it will make parsing the data to characterize trends interesting. Look for some results in our *Landowner News* sometime after June 30th.

One trend that is clear from many thoughtful comments is that there is a need for more information in order to make informed decisions. Recently I was asked to present on the topic of forest carbon for the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, our sister organization in Oregon. We captured the audio for that talk and combined it with the PowerPoint presentation to produce this [online video](#). The talk was about 1.5 hours including Q/A, with the forest carbon part of the presentation starting at about the 30 minute mark, but the first 30



Webster Forest Nursery Seedling Ordering Process Changes

Due to increased demand, DNR's Webster Forest Nursery will no longer be taking seedling orders on a first-come, first-served basis. Between August 1 and September 6, interested landowners can contact the nursery to place their names on a register that will be randomized and used to generate a priority list. Anyone who wants to purchase seedlings from DNR who misses that cutoff date will be put at the bottom

minutes are interesting too. I will be doing a shorter version this autumn for the [ATFS Fall Seminar](#). And I am also working on plans to travel around the state over the summer to provide an opportunity for people to hear a version that is tailored to their region and to ask questions. Look for the announcements via WSU Extension and/or your local Chapter mailings. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFFA



King 5 TV Features WFFA Pierce Chapter's Coburg Tree Farm's Pair Planting

The Townsend family has farmed the 277 acre [Coburg Tree Farm](#) in Eatonville since 1954. They are using a unique watch dog to protect their timber from hungry deer and elk. They are testing a process called “pair planting” to protect the young trees. The technique involves planting Sitka spruce trees next to Douglas fir trees to act as a babysitter or watchdog. “The spruce has sharp needles on it. When the deer and elk try to browse on the tree, they’ll get a poke in the snout,” Townsend explained. Using the Sitka spruce trees to protect the Douglas firs is cheaper than using the nets as a physical barrier. Townsend said using the trees is half the cost, with far less labor and monitoring. They believe it will take five years to see if the experiment works in favor of the spruce trees. Only small family forest owners go to such incredible efforts to keep their forestland viable. [Click here](#) to view the whole piece aired on King 5.



WFFA 2019 Annual Meeting

May 2-4 - Silverdale

20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish - Past, Present & Future

Registration is closed; however, we are offering a WAIT

of the register. *Full details are available on the [DNR website](#).*

Timber Clips

Please enjoy this [March 22 offering](#) of informative links prepared by Cindy Mitchell and our friends at WFFA.

Washington Hardwoods Commission Annual Symposium

June 13, 2019 - Kelso
Visit the [event website](#) for more information and registration.

Bear Awareness in the North Cascades Workshop

May 23 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM - North Cascades Institute Environmental Learning Center: 1940 Diablo Dam Rd, Rockport, WA 98283 - RSVP is Required - Lunch is provided

Join Defenders of Wildlife and the North Cascades Institute on May 23rd for Bear Awareness in the North Cascades. The goal of this workshop is to bring together agency staff and community leaders in the North Cascades to discuss tools, techniques, and strategies to reduce and prevent human-bear conflicts. [Click here](#) for more information.



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LIST if you are interested in attending the Annual Meeting. Contact Kelly at 360-388-7074.

AM19 Highlights:

- Thursday, May 2 – WFFA Executive Board Meeting and Informal Evening Gathering
- Friday, May 3 – WFFA Annual Meeting
- Saturday, May 4 – Field Tour of the Kingsbury Family's Five Springs Tree Farm

AM19 Details - Brochure and Registration Form:

For more details on the AM19 events, click on the [Annual Meeting Brochure](#) and [Annual Meeting Registration Form](#).

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com or [360-388-7074](tel:360-388-7074).



Specialty License Plates - Support Working Forests and Fund WTFP

Washington License Plates to Support Healthy Forestland, Streams and Salmon Habitat

The 20th anniversary of Forests & Fish is here! A commemorative license plate is in the works. Here's your chance to support a piece of history - a specialty license plate that funds Washington Tree Farm Program and supports Working Forests! 3,500 signatures are needed to show support before the Department of Licensing (DOL) considers authorizing the plate series. Signing does not obligate you to purchase a special plate, it just helps show there will be support. Click here to sign: <https://www.workingforests.org/forests-and-fish-license-plate/>



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Family Forest Owners Educational Opportunities

WSU Extension Forestry and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources partner to offer many forestry-related courses. Contact Andy Perleberg at WSU Extension, 509-667-6540, or email andyp@wsu.edu for more information. Click [here](#) for the complete listing of all upcoming education/networking events for small forest landowners.

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- [Buckley Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Shortcourse](#) - Thursdays, Starting April 18
 - [Vashon Forest Health Seminar](#) - April 22
 - [Woodinville Forest Health Seminar – May 7](#)
 - [Clinton Native Tree Talk and Book Signing](#) - Saturday, May 11, 2019
 - [Skykomish Forest Health Seminar](#) - May 28
 - [Maple Valley Forest Health Seminar](#) - May 28
 - Forest and Range Owners Field Day - June 8 (details coming soon)
 - [Hands-On Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance Training](#) - June 21-22
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