



GOVERNOR'S FOREST PRODUCTS SUMMIT

2015 AGENDA

Oct. 28, 2015, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Big Ten B & C Conference Rooms

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Introductions/Timber Advisory Council Accomplishments – J.R. Richardson, *Natural Resources Commission, Timber Advisory Council Chair*
- 8:45 a.m. Keith Creagh, *Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)*
Video Address – Governor Rick Snyder
Welcoming Remarks – John J. Walsh, *Director of Strategy for Governor Rick Snyder*
- 9:10 a.m. Progress to Date – Bill O’Neill, *MDNR, Moderator*
2012 and 2013 Reports Focusing on Economic Impacts – Larry Leefers, Ph.D., *Michigan State University*
- 9:45 a.m. Exports – Michigan’s Current Status – Donna LaCourt, Ph.D., *Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)*
- 10:05 a.m. Break
- 10:25 a.m. Regional Workforce Development
Tom Moran, *Moran Iron Works*
Brian Pickelman, *Morbark*
Bill Henderson, *Aircraft Precision Products*
- 11:10 a.m. Lands Panel Discussion
- Role and Management of Michigan’s State Forests – Debbie Begalle, *MDNR*
 - Good Neighbor Authority – Kathleen Atkinson, *United States Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office*
 - Private Lands – Jerry Grossman, *Grossman Forestry*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Keynote Speaker - Kelly Shotbolt, *President, ARAUCO North America*
- 1:00 p.m. Rich Bowman, *The Nature Conservancy, Moderator*
Energy/Biomass
- U.P. Energy Initiative - J.R. Richardson
 - ICC Biomass Committee Report-out - Gary Melow, *Michigan Biomass*
 - Michigan’s Energy Future/Energy Policy Overview - Valerie J.M. Brader, *Executive Director, Michigan Agency for Energy*
- 1:45 p.m. Forest Products Opportunities
- MDARD/MDNR Study on Comparative Advantages of Michigan’s Forest Products Sectors - Gregory Alward, Ph.D., *Alward Institute for Collaborative Science*
 - Cross-laminated Timber and Other Value-added Engineered Products from Michigan Forests - Robert J. Ross, *U.S.D.A. Forest Service*
- 2:35 p.m. Break
- 2:50 p.m. The Role of Michigan’s Academic Institutions in the Forest Products Sector – Introduction by Terry Sharik, Ph.D., *MTU* - Mark Rudnicki, Ph.D., *Michigan Technological University*/Richard Kobe, Ph.D., *Michigan State University*
- 3:25 p.m. Conclusion – Charlie Becker, *Plum Creek, Moderator*
- Survey Monkey Results
 - Question & Answer
 - Closing Remarks – J.R. Richardson
- 4:00 p.m. Michigan Forest Products Council Sponsored Legislative Reception, Comiche Room, 2nd floor