

# FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
2101 Wood Street, Lansing

## Conference Call Information

Dial: 1-888-557-8511

Access Code: 8718230

## AGENDA

- I. **Welcome** – Gary Melow, Chair – Michigan Biomass
- II. **Action Items**
  - Adoption of April 6, 2016 Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) Meeting Agenda
  - Adoption of January 6, 2016 FMAC Meeting Minutes
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Registered Forester Update** (carry-over from the last meeting) – Debbie Begalle, MDNR  
“The MDNR was asked by the Governor to administer the program and Mr. O’Neill will be able to provide more specific information at the April FMAC meeting.”
- V. **FMAC Support of Urban Community Forestry** (carry-over from last meeting)  
“Chair Botti suggested drafting a letter to the MDNR director asking for more attention to be given to the Urban and Community Forestry program.”
- VI. **Standing Discussion Items**
  - Timber Advisory Committee Update
  - Legislative Update
  - FMAC Member Program Updates
- VII. **Next Meeting Date**  
Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016  
Location: Michigan United Conservation Clubs, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing
- VIII. **Future Agenda Items**  
Update on the MDNR’s new and Improved Website – Jeff Schmidt/Beth Clute, DNR (future meeting)
- IX. **Adjournment**

## **FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MISSION**

Create an **Advisory** Committee to advise the Director of the DNR.

### **Purpose of the Committee**

- Assist the DNR in balancing environmental, social and economic issues in implementing forest resource responsibilities.
- Provide a mechanism by which interested persons can play an advisory role in the formation of DNR priorities and practices related to forest resource, including:
  - Renewable and non-renewable resource use opportunities.
  - Timber related activities.
  - Forest health.
  - Recreation.
  - Biological diversity.
  - Habitat.
- Identify potential long-term threats to forest resources in the State.
- Describe economic and environmental opportunities that are linked with forest resources.
- Address management problems, opportunities and challenges related to public and private forest ownership.
- Provide active participation in the DNR's forest resource planning activities, including forest certification efforts.
- Identify appropriate partnerships with other agencies that impact Michigan's resources.

### **Membership** would include:

- Department of Natural Resources and other appropriate state agencies
- Forest industry organization representation:
  - Timbermen.
  - Primary wood producers.
  - Secondary manufacturers.
- Universities and Cooperative Extensions
- Federal, state and local government agencies
- Conservation and environmental organizations and/or associations
- Land trust organization
- Regional alliances (i.e. Great Lakes Forest Alliance)
- Forestry cooperatives (i.e. Western UP Forest Improvement District)

Maximum membership: 20 members.