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- **Bill O'Neill**
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Timber Advisory Council Accomplishments

- Reviewed sustainable harvests on Michigan's state forest system.
- Reviewed forest and timber mortality.
- Reviewed Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR), Forest Resources Division budget.
- Established subcommittee on timber economy.
- Established subcommittee on sustainable harvest.
- Established subcommittee on Lowland conifer management.

- Reviewed the emerging issue of chain of custody; provided recommendation to the DNR director and the state forester on addressing this issue.
- Reviewed the status of qualified forest legislation and financial support for conservation districts to assist in forestry issues.
- Provided recommendations to the Governor and directors of the DNR, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) on the registered forester discussion.
- In cooperation with Plum Creek, held a demonstration day on lowland timber harvest. Participants observed lowland timber harvest methods and regeneration on a variety of sites. Participants included members of the TAC, DNR wildlife biologists and foresters, representatives from several timber industries and other state departments.
- Helped to organize and sponsor the Governor's 2013 Forest Products Summit.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the ash salvage strategy of the DNR.
- Met with forest products economist to review the State of the State timber economy research needs and information about yield, health and supply.
- Reviewed the Regional State Forest Management Plans and provided feedback to improve the drafts prior to finalization.
- Supported Michigan's Ecological Reference Area Plan required by forest certification
- Worked with DNR and other forestry interests to improve relationships with U.S. Forest Service.
- Expanded the dialogue between the forest products industry and the DNR, and greatly improved the working relationship between the DNR and the forest products industry.
- Participated in an Interdepartmental Collaboration Committee around the use of woody biomass for electric generation. Provided recommendation for increasing the use of woody biomass in energy production.
- Reviewed the DNR/MDARD economic study of the opportunities for the forest products industry.
- Worked on challenges with work force development as it related to the forest products industry.
- Assisted with Spruce Budworm Outbreak Response and Communication Plan.
- Assisted with and commented on the northern long-eared bat listing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Helped to organize and sponsor the Governor's 2015 Forest Products Summit.
- Supported and reviewed the DNR/MSU 2012 Baseline Forest Products Economic Assessment.
- Supported and reviewed the Dr. Larry Leefers/DNR 2013 Forest Products Economic Assessment Update.
- Worked with U.S. Forest Service and DNR to establish Good Neighbor Authority in Michigan.