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Josh Weiss Named Vice-Chairman of Washington's Biodiversity Council

(Olympia, WA)--On Tuesday, June 10, 2008, the Washington State Biodiversity Council named Josh Weiss the vice-chair of the Biodiversity Council. Weiss represents private landowners and is from the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA). At WFPA, Weiss is the Director of Environmental Policy.

The 23 members of the Washington Biodiversity Council are appointed by the governor and represent a cross section of people across the state. Council members include private landowners, government natural resource managers, tribal representatives, and members of education, business, and environmental organizations.

The Biodiversity Council is working to sustain and promote biodiversity as the full range of life in all its forms, explain its vital importance in Washington's economy and our quality of life, and encourage citizens to advance the stewardship of our natural heritage for future generations.

Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) is a trade association representing private forest landowners in Washington State. Our members are large and small companies, individuals and families who grow and harvest trees on more than 4 million acres. We are committed to advancing sustainable forestry in Washington State to provide forest products and environmental benefits for the public, by establishing balanced forest policies that encourage investment in forestland, protection of fish, water and wildlife and promote responsible forest management as a preferred land use.

For more information, visit: <http://www.biodiversity.wa.gov/index.html> or www.wfpa.org.

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