



November 16, 2023
Indian Summer Golf & Country Club, Olympia
WFPA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

The Many Benefits of Healthy, Productive Forests

- 9:00 am [PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & REMARKS](#) – Robert Bass, General Manager, Manulife Investment Management
[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS](#) – Jason Spadaro, WFPA
AWARDS – [Tree Farmer of the Year](#): Townsend's Coburg Tree Farm, and [Stu Bledsoe Memorial Award](#) – J.T. Wilcox
- 9:45 a.m. [HEALTHY PRODUCTIVE FORESTS](#) – Carbon Absorption, Lowering Wildfire Risk, and Support for Economies
Moderator: [Mike Warjone](#) – President, Port Blakely
[Sara Kuebbing](#) – Research Scientist & Director, Yale Applied Science Synthesis Program
[Steven Koehn](#) – Director Cooperative Forestry, USDA Forest Service, State, Private & Tribal Forestry
- 10:30 am [WILDLIFE & BIODIVERSITY IN HEALTHY MANAGED FORESTS](#)
Opening Remarks: [Matthew Strickler](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Dept. of Interior
Moderator: [Bill Monahan](#) – Vice President Western Forest Resources, Rayonier
[Bridget Fahey](#) – Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Public-private partnerships in conservation
[Bryan Petit](#) – VP for Policy & Regulatory Affairs, National Alliance of Forest Owners – Wildlife Conservation Initiative
[Jake Verschuyll](#) – Director of Forestry Research, NCASI – Conservation of biological diversity in forested systems
- 11:25 am [THE FUTURE: WA STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS](#) – MARK DOUMIT SCHOLARS, Kimber Connors
- 11:45 am BREAK
- 12:00 pm LUNCH
- 12:30 pm [KEYNOTE: Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz](#) – Solutions from Healthy Productive Forests
- 1:15 pm BREAK
- 1:30 pm [BIOENERGY OPPORTUNITIES](#) – Replacing Fossil Fuels with Biofuels, and Biochar from Managed Forests
Moderator: [Dan Tomascheski](#) – Vice President Resources, Sierra Pacific Industries
[Thor Kallestad](#) – CEO/President, Myno Carbon – Biochar made from timber residuals
[Tom Hobby](#) – CEO & Managing Mbr., Yosemite Clean Energy – Utilizing biomass to produce renewable hydrogen fuels
[Bob Hambrecht](#) – Partner, Allotrope Partners – Producing advanced biofuels from woody biomass
- 2:15 pm [BUILDING WITH WOOD PRODUCTS](#) – Washington's Carbon Advantage in Healthy Forests & Wood Products
Moderator: [Adrian Miller](#), Sr. Director, Environmental Affairs, Weyerhaeuser
[Darrin Griechen](#) – VP Products + Technology, Green Canopy Node – The future of housing
[Susan Jones](#) – Founder and Principal Architect, Atelier Jones LLC – Benefits of building with cross-laminated timber
- 3:00 pm [LEGISLATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY](#)
Moderator: [Tom Davis](#), WFPA Director of Government Relations
[Rep. Kristine Reeves](#), D-30th, Vice Chair, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
[Rep. Melanie Morgan](#), D-29th, Vice Chair, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
[Sen. Ron Muzzall](#), R-10th Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
[Sen. Liz Lovelett](#), D-40th Chair Local Govt., Land Use & Tribal Affairs, Vice Chair Env., Energy & Tech. Committee
- 3:50 pm [REMARKS](#): Jason Spadaro, WFPA Executive Director
- 4:00 pm [ADJOURN](#): Robert Bass, WFPA President; General Manager, Manulife Investment Management