Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting Notes

Name of Negotiated Rulemaking: Rules of the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices (IDAPA 20.06.01)

Docket number 20-0601-2101

Location: Idaho Department of Lands 10230 Highway 12 Orofino ID 83544

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – 10:30 am - *Kicked off @10:30*

Attendees: See Attachment of Sign-in Sheets

Russ Hogan read the following:

The Idaho Board of Scaling Practices is entering the negotiated rulemaking process to amend IDAPA 20.06.01 for the purpose of adopting a new cubic log scaling manual to give another option for log scaling methodology. The new cubic manual would be an alternative to the current Idaho Log Scaling Manual and is not meant to be a replacement.

The Idaho Board of Scaling Practices is soliciting your participation and/or comments regarding the proposed Idaho Cubic Log Scaling Manual and the subsequent changes to IDAPA 20.06.01. The Board of Scaling is accepting written comments from March 3, 2021 through April 9, 2021, for this negotiated rulemaking period.

Discussion:

Russ Hogan asked Jim Wassmuth if he had any comment, as Jim was the only "outside" attendee. Jim Wassmuth replied he was only here to listen.

Russ asked Angela how we should proceed if there was no comment. She recommended we keep the meeting open until 10:45 a.m. in case anyone joined late or any comment came up.

Amy Johnson – said we could pull up the draft rule text to review to see if there were any further comments that came up. We did so, and reviewed the sections that have draft changes. Amy clarified with Russ that currently, the cubic manual edition is dated 2019. When the draft watermark is removed from the cubic manual, the manual edition will be updated to 2020. Russ confirmed, the manual was approved by IBSP in 2020, so when the draft watermark is removed, the edition will be updated to 2020. Amy said that changes can still be made before submitting the draft rule, and that the edition year will need to be updated to 2020 anywhere the cubic manual edition is referenced.

Jim – Does the state plan to put up any cubic sales in Northern Idaho?

Russ - No

Jim – Has anyone indicated they are going to use cubic?

Russ – No, some background on how the cubic handbook got started – the IBSP and mills have, in the past, received some inquiries from out-of-state people wanting to sell wood in Idaho. These inquiries have included questions on what the rules are for cubic, and we didn't have any. Alan Harper proposed to write a cubic manual to address some of these inquiries. There have been no indications to use it.

Amy – expressed her appreciation for everyone joining the meeting today.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

Next steps

- Rulemaking web page will be kept up to date.
- Deadline for written comments is April 9, 2021.