

~ Questions posed / requests to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry ~

- (1) The most recent Integrated Resource Policy (IRP);
- (2) Copy of FSC/SFI certifications;
- (3) Example of a five year land management plan;
- (4) Complete list of land management plans;
- (5) Membership list of the constituencies involved in the Public Lands planning process;
- (6) Description of how the harvest prescriptions encompass the multiple use mandate on Public Lands, along with an example of a prescription;
- (7) Comparison of contract logging services versus stumpage (total volumes, acres, revenues and per ton margins) for 2013, 2014 and 2015 YTD;
- (8) Detailed plan to provide an annual allowable harvest (incorporating expected growth/yield and desired outcomes) using a forest biometrician and sophisticated harvest modeling tools;
- (9) Spreadsheet concerning silvicultural prescriptions (referenced by Director Denico at first meeting);
- (10) Details about the current forest inventory;
- (11) Details about the timber sustainability calculations in recent years;
- (12) Summary of Silvicultural Advisory Committee tour (from Thomas Charles);
- (13) Additional information regarding average profit per cord realized from Public Lands;
- (14) What is the wood market doing now and what are the projections?;
- (15) Current inventory of accessibility accommodations on Public Lands;
- (16) Details about the current BPL budget;
- (17) What is the exact amount of "surplus" in the BPL account?;
- (18) Details about the annual BPL budget process (how does it work?);
- (19) Is it true that BPL has an accounting system where the books never close, and, if so, is this standard practice for such an agency here or anywhere else in the nation that manages public lands in a similar way?;

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- (20) What is the base line amount of money needed to be retained by the Department to get started on management plans for the next year? Road building? Contingency?;
- (21) On Director Denico's Powerpoint slide #29 from the first meeting, the \$9.097 M figure is higher than the budget number in the state budget. Why are those numbers different? Can you please provide a more complete budget breakdown of revenue in and expenses out for the last two years? The PP slide 29 indicates about \$800K of "extra money." This figure is lower than what was presented to the ACF Committee at the end of the session. Please explain;
- (22) Plans for BPL contingency funds (are any funds held in reserve?);
- (23) Summary of funding for state parks versus state lands (who gets which funds?);
- (24) Is any money from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund currently being spent on education?;
- (25) Summary of conservation easements under BPL oversight (tract acres and available stewardship funds);
- (26) How are conservation easements on Public Lands currently being funded?;
- (27) Summary of hours and costs allocated to annual conservation easement oversight;
- (28) How are specific recreation projects prioritized in the budget? What is the process for taking an exhaustive list of recreation projects in a given Unit and prioritizing which ones to fund? How is that decision made? Please provide an example of a one of these lists;
- (29) Organizational chart for public lands (number of foresters working on public lands, etc.);
- (30) Summary of BPL positions that are currently open, along with the plan to fill any openings (including Director of BPL);
- (31) How are the state foresters helping with the management of the public lands?;
- (32) Is the BPL planning to hire additional foresters? If yes, where would they be assigned? If no, why not and what alternatives do you propose?;
- (33) How are fish and wildlife included in the development of management plans?;
- (34) How, specifically, is the Dept. of ACF managing riparian zones at a higher level than is required?