MHFP: supporting projects/activities

- Harvesting to meet Woodland Owners Goals - H2MLOG
- Profiles of Woodland stewardship/Woodland Stewardship Stories
- Woodland owners forums
- Forestry for Maine Birds
- Picture Post
- Harvesting Handbook for Woodland Owners
Harvesting to Meet Woodland Owners Goals-
“H2MLOG”
Profiles of Woodland
Stewardship/Woodland Stewardship Stories
Woodland owners forums

Do you own woods and want to discuss “What’s in your woods?”
Attend the upcoming...

**Woods Forum and Free Supper**

Friday, April 25th, 2014 at 6pm

The evening will feature discussions surrounding woodland ownership and the importance of these woodlands to your family and the local community.

- A discussion forum in which landowners share experiences and interact with forestry and natural resource professionals.
- Local foresters will join Maine Forest Service District Forester, Shane Duigan, to help answer questions.

At the Baldwin Library
Community Room
2 Norton Place
East Baldwin, ME

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**Supper will be served**
Please RSVP by Thursday, April 24th

Hosted by the University of Maine
School of Forest Resources
Picture Post: “what will it look like?”

http://picturepost.unh.edu/
Harvesting Handbook for Woodland Owners

June 10, 2015
Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey


2014-2015
Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey

- 2100 mailed July 2014
- 820 responses a/o early December 2014
- Approx. response rate = +/-38%
Maine Timber Harvest Satisfaction Survey IS:

- a feedback mechanism from a notable portion of our customers. It provides insights and some possible direction for further data-gathering and outreach efforts.
The Survey is NOT---

- a statistically supported study (yet).
- The data is very encouraging, too early to make definitive pronouncements.
How it works:

• Totally voluntary and confidential.
• Only offered to landowners with $\leq 1000$ acre statewide ownership who file a FON, as a supplement to confidential landowner report of timber harvest.
• “Heads-up” letters sent with FON reply info; includes link to on-line version of Survey.
• Going forward, each year after Confidential Landowner Reports have been collected, a paper copy will be mailed to a statistically valid sample of those who indicate their harvest is complete.
HOW DO FOLKS FEEL THE FIRST SURVEY RESULTS WENT?

If you already know, please hold that thought.
Q2: Your overall satisfaction with the harvest:

- Very satisfied: 69.5% (556)
- Somewhat satisfied: 20.75% (166)
- Not sure: 1.63% (13)
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 3.62% (29)
- Very unsatisfied: 4.5% (36)

Answered: 800   Skipped: 25
Q5: What were your goals for the harvest (please check all that apply):

- Woodland improvement
- Income
- Forest Regeneration
- Following FMP
- Wildlife habitat
- Firewood (own use)
- Salvage
- Aesthetics
- Road/Trail construction
- Harvest prior to sale

Answered: 801   Skipped: 24
Q6: Did the harvest meet your goals?

Answered: 794  Skipped: 31
Q18: How satisfied are you with the financial outcome of the harvest:

Answered: 768  Skipped: 57

- Very Satisfied: 81%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 14%
- Not sure: 1%
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 2%
- Very Unsatisfied: 2%
Q11: How satisfied are you with the way your woods look after the harvest?

Answered: 792    Skipped: 33
Q25: What was the overall reaction to the harvest from neighbors and/or community members:

- Positive: [Green bar graph]
- Negative: [Light blue bar graph]
- Mixed: [Orange bar graph]
- Not sure: [Dark gray bar graph]

Answered: 734  Skipped: 91
Q32: Did you have a written timber sale agreement or logging contract?

Sample Timber Sale Contract

Note: This document is for educational use only. The sample timber sale contract (below) can be a starting point for your own contract, but we encourage you to consult an attorney for help in designing a timber sale contract that meets your specific needs.

This Contract is entered into by and between __________________ (Seller), and__________________________ (Purchaser). This agreement is made and entered into between the parties below hereinafter called the SELLER and the PURCHASER.

The Seller solely owns the timber rights to this land and has no concurrent sales agreement on the parcel described below.

SECTION I

The Seller agrees to sell and the Purchaser agrees to buy, under the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, all the timber marked or designated by the Seller on certain lands held by the Seller and described as follows:

 acres in Section Township Range County, State of

Timber to be harvested is marked or designated as follows: [Describe cutting blocks and how timber is marked].

SECTION II

The Purchaser and Seller hereby agree to the following payment schedule: [Insert Option A or B]

Answered: 737    Skipped: 88
Q34: How satisfied were you with the written agreement?

Answered: 561    Skipped: 264

80% Very satisfied
14% Not sure
3% Somewhat satisfied
2% Somewhat unsatisfied
1% Very unsatisfied

% Responses
Q36: Would you work with this logger again?

Answered: 751  Skipped: 76
Q37: Would you recommend this logger to other woodland owners?

Answered: 746  Skipped: 81
Q39: Was a licensed forester involved in the harvest?

- Yes: 56%
- No: 44%

Answered: 709  Skipped: 116
Q44: Would you work with this forester again?

% Responses

- Yes: 87%
- No: 7%
- Not sure: 6%

Answered: 426    Skipped: 399
Q48: Will you consider another harvest in the future, when the conditions are right?

% Responses

- yes: 81%
- no: 7%
- not sure: 11%
- not applicable: 1%

Answered: 765    Skipped: 60
General comments

O High degree of professionalism and skill
O Good communication—explanation of process and adherence to plans and contracts—“they did what they said they would do”
O Financial results as good or better than expected
General comments, continued

- Good aesthetics: clean, neat, tidy; “ugly” trees are gone, woods look better than before
- Variation- knowledge that woods will recover and look better—“already growing back”
- Good questions for landowners to consider before they cut
Unsatisfied landowners

Only 64 “somewhat” or “very” unsatisfied; of these—

- 11% (7/64) said goals were met
- 79% (42/59) had TSA; only 57% satisfied with TSA
- 45% (26/57) had forester involved.
- 54% (33/60) unsatisfied with financial outcomes
Themes from unsatisfied landowners

- Communications: poor both between and with logger, sub-contractors, and forester (when involved)
- Loss of access, and cost to regain (repairs to driveway, re-clearing woods trails)
- Mess and waste; landowners may understand this very differently from loggers & foresters
- Some financial disappointment, but more important: “should have cleaned up the job.”
How do we reach everybody else?