**2025 WESTERN FOREST ECONOMISTS MEETING**

**Venue:** UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WA

**Dates:** THURSDAY, MAY 15 AND FRIDAY, MAY 16

**This year’s theme for special panels**

*Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economic and Environmental Implications*

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| **Day 1: THURSDAY, MAY 15**  |
| **11:30 pm – 12:30 pm** | Registration and Lunch Networking |
| **12:30 pm – 12:45 pm** | Welcome and WFE update |
| **12:45 pm – 2:30 pm**  | **Plenary Session 1:** Industry, NGO, and Policy Makers' perspective on *“Long rotations and set aside forests: Economic and environmental implications”****Moderator:*** *Indroneil Ganguly, Associate Professor, University of Washington****Panelists:*** 1. *Gareth Waugh, Vice President, Port Blakely*
2. *Jason Spadaro, Executive Director, WFPA*
3. *Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFPA*
4. *Duane Emmons, Assistant Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands, DNR*
5. *Matt Comisky, Washington Manager, AFRC*
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| **2:30 pm - 2:45 pm**  | Break |
| **2:45 pm – 4:45 pm** | **Session 1: Policy, Governance, and Economics – Chair: Harry Nelson** | **Session 2:Forest Management and Carbon Sequestration – Chair: Greg Latta** |
| **Hugh Scorah:** *Uncertainty and Extended Rotations: Risk as a Measure of Ignorance* | **Gang Lu**: Forest Management Efficiency in Western and Eastern Oregon: A Stochastic Frontier Approach |
| **William Wagner:** Rethinking The Northwest Forest Plan: Mythology or Science? | **Elaine Oneil**: Harvest or Set-Aside? A Comparative Carbon Analysis Grounded in Real World Data |
| **Tim Hawkins**: The costs of public good provision are too high: structural limits to collaborative climate change mitigation in the the Somass River Watershed  | **Chad Papa**: Assessing the economic tradeoffs of various forest management activities to enhance carbon sequestration efforts in Pennsylvania and Maryland. |
| **Kamana Poudel:**Does contracting for labor-intensive forestry work advance economic equity in the Pacific West, USA? | **Seth Zuckerman**: Timber yield decline, recovery, and augmentation in transition from short- to long-rotation tree farm management in western Washington |
| **Abdallah Akintola:** US Proposed Tariff: A glance at the Wood Sector | **John Foppert**: The economic logic of thinning illustrated by a Sierra mixed-conifer field trial |
| **4:45 pm - 5:00 pm**  | Break |
| **5:00 pm - 5:30 pm** | **Special Session**: *Collaborative efforts in resolving forestry issues** Tim Hawkins (Research Director and facilitator, WestCoast Aquatic Society)
* Rajat Panwar, Professor, OSU
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| **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** | **Dinner and Networking** |

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| **Day 2: FRIDAY, MAY 16**  |
| **8:00 am -8:15 am**  | Networking |
| **8:15 am – 8:30 am** | Welcome and WFE update |
| **8:30 am – 10:00 am**  | **Plenary Session 2:** Industry, NGO, and Policy Makers' perspective on *“Long rotations and set aside forests: Economic and environmental implications”****Moderator:*** *Harry Nelson, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia****Panelists:*** 1. *Andres Susaeta, Assistant Professor, OSU*
2. *Indroneil Ganguly, Associate Professor, University of Washington*
3. *Dr. Hugh Scorah, British Columbia*
4. *Raju Pokharel, Asst. Prof., MSU*
5. *Seth Zukerman, Executive Director, Northwest Natural Resource Group*
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| **10:00 am – 10: 15 am** | Break |
| **10:15 am - 12:20 pm** | **Session 3: Managing forests for fire or products? Chair – Mindy Crandall** | **Session 4: Market Dynamics and Forestry, Chair: Ted L. Helvoigt** |
| **Jake Barker**: Up in Smoke: Costs and Constraints of Pile Burning in Western Forests | **Victoria Diederichs**: Examining Information Sharing Dynamics through Network Analysis in the Western Hardwood Manufacturing Sector |
| **Chukwuemeka Valentine Okolo**: Evaluating the Costs and Outcomes of Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program: Advancing Carbon Intensity Goals for Sustainable Development | **Luke Koch**: The Resource Curse and U.S. Timber Harvest in Western Rural Economies |
| **Cade White**: An Econometric Analysis of Wildfire Risk on Forest Management Decisions | **Lily Yang**: Enhancing CLT Production Proficiency through Supply Chain Optimization |
| **Hsu Y. Kyaw**: Optimal forest management of Douglas-fir in Western Oregon: stochastic prices, carbon sequestration and wildfire risk | **Anna Maher**: Historical Context and Contemporary Snapshots of Pacific Northwest Forest Industries – Highlights from the Production, Prices, Employment, and Trade Report, 1958-2023 |
| **Greg Latta**: Evaluating Harvested Wood Products as a Climate Mitigation Strategy | **Alec Solemslie**: Future Frost Regime Impacts on the Evergreen Bough Industry of the Pacific Northwest |
| **12:30 pm - 1:45 pm** | **Luncheon session****12:30 – 12:45: grab lunch****Special Session:** Challenges faced in the discussions around the economic and environmental role of working forests: experience from *WA forest products round-table* 1. Chris Page, Senior Facilitator for Projects & Strategic Initiatives, William D. Ruckelshaus Center / Associate Professor, WSU Extension C.E.D.
2. Julie Anderson, Forestry Sector Lead, Agricultural Innovation, WA State Dept of Commerce
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| **1:45 pm – 2:00 pm** | concluding remarks, any presentation award etc …. |
| **2:00 pm** | **Official meeting adjourns** |
| **2:15 pm – 3:00 pm** | The WFE board meets and conducts annual board meeting. |