**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*

**For the concurrent sessions, we are inviting presentations around the following themes.[[1]](#footnote-1):**

* Bioenergy and bioproducts
* Public lands issues
* Economics of wildland fire
* Innovations in the forest sector
* Markets and trade
* Non-market values and valuation
* Forestry-centered natural climate solutions

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| **Day 1: THURSDAY, MAY 15**  |
| **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** | Registration and Networking |
| **1:00 pm – 1:15 pm** | Welcome and WFE update |
| **1:15 pm – 3:00 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. *TBD*
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| **3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**  | Break |
| **3:15 pm – 4:30 pm** | **Concurrent Session 1** | **Concurrent Session 2** |
| Presentation 1.1 | Presentation 2.1 |
| Presentation 1.2 | Presentation 2.2 |
| Presentation 1.3 | Presentation 2.3 |
| **4:30 pm - 4:40 pm**  | Break |
| **4:40 pm - 5:10 pm** | **Special Session**: *Collaborative efforts in resolving forestry issues** Tim Hawkins (Research Director and facilitator WestCoast Aquatic Society) and TBD
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| **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm** | **Dinner and Networking (sponsored)** |

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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*
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| **10:00 am – 10: 30 am** | **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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| **10:30 am - 10:40 am**  | Break |
| **10:40 am - 12:20 pm** | **Concurrent Session 3** | **Concurrent Session 4** |
| Presentation 3.1 | Presentation 4.1 |
| Presentation 3.2 | Presentation 4.2 |
| Presentation 3.3 | Presentation 4.3 |
| **12:30 pm - 1:30 pm** | **Lunch (we can have a luncheon speaker)** |
| **1:30 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. |

1. The actual themes may vary depending on the abstract submissions [↑](#footnote-ref-1)