



Opportunities for INNOVATION

April 24-26, 2024

Welcome to the 77th Olympic Logging Conference. We hope this program inspires you with new ideas and creative solutions.

Policy, economics, technology, and forest health have long influenced the forest products industry. Over time these dynamics create Opportunities for Innovation, our 2024 conference theme. Please embrace this time to network and collaborate on new and innovative concepts.

A special thank you goes out to all our sponsors! Without each of you this event would not be possible. Thank you to all current and past board members. This conference is a true collaboration from all aspects of our industry, and it is an honor to be a part of this tradition.

On behalf of our current Board of Directors, we are pleased to have you joining us here in Victoria!

Sincerely,

Branden & Katie Sirguy
2024 Chairs



Tree Planters on Ring Family Timberlands at sunrise

77TH ANNUAL OLYMPIC LOGGING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 24, 2024 (Casual)

Tour - Nicholson Manufacturing Ltd. - <i>Lobby</i>	11:15 AM
Conference Check-In - <i>Shaughnessy Room</i>	6:30 - 9:00 PM
Meet & Greet - <i>Shaughnessy Room</i>	7:00 - 11:30 PM

THURSDAY - APRIL 25, 2024 (Business Casual)

Conference Check-In & Breakfast, Early Bird Drawing - <i>Palm Court</i>	6:30 - 9:00 AM
Past Chair Breakfast - <i>Library</i>	6:30 - 7:30 AM
Merrill & Ring: A Forest Story - Joe Murray - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:30 AM
Welcome, Invocation, Introductions - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	8:00 AM
Board Nomination and Vote - Roger Smith	8:25 AM
Pacific Logging Congress - Roger Smith	8:30 AM
WCLA Update - Jerry Bonagofsky	8:40 AM
Timber Supply Outlook - Matt Comisky	9:00 AM
Washington Forest Policy - Jason Spadaro	9:20 AM
PNW Timber Markets - Vicki Swanton	9:40 AM
BREAK	10:00 AM
Keynote: The Innovation Continuum - Steve Courtney	10:15 AM
Announcements	11:15 AM
LUNCH	11:20 AM
Understanding Forest Sector Innovation - Prof. Eric Hansen	1:00 PM
Forest Products Innovation: Past, Present, Future - Prof. Scott Leavengood	1:30 PM
Technologies for Small Logs & Lessons Learned - Roy Anderson, PhD	2:00 PM
BREAK	2:30 PM
Workforce Innovation: Bridging the Islands	2:45 PM
Panel: Clare Sobetski • Jaquelin Early • Matt Comisky	
Announcements	3:45 PM
Reception - <i>Palm Court</i> (Semi-Formal)	6:00 PM
Dinner, Scholarship Awards, Live Auction, Entertainment - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:00 PM
Social - Hosted by Cascade Trader - <i>Bengal Lounge</i>	Until 11:30 PM

FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024 (Casual)

Breakfast - <i>Palm Court</i>	6:00-9:00 AM
Early Bird Drawing - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	6:55 AM
What's New in Timber - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	
Aerotract: Drone spraying and remote sensing - Jake Ferrigan	7:00 AM
Quadco: Bracke Forest tree planter - Joel Doupe'	7:30 AM
T-MAR Industries: Yarders and attachments - Tyson Lambert	8:00 AM
Hadaller Logging and Weyerhaeuser: Implementing new cable systems and grapple carriages - Jason Hadaller and Curtis Inman	8:30 AM
Announcements	9:00 AM
Golf Scramble at Cordova Bay Golf Course	9:45 AM - 5:45 PM
Activity Tour - B.C. Forest Discovery Center	10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Reception - <i>Palm Court</i> (Formal)	6:45 PM
Dinner, Awards, Silent Auction - <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	7:30 PM

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STEVE COURTNEY

Senior Consultant, The Beck Group

Steve Courtney is a Senior Consultant with The Beck Group, a forest products consulting company based in Portland, Oregon. Prior to joining Beck, Steve worked for forest products producers in Washington, Oregon, and California, with a focus on raw materials procurement and team leadership. Many members of his teams have attained high industry leadership.

Steve's career has given him a deep, experiential understanding of mill operations, public policy, and the industry's market drivers. He continues to share this knowledge in service to wood products companies' business objectives.

He and his wife Diane were Co-chairs of the Olympic Logging Conference in 2016. He also chaired the American Forest Resource Council in 2017-2018. Throughout his career, he has stepped forward as a public advocate for sustainable forest resource management.

Steve holds a Bachelor's degree in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University and an MBA from National University. He and his dog currently reside in John Day, Oregon.

SPEAKERS



ROY ANDERSON
PhD

**Vice President
& Senior
Consultant, The
Beck Group**

Since joining
The Beck Group
in 2006, Roy

Anderson has led a variety of planning and consulting projects. For one of Roy's specialty areas, North American timber/fiber supply and demand studies, he has completed nearly 50 biomass cogeneration supply studies, dozens of timber supply and demand studies as due diligence for sawmill acquisitions or greenfield sawmill development, and several studies that analyzed and forecasted the supply and demand for wood chips in the Pacific Northwest and Inland West Regions.

Roy has a Ph.D. in Forest Products Marketing from Oregon State University, a Master's in Wood Science from the University of Minnesota, and a BS in Forest Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



JERRY
BONAGOFSKY
**CEO/Safety
Director, WCLA**

Jerry has worked at Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) since 1995. From 1988 to 1995, he worked for the Washington Department of Labor & Industries, primarily as their statewide logging safety consultant. He also worked as a logger for about 17 years.



MATT COMISKY
AFRC,
Washington State
Manager

Matt spent the first 15 years of his career in private industry providing engineering, forestry, construction management, and real estate services to both large and small private landowners. Prior to joining AFRC, he worked for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as an engineer. While at DNR he managed a variety of duties, including road and stream crossing design, and road maintenance projects. Matt also is a graduate of Class 31 of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership program. At AFRC, Matt is responsible for monitoring both State and Federal timber programs within Washington.



JOEL DOUPE
Territory Sales
Manager,
Quadco Group

Over the years, Joel's expertise has been essential to the Quadco Group. Joel worked with Log Max between 1999 and 2011, returning to work for Quadco as part of the NW, USA Sales team in 2017. Even in this interim period, he was never too far from his roots: Joel work as a Forestry Specialist where he sold an estimated 120 Quadco heads through his tenure.



JACQUELIN EARLY
Workforce
Development
Coordinator, SPI

Jacquelin is the Workforce Development Coordinator for Sierra Pacific Industries and a member of multiple community organizations including the South

Sound Council, PacMtn Workforce Development Council Board of Directors, Capital STEM Alliance, and most recently AJAC/ AMJTC Board of Directors. Jacquelin is a graduate of Washington State University's School of Business emphasizing in Management, Marketing, and Human Resources. Her industry focus includes advanced manufacturing, the forest products industry, and youth engagement.



JAKE FERRIGAN
Vice President of
AeroTract

Jake is the Vice President of AeroTract and the director of the aerial application division. After he completed his enlistment as a Submarine Nuclear Operator on board the USS Houston (SSN 713), he obtained his bachelor's in Nuclear Engineering Technologies. He currently works with customers to develop methods of solving challenges posed in forest management through the implementation of new technologies.



ERIC HANSEN
Professor,
Oregon State
University

Eric is a Professor of Forest Products Marketing, Department Head of Wood Science and Engineering, and Acting Director of International Programs for the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. He received a B.S. in Forest Products Business Management from the University of Idaho in 1990 and a PhD in 1994 from Virginia Tech, specializing in Forest Products Marketing. He teaches innovation and marketing topics and organizes the Forest Products Management Development course for regional industry managers.



JASON HADALLER
Founder,
Hadaller
Logging, Inc.

Jason began work as a sole proprietor by sub-contracting as a log processor and loader for small logging companies and Weyerhaeuser. When Jason's brother Shawn joined their team, they purchased a shovel and began logging small private jobs, managing the entire process from permitting to logging and marketing the wood. With steady growth came more logging jobs and larger land owners.



CURTIS INMAN
Weyerhaeuser,
Lower Columbia
Region Harvest
Manager

Curtis began his logging career in 2001 after high school. He joined Weyerhaeuser in 2011 as an operator on the St. Helen's Tree Farm and worked his way up to become a harvest manager, where he managed both company and contract crews. In 2019 he took the role of Lower Columbia Region Harvest Manager where he continues to mentor other harvest managers with a focus on safety, innovation and new technology.



TYSON LAMBERT
Tyson is a second-generation logging equipment builder and part of the T-MAR ownership group. He takes

a hands-on approach to developing and refining machinery to make logging contractors successful. T-MAR Industries has been specializing in steep slope logging equipment for over 30 years.



SCOTT LEAVENGOOD
Professor,
Oregon State University

Scott Leavengood is director of the Oregon Wood Innovation Center at Oregon State University. The center is a joint initiative of OSU's College of Forestry and the OSU Extension Service. Scott has been with OSU since 1994. His primary job duties are related to industrial outreach which includes providing technical assistance to wood products firms and assisting entrepreneurs. He also teaches a course on advanced manufacturing. Scott has a B.S. in Wood Science, an M.S. from OSU, and a PhD in Engineering Management.



JOE MURRAY
Owner, JMurray Forestry

Joe has worked as a professional forester for over 40 years, principally for Merrill & Ring as an inventory and silvicultural forester for thirty-seven years. Additional activities have included work on public access, education, forest history and policy. He serves on a number of forums influencing the forest industry, served as 2014 Chair of the Washington State Society of American Foresters, and has been an active member of the North Olympic Peninsula SAF Chapter since 1979. He holds a BS in Business from the University of Notre Dame.



ROGER SMITH
Owner R L Smith Logging and Pres. of Pacific Logging Congress

Roger Smith has been in the industry since 1980 since he went to work right out of

high school. In 1991, he purchased his company, starting out small and growing it to the 5 sides with supporting cast that it is today.

Roger has focused the last 10 years on the education of students on job opportunities in this industry. He visits classrooms and hosts field trips.

Roger is on the Board of Directors for the WCLA Credit Union, the Olympic Logging Conference, and the Pacific Logging Congress. He also is part of the Washington State Loggers Safety Initiative Board and Accident Investigation Board.



CLARE SOBETSKI
Youth Education & Outreach Program Manager, Department of Natural Resources

Clare Sobetski grew up in Colorado and graduated from Whitman College with a degree in Environmental Humanities. After college, she became a high school science teacher in Richmond, California. Following a move to the Seattle area, Clare continued teaching and earned her Career and Technical Education certification and a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.

After 9 years in the classroom, she joined the Washington DNR and focused on increasing career-connected outdoor learning opportunities for Washington students. As DNR's Youth Education and Outreach Program (YEOP) Manager, Clare has developed a statewide strategy for how the agency works with K-12 youth and educator audiences to build environmental literacy, promote stewardship behaviors, and create pathways into natural resource sector careers.



JASON SPADARO
Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association

Jason has a Bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management and a Master's in Business Administration. He has over 30 years of forest industry experience, mostly with SDS Lumber Company in the Columbia River Gorge of Washington.

Jason has held many business and non-profit leadership roles, including president of the Board of Trustees of WFPA. In 2021, he founded and became president of Noble Forest Company. He is a forest and agriculture landowner, a Director of Broughton Lumber Company and resides in White Salmon, Washington.



VICKI SWANTON
Associate Editor, Forisk Wood Fiber Review

Vickie Swanton is not only an Associate Editor of Forisk Wood Fiber Review, but also Forisk's Western Region Representative. Vickie is based in Kennewick, Washington. Prior to joining Forisk, Vickie served as a Region Manager for the Forest Resources Association (FRA) for sixteen years in the U.S. West and Lake States. Prior to FRA, Vickie held roles with International Paper and Champion International. Vickie earned a B.S. in Business Administration from California Coast University.

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Wil Clements - \$2500

- will graduate from Willapa Valley high school in June 2023
- currently enrolled at Oregon State University pursuing a degree in civil and forest engineering
- volunteers with fish population restoration, booster club, local food bank, and local church
- enjoys sports and working on his family's tree farm.

EVERGREEN

John Nicholson - \$1000

- currently enrolled at the University of Idaho with plans to graduate in June 2025
- majoring in Forestry with a minor in Marketing and Logging Operations
- participates in FFA, SAF, and is interested in promoting forest legislation and policy.

Matthew Scheuber - \$1000

- enrolled at Oregon State University pursuing a dual degree in Forest and Civil Engineering planning to graduate in June of 2024.
- active in Forestry Club, Logging Sports, and Fishing Club.
- plans to pursue a career as a forest engineer for a private forestry company and obtain his professional engineer license.

Landen Richardson - \$1000

- will graduate from Elma high school in June 2023
 - plans to attend Shasta College and pursue a Certificate in Heavy Equipment Logging Operations
 - involved in FFA and enjoys hunting and fishing.
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OLC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Emily Sirguy- \$1500

- currently enrolled at the University of Idaho, pursuing a degree in Interior Architecture and Design
- active in Interior Architecture and Design club and campus ministries
- Spent her junior year studying abroad in Italy.

Jeron Martin - \$1500

- will graduate from W. F. West High School in June 2023
- plans to attend the University of Idaho and pursue a degree in Forestry with a career goal of managing a private tree farm.
- participates in baseball and golf.

Kaleb Mitchem - \$1500

- planning to transfer from Lower Columbia college to Washington State University
- pursuing a degree in Economics Policy and Law
- participated in Knowledge Bowl, Ecology Club, Hiking Club, Cross Country and basketball.

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