

Register NOW for the WFFA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING and FIELD TOUR

Co-Hosted by the Olympic, South Sound and Grays Harbor Chapters

May 2-3, 2019

WFFA Annual Meeting

**Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel
Silverdale, Washington**

May 4, 2019

Field Tour

**The Kingsbury Family's Five Springs Tree Farm
Olalla, Washington**

20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish Past, Present & Future

Provide compliance with the Endangered Species Act for aquatic and riparian-dependent species on non-federal forest lands



Keep the timber industry economically viable on non-federal forest lands in the State of Washington



Restore and maintain riparian habitat on non-federal forest lands to support a harvestable supply of fish



Meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act for water quality

Washington
FARM FORESTRY
ASSOCIATION



The Voice of the Small Forest Landowners in Washington State

20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish – Past, Present & Future

The Olympic, South Sound and Grays Harbor Chapters of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) invite you to join us on the Kitsap Peninsula on May 2-4, for our 2019 Annual Meeting (AM19). The Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel in Silverdale is the location for events on Thursday and Friday. Details on registration, location, lodging and driving directions are available on the last page. The Silverdale Beach Hotel has offered special room rates of \$94 plus tax (available until March 30).

Twenty years after Forests and Fish is an opportune time to review where we've been, where we are, and where we and others think we are headed. Historical views on the State's Forests and Fish commitments (past); updates on 20 years of legislative and regulatory efforts (present); and crystal ball predictions for the future by natural resource leaders (future) will provide multiple perspectives aimed at answering: How do family forest owners fit into the future needs and aspirations of other agencies/stakeholders? Do family forest landowners and rural Washingtonians matter? Will future generations feel the love from city folks? Will they have a greater "social license" making it *Cool to be a Tree Farmer*?

May 2, 2019 – Early Arrival Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up and Evening Gathering

We will offer check-in starting at noon on Thursday for those opting to arrive early. While the Executive Board meeting is being held that afternoon, plan to beachcomb on the Silverdale waterfront, visit local shops in Silverdale or venture in to the nearby towns, such as historic, Norwegian Poulsbo, to peruse the local specialty shops. We invite you to meet at 5:00 PM for an informal evening gathering (dinner on your own) in the hotel restaurant, the Beach Front Martini Lounge. Arrive before 5:00 to enjoy the restaurant's Happy Hour pricing on select beverages and appetizers. Be sure to wear your AM19 name tag and be ready for our raffle kick-off. This is a great opportunity to visit with your WFFA friends, old and new.

May 3, 2019 – WFFA Annual Meeting: 20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish – Past, Present & Future

Friday's program will offer a full day of top-notch speakers. The morning focuses on family forest landowners' roles historically, currently, and as a critical part of our forest land base including the perspective of landowners, scientists and agencies. The afternoon includes a panel discussion on economic viability under Forests and Fish including key stakeholder's visions for family forest owners in the future. Mixed into this information-rich program are many opportunities to celebrate our community: old-hands; upcoming talent; local talent; Washington Tree Farm Program's Tree Farmer of the Year; visit with our vendors and sponsors; and hopefully take home some really cool raffle items.

Door Prizes – After each of the three planned breaks, door prizes will be given out utilizing a free ticket for every registrant. Be sure to be seated when the breaks end as you must be present in the Ballroom to win.

Raffle Fundraiser – A raffle fundraiser will be held on May 3rd. Ticket holders must be present to win. All proceeds will be utilized by the host Chapters to defray the registration cost for our AM19 attendees to keep the Annual Meeting more affordable. Each Chapter is encouraged to provide at least one raffle item. To donate raffle items, contact Dick Alescio at alesr_j@yahoo.com by March 15.

Exhibitors and Vendors – Welcome to our AM19 exhibitors and vendors. Those who are interested must register as an AM19 attendee and should contact Dick Alescio at alesr_j@yahoo.com by March 15 to complete an exhibitor/vendor form.

Sponsors – Companies or individuals that financially sponsor the Annual Meeting will be recognized in the meeting program handout and during the AM19 events. Donations from sponsors other than monetary donations, including attendee swag bag items, door prizes and raffle items are also welcome. Sponsor donations will be used to diminish the registration cost for our AM19 attendees. Please contact Justin Becker at justin.becker@northwestfcs.com by March 15 to become an AM19 Sponsor.

Memorial to Honor Our Members Who Have Passed – Our attendee binders will include a section that honors our WFFA tree farmers from around the state who have passed away. If you have a member to honor, please email their name, their birth year and year of passing, Chapter and a photo to Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com by March 15.

May 4, 2019 – Field Tour of the Kingsbury Family's Five Springs Tree Farm

The AM19 Field Tour will visit the Kingsbury family's Five Springs Tree Farm in Olalla. The Kingsbury family are proud members of our WFFA Olympic Chapter, 2017 Washington State Tree Farmers of the Year awardees, and Western Regional Tree Farmers of the Year. Join us under the event tent at the tree farm on Saturday morning for coffee and doughnuts. We will then walk on a well-maintained trail to view the Kingsbury's tree farm. (Note: there is vehicle access on the trail for those requiring assistance.) Throughout the walk, we will discuss the tree farm's many features and beneficial uses including: timber for lumber production on a sustainable yield basis, fish bearing waters, Christmas trees, wildlife habitat, floral evergreens and firewood. All prepaying attendees will then enjoy a lunch buffet, served by the host Chapters. This should be a great opportunity to see our theme, *20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish – Past, Present & Future*, in action!

Washington Farm Forestry Association 2019 Annual Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA 98383

- 12:00-5:00 PM **Early Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up** – Main Lobby
1:00-5:00 PM **WFFA Executive Board Meeting** – West Bay Room
5:00 PM **Informal Evening Gathering** – Beach Front Martini Lounge

Friday, May 3, 2019 | 20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish – Past, Present & Future

Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA 98383

- 7:00-8:00 AM **Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up** (Main Lobby) **and Buffet Breakfast** – Admiral Ballroom
8:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFFA
8:10 AM **Welcome** from Senator Christine Rolfes, 23rd Legislative District, and Tribal Representative (Invited)
8:30 AM **Family Forest Landowners Then and Now – Setting the Stage** | Ken Miller, Past President WFFA and TFW Policy Representative for Small Forest Landowners
8:45 AM **History of Forests and Fish – Panel** | Mark Doumit, WFFA / John Mankowski, Mankowski Environmental / Jim Peters, NWIFC / Cassie Phillips, Weyerhaeuser Company, VP of Sustainable Forestry (1991-2016)
9:30 AM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors (Bay Rooms), Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
10:00 AM **Family Forest Landowners as a Critical Part of Our Forest Land Base** | Luke Rogers, U. of Washington
10:30 AM **Resource Protection Under Forests and Fish – Panel** | Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands, Department of Natural Resources / Director Maia Bellon, Department of Ecology / Director Kelly Susewind, Department of Fish and Wildlife / Speaker TBD, Tribal Representative (Invited)
11:30 AM **Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon** | Guest Speaker: Bruce Alber
1:30 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors (Bay Rooms), Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
1:50 PM **Economic Viability Under Forests and Fish – Panel** | Ben Serr, Department of Commerce / Patrick Capper, Department of Agriculture (Invited) / Eric Johnson, Washington Counties / Peter Goldman, WEC
2:50 PM **The Family Forest Landowners' Vision for the Future** | Ken Miller, Past President WFFA
3:10 PM **Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Recipient Award / Family Forest Foundation Announcements / Raffle Winners Posted**
3:30 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Pick-up Winning Raffle Items and Enjoy Break Refreshments
4:00 PM **WFFA Annual Business Meeting / State Elections / Annual Report**
5:00 PM **Social Hour – No Host Bar** – Admiral Ballroom
6:00 PM **Dinner and Evening Program** | Chief Vicki Christiansen, United States Forest Service: *Sustaining Family Forests – Local and National Opportunities*

Saturday, May 4, 2019 | Field Tour of the Kingsbury Family's Five Springs Tree Farm

Proud Members of WFFA Olympic Chapter, 2017 Washington State Tree Farmers of the Year Awardees and 2017 Western Regional Tree Farmers of the Year Recipients

3268 SE Five Springs Lane, Olalla, WA 98359

- 9:30 AM **Attendee Check-in** | Join us under the event tent at the tree farm to enjoy coffee and doughnuts
10:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions and Depart on Field Tour**
Attendees will be divided into smaller groups for a walk on a well-maintained trail. (Note: there is vehicle access on the trail for those requiring assistance.) Throughout the walk we will discuss the tree farm's many features and beneficial uses including: timber for lumber production on a sustainable yield basis, fish bearing waters, Christmas trees, wildlife habitat, floral evergreens and firewood.
11:30 AM **Lunch** | Lunch buffet served by the host Chapters, available for prepaying attendees.

Visit the WFFA website, www.wafarmforestry.com, for additional information about the Annual Meeting, including links for those opting **register online** and those wishing to bring their RV.

NOTE: WFFA has applied for SAF Continuing Education Credits and Master Logger Credits for AM19 attendees.

If you have questions please contact: Kelly Zandell – info@wafarmforestry.com – 360-388-7074.

We look forward to seeing our farm forestry friends and making new ones!

**3 Great Options for
Attending AM19:**



Attend only
AM19



Attend only the
Field Tour



Attend all three
days' events!

**Online Registration is OPEN at
www.wafarmforestry.com!**

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2019 WFFA Annual Meeting!**

Registration: The conference registration fee is \$150 per person until March 15, 2019. March 15 until April 15, the fee is \$165 per person. **Registration closes April 15.** Registration includes: Friday breakfast, educational programs, break refreshments, the Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon and the Friday night dinner banquet. The Saturday Field Tour is \$25 per person including a light breakfast and lunch buffet. The Field Tour can be purchased separately from, or in addition to, the conference registration. You can choose to attend only AM19, only the Saturday Field Tour or attend all three days' events. **Register online, via mail or via phone.** Take in all the information available at AM19!

Location: All activities on Thursday and Friday will take place at the Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel in Silverdale. On Saturday, the Field Tour will be held at the Five Springs Tree Farm in Olalla. Attendees must provide their own transportation to the Five Springs Tree Farm; parking will be provided at the tree farm. You may register for only the Field Tour without registering for the full AM19.

Lodging: Reduced rate rooms will be available at the **Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel** (3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA 98383) until **March 30**. For the most room options, you must book early while space is available! Call **360-698-1000** for reservations; make sure to say you are with "**Washington Farm Forestry Association**" to receive the group rate of \$94, plus tax. Note: there is a charge of \$10 for a second person in the room. After March 30, room prices will be based on availability.

Driving Directions: Enter the Silverdale Beach Hotel or Five Springs Tree Farm address (below) into your phone or car navigation system.

Best Western Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, WA 98383

Distance to Silverdale Beach Hotel: From Seattle: 26 mi. (via ferry) • From Spokane: 330 mi. • From Portland: 178 mi.

Five Springs Tree Farm, 3268 SE Five Springs Lane, Olalla, WA 98359

Distance from Silverdale Beach Hotel (approx. 30 min.): 22 mi.

Combine business and pleasure! Plan your late Spring Mini Vacation to tranquil Dyes Inlet in beautiful Silverdale! **Enjoy the fellowship** of your WFFA members and **come away renewed and inspired** for your tree farm's future.

Perhaps you're looking for the perfect way to encourage your spouse to attend the Annual Meeting? Silverdale offers a variety of activities including: beachcombing; hiking and nature and wildlife viewing; and golf. For those extending their stay in the area, be sure to go to the Visit Kitsap Peninsula website at www.visitkitsap.com/. Old Town Silverdale was founded in 1854 by loggers and farmers. The Historical District was the center of commercial trade in the 1900's and is now filled with a mixture of art galleries, shops and cafés.

Westside and Eastside WFFA members all face the challenges of managing the balance of our forests and our State's fish. Come learn about the past, present and future of the Forests and Fish Law and what this all means for you and your tree farm!

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