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**Supplemental Notice of Public Hearing
in the Matter of
Waste Discharge Requirements
for
Timber Harvesting Plan Activities
Conducted by
Scotia Pacific Company, Salmon Creek Corporation,
and
The Pacific Lumber Company
in the
Elk River and Freshwater Creek Watersheds
Humboldt County**

This notice supplements the prior Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of Documents for this matter dated March 8, 2006. That Notice scheduled a hearing by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Board") for April 24-25, 2006, and a public meeting for May 8, 2006, but listed the locations as "TBA." The Notice also indicated that designated parties and interested persons should watch for issuance of a hearing procedure that will specify requirements for hearing participation. The purpose of this Supplemental Notice is to address these matters.

A. Hearing and Meeting Location and Start Times

April 24-25, 2006 Hearing

Veterans Memorial Building
10th and H Streets
Eureka, CA

Start times: April 24 – 10:00 a.m.
April 25 – 8:30 a.m.

May 8, 2006 Meeting

Fountain Grove Inn and Conference Center
Camelot Room
101 Fountaingrove Parkway
Santa Rosa, CA

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

B. Key Hearing Procedures for Interested Persons

The March 8, 2006 Notice specified that a forthcoming hearing procedure would provide further requirements regarding participation by interested persons and designated parties at the April 24-25, 2006 public hearing and the May 8, 2006 public meeting. The draft hearing procedure was circulated to the designated parties and posted on the Board website. The hearing procedure will not be finalized and circulated until after April 11, 2006. In advance of the final hearing procedure, the following key information regarding the participation by interested persons is provided for convenience. (Interested persons are advised to review the final hearing procedure in the unlikely event changes are made.)

Oral Presentations

Interested persons may present a short, non-evidentiary policy statement that will be heard first, prior to the presentations by the parties. A policy statement may include (1) the policy views and position of the speaker, (2) non-expert analysis of evidence that already has been presented, or (3) argument concerning the contents of draft WWDRs or associated materials.

At the discretion of the Vice Chair, questions may be addressed to interested persons for the purpose of clarifying their statements. However, such persons shall not be subject to cross-examination and may not cross-examine hearing witnesses or interested parties.

Because of the complexity and controversy associated with this matter, time to speak is limited. Nevertheless, the Board will provide an opportunity for interested persons to present policy statements on this item. **Redundancy is to be avoided.** Up to two hours on April 24, 2006, and one hour on May 8, 2006 (if meeting is held), will be provided at the commencement of the proceedings for interested persons to present policy statements. Each interested person will receive a maximum of **3 minutes** to make a policy statement, but that time may be significantly reduced depending on the total number of persons wishing to speak.

Persons desiring to address the Board as interested persons on either April 24th or May 8th **must sign up or submit a speaker card in advance of the beginning of the item.** For efficiency, persons are encouraged to submit their request in advance of the day they wish to speak. To sign up in advance, send an email request to Jean Lockett (jlockett@waterboards.ca.gov). Provide in the email the following: (1) name (persons who wish to remain anonymous should contact Jean Lockett by phone); (2) group, agency, or interest on whose behalf you are appearing; and (3) general topic of the policy statement you plan to present. If you do not have access to email, you may convey this information to Ms. Lockett by telephone (707) 576-2307.

Persons may also submit a speaker card on the day they plan to speak. Speaker cards will be accepted only until the beginning of the item. **No speaker cards will be accepted after the beginning of the item.**

Visual Aids

Interested persons may use handouts as a part of their presentations, but must adhere to the following procedures. An interested person must provide **fifteen paper copies** of each handout to Jean Lockett so that those copies are received no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2006.** Interested persons wishing to use another form of visual aid besides handouts must contact Jean Lockett (jlockett@waterboards.ca.gov) or (707) 576-2307 **no later than April 17, 2006.**

For further information, please contact Jean Lockett (707) 576-2307; Catherine Kuhlman (707) 576-2220; or Advisory Team Counsel Erik Spiess (916) 341-5167.

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

April 6, 2006