

## **APPENDIX C . NORTHEASTERN AREA ASSOCIATION OF STATE FORESTERS CRITERIA AND INDICATORS PROJECT MOTIONS**

### **JULY 2000 NAASF MOTION**

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#### **NA Forest Sustainability C&I Effort**

NA and NFRPA to:

1. Continue the clearinghouse function regarding sustainability efforts
2. Develop a guidebook to assist the States concerning criteria and indicators
3. Recommend 10 and no more than 15 key indicators consistent with the Montreal Process criteria
4. Identify the current status of the data needed for key indicators and impediments to collection of that data
5. Update NAASF on progress at the winter 2000 meeting
6. Full report including the guidebook and indicators to NAASF at the summer 2001 meeting

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#### **Concerning the Development of C&I of Forest Sustainability**

NAASF applauds the efforts to date by the NFRPA/NA C&I project work group, recognizing the contribution of NA as well as individual States.

That the NFRPA/NA C&I project work group should:

- Survey individual NA States to determine which data from the base set of indicators, not already identified as available, are collected on a State level.
- For any indicator for which data are consistently collected among all 20 States, that indicator shall be moved to the available list.
- The group will identify any inconsistencies and gaps in the collection of data between States and develop recommendations for addressing these inconsistencies and gaps, including the use of Forest Inventory and Analysis Program data.
- A report of this work and any updates to the sourcebook will be forwarded to State Foresters 30 days before the NAASF winter 2001 meeting.
- A report that includes compilation of available data and identification of data inconsistencies and gaps will be provided at the summer 2002 meeting.

NAASF will target completion and adoption of the sourcebook and adoption of the list of base indicators for the winter 2001 meeting.

NAASF believes that collection of accurate data and tracking trends in the data are more important than establishing benchmarks, at least for the immediate future.

Every 5 years, at a minimum, an NA-wide C&I assessment report will be developed.

NAASF will identify an official liaison/committee to work with the NFRPA/NA C&I project work group on a continuing basis.

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**The NFRPA/NA C&I project work group made the following recommendations to NAASF:**

1. NAASF to approve the *Sourcebook on Criteria and Indicators of Forest Sustainability in the Northeastern Area*.
2. NAASF to approve and adopt the NA base set of indicators.
3. By the NAASF summer 2002 meeting, NFRPA/NA C&I project work group to:
  - Identify data inconsistencies and gaps, and make recommendations for addressing them
  - Recommend metrics for implementation of the base indicators across the 20 States
4. The following year, NFRPA/NA C&I project work group to:
  - Continue to address issues of data inconsistencies and gaps
  - Assemble available data and begin posting on the NA Sustainability Web site
  - Report on progress at NAASF winter 2002 meeting
5. Every 5 years, at a minimum, an NA-wide C&I assessment report will be developed.
6. NAASF to allow for refinement of the base indicators and associated data as policy, science, and technology evolves.

**NAASF approved the recommendations with the following caveats:**

- Need to establish a State Forester data review process for all data published or posted on Web sites (NFRPA/NA C&I project work group to recommend a data review process at the NAASF summer 2002 meeting).
- Anywhere the base indicators are presented, a qualifier statement should be included that promotes the indicators as a whole set and notes that they are not ranked/prioritized.
- Approval of these recommendations should not obligate staff on the part of the States. If data from any States are missing, it must be reported that the data are an aggregation of a certain number of States.
- It is important to tie the release of data (reports) to the NA strategic plan.
- Any refinement of the base indicators should be reviewed by NAASF.
- Develop a “popularized” publication to highlight the importance of C&I and present this effort to the general public (to be a joint NAASF-NA document with recognition of the work by NFRPA).