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### WORKSHOP AGENDA

#### Monday, December 7, 2015

##### 9:00

#### *Scaling Bureaus: How they operate and their role in log markets* – Tom St. Laurent

- How bureaus fit into the log buying and selling process
- Represent both the log buyers and sellers
- Apply log scaling rules
- Provide qualified scalers
- Serve as independent third parties

##### 9:30

#### *What does a log scaler do?*

– Mike Belfry

- How scalers fit into the log transaction process (only measure volume, not value)
- What is their relationship to log buyers and sellers
- The different points in log transport where scaling can occur
- What is log volume and how is it calculated?
- What are the specific measurements and data collected on a typical log?
- Log documentation
- Understanding gross and net volume
- Why did my load scale out at a lesser volume? Reasons for volume deductions.

##### 10:30 Break

##### 11:00 pm

#### *Northwest Log Scaling Rules: Applying uniformity and standardization within the Doug-fir processing area*

– Tom St. Laurent

- Function and role of the rules
- What they cover
- How rules are maintained and revised
- How to use volume tables

**Noon Lunch** (included with registration)

##### 1:00 pm

#### *Understanding log grades and sorts*

– Mike Belfry

- What is the difference between grades and sorts?
- Why do sorts vary from company to company?
- What is the difference between a good #2 sawlog and a rough #2 sawlog
- What is the pulp sort?
- What is a cull?

##### 2:00 Break

##### 2:15 pm

#### *Log accountability: Tracking the log load from landing to mill* – Mike Belfry

- How is data collected? Load receipts, weight reports, sample scales, sample expansion, log tags, scale tickets and certificates
- Understanding the paperwork: Examples will be provided of load receipts, scale tickets and certificates and each form will be reviewed in detail.
- What are the standard procedures for documentation and changes?
- How is the data stored, disseminated and accessed by clients?

##### 3:45 pm

#### *Catch-all short topics* – Mike Belfry and Tom St. Laurent

- Difference between westside and eastside scaling
- Understanding cubic measurements
- Deciphering overrun and underrun
- Volume conversion factors
- Using taper factors and actual taper

##### 4:15 pm

Workshop Adjourns



## About the Speakers

### Mike Belfry

Mike has been a scaler and cruiser for over 35 years in the PNW. Most recently he was operations manager for the Pacific Log Scaling Bureau where he provided trained scalers for customer job sites. Before that position, Mike was National Forest Regional Measurement Specialist with the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. He has also owned his own professional services firm maintaining log inventories, and monitoring log utilization. Prior to owning his firm, Mike served as the Alaska Manager for the Pacific Rim Log Scaling Bureau where he maintained and trained a workforce of up to 50 employees and scalers throughout Alaska. He has a 2 year forestry engineering degree.

### Tom St. Laurent

Tom has 41 years experience in timber measurements. Most recently he was the general manager for Yamhill Log Scaling and Grading Bureau for 21 years. He has also served as the secretary and then chair of the Northwest Log Rules Advisory Group. Tom has developed timber cruise and log volumes software. He has taught at the OSU Extension Tree School for 8 years. Tom has a B.S. in forestry from Humboldt State University.



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### **Workshop Location**

This workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville located at 25425 SW 95th Ave. Wilsonville, OR. The hotel is located at Exit 286 off I-5 in Wilsonville. The hotel can be reached at 503-682-2211.

### **Workshop Lodging**

No block of rooms have been set aside for this event.

### **Registration**

The registration fee is \$295 if received by December 1, 2015 or \$350 after December 1. The registration fee includes a book of speaker materials, lunch and refreshments. Checks should be made payable to Western Forestry and Conservation Association. Purchase orders, VISA/MasterCard, and American Express are accepted. Tax id # 930-331-712.

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