

SUMMARY - PROCESSING OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

For 2 years (June 2020 – June 2022), a broad-based working committee has worked on auditing the Norwegian PEFC Forest Standard. The committee consisted of the following organisations/representatives:

Organization	Name
The Norwegian Forest Owners' Federation	Hans Asbjørn Sørli
The Norwegian Forest Owners' Federation	Simon Thorsdal
NORSKOG	Erling Bergsaker
Statskog (State Forest)	Monica Grindberg
Sabima	Christian Steel
WWF Norway	Marianne Hansen
Nature and Youth - Young Friends of the Earth Norway	Mari Strugstad Qviller
The Norwegian Association for Outdoor Organisations	Hans Erik Lerkelund
The Norwegian Outdoor Board	Morten Dåsnes
ZERO - Zero Emission Resource Organisation	Anne Marit Post-Melbye
Women in forestry	Merete Larsmon
The United Federation of Trade Unions	Endre Lie
Norwegian Association of Heavy Equipment Contractors (MEF)	Ivar K Hoff
Norwegian Pulp and Paper Association	Elisabeth Berli
Norwegian Wood Industry Federation	Heidi Finstad
Skognæringa Kyst	Ole Bakke

In addition, the following have been represented by observers on the working committee:

Organization	Name
Statsbygg	Karin Anton
Forestry Extension Institute	Trygve Øvergård
NIBIO	Fride Høistad Schei
NINA	Jenni Norden / Rannveig Margrete Jakobsen/ Ulrika Jansson
Norwegian Agriculture Agency	Vegard Wist/ Turid Trötscher
Norwegian Environment Agency	Eirin Bjørkvoll

Hearing

The committee's proposal for the revised forest management standard was circulated for consultation on the 11. April 2022 with a consultation deadline of 10. June. and the consultation was announced on PEFC Norge's website. All organisations identified as stakeholders at the beginning of the audit were informed n about the consultation directly.

An important goal with the consultation process was to identify potential factors/elements within each individual requirement which the working committee has not previously assessed in the audit. It was also important to see if consultation responses suggested that there were ambiguities and thus a need for clarification of text. The consultation letter therefore emphasized that the committee wanted specific and reasoned consultation responses.

A total of 71 consultation responses have been received. The consultation responses are broadly distributed from different interest groups, NGOs, private individuals, agencies and other public bodies. The consultation responses are available on PEFC Norway's website.

Processing of consultation responses

All consultation responses have been made available to the representatives of the working committee and observers.

In the assessment of the consultation responses the responses were grouped on each relevant requirement. All input relevant to the individual requirement has been made available to the committee.

Through 4 half-day meetings, the committee worked through the consultation responses and assessed the need for additions and changes to the requirements. In particular, the Working Committee looked for factors that have not previously been assessed and input on ambiguities.

In general, there have been many good inputs that have contributed to adjustments to several of the requirements. Many inputs have also been thoroughly discussed by the committee in the revision and where the result is part of a negotiated compromise on revised forest management standard.

A summary of the process assessing the consultation responses and changes made were published on PEFC Norway website and information about the summary were sent to each of those who sent consultation responses.