

**89A.07 MONITORING.**

Subdivision 1. **Forest resource monitoring.** The commissioner shall maintain a program for monitoring broad trends and conditions in the state's forest resources at statewide, landscape, and site levels. The council shall provide oversight and program direction for the implementation of the monitoring program. To the extent possible, the information generated under the monitoring program must be reported in formats consistent with the landscape regions used to accomplish the planning and coordination activities specified in section 89A.06. To the extent possible, the program must incorporate data generated by existing resource monitoring programs.

Subd. 2. **Implementation monitoring.** The commissioner shall maintain a program for monitoring application of the timber harvesting and forest management guidelines at statewide, landscape, and site levels. The council shall provide oversight and program direction for the implementation of the monitoring program. To the extent possible, the information generated by the monitoring program must be reported in formats consistent with the landscape regions used to accomplish the planning and coordination activities specified in section 89A.06. The commissioner shall report to the council on the nature and extent of the implementation of the timber harvesting and forest management guidelines.

Subd. 3. **Effectiveness evaluation.** The council, in cooperation with research and land management organizations, shall evaluate the effectiveness of practices to mitigate impacts of timber harvesting and forest management activities on the state's forest resources.

Subd. 4. [Repealed by amendment, 2014 c 289 s 40]

Subd. 5. **Citizen concerns.** The council shall administer a public concerns registration process to accept comments from the public on timber harvesting or forest management practices.

**History:** 1995 c 220 s 84,141,142; 1995 c 263 s 12; 1996 c 351 s 1; 1999 c 231 s 120,121,191; 1Sp2001 c 2 s 151; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 108; 2014 c 289 s 40