

**SUFC Policy Working Group**  
**July 13, 2012**

Participating: Jake/Cara (NASF); Faith (TNC); Nick (APA); Carrie (ACTrees); Rebecca (AmF); Jen (SUFC); Larry (NUCFAC); Alice (FS); John (SAF); Danielle (NACD); Christi (TCIA)

**Farm Bill:**

-Draft released two weeks (just prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday); July 12<sup>th</sup> bill passed the Ag. Committee w/out amendments and very little changes. Differences b/w House and Senate to be hammered out in conference. Floor date not set – possibly August.

-Senate put a 50 million dollar cap on U&CF, House stayed silent on the cap and sunset date. This will be addressed again in conference.

-Watershed Assistance Program repealed– the authorities are at risk but there are likely limited options in re: to do SUFC/other in position to do much about this repeal.

-U&CF is in a good position going into conference (conf. appointees TBD) – no recommended immediate action/activities by SUFC suggested.

**APHIS:**

Faith Campbell (The Nature Conservancy) will present at a future SUFC brown bag session in late August/early September per SUFC member request. The Policy WG in particular will benefit from an in-person meeting to discuss APHIS' role, relevance to larger U&CF issues and pending reductions in federal budget.

**THERE IS NO SUFC POLICY WG MEETING THIS WEEK, FRIDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup>.**