

Government Decree on Metsähallitus (1380/2004)

Section 1 - Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors of Metsähallitus has at least five and no more than seven members. The Government appoints the members of the Board of Directors and one of them as chairperson and one as vice-chairperson.
- (2) A member of the Board of Directors shall possess expertise in the sector of Metsähallitus, business economics or regional issues. A member shall be independent in a way required in terms of the competition situation.
- (3) One of the members of the Board of Directors is appointed among persons proposed by the personnel of Metsähallitus, one from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, one from the Ministry of the Environment and one from the Province of Lapland.

Section 2 - Tasks of the Board of Directors

- (1) In addition to the tasks laid down in section 16(3) and subject to derogations laid down in section 10(2) of the Act on Metsähallitus, the Board of Directors carries out tasks laid down in section 10(1, 2) of the State Enterprise Act (1185/2002). In addition, the Board of Directors:
 - 1) decides on the principles of the pricing of business activity and use of the power of decision concerning pricing;
 - 2) decides on the start-up and termination of business activity;
 - 3) decides on the principles of agreements concerning the public administration duties of Metsähallitus and their financing, after receiving a statement from the Unit for Public Administration Duties;
 - 4) decides on making a proposal concerning the acquisition and conveyance of a share, holding or membership referred to in section 3(2) of the State Enterprise Act;
 - 5) decides on the issue of security referred to in section 17 of the Act on Metsähallitus;
 - 6) decides on statements of Metsähallitus referred to in section 7;
 - 7) decides on the internal supervision of the activity of Metsähallitus and risk management;
 - 8) decides on the conditions of the agreement concerning the task of the Managing Director;
 - 9) decides on the Deputy Managing Directors;
 - 10) decides on giving a proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry concerning the dismissal of the Managing Director; and
 - 11) processes and decides broad issues or matters of principle which are important for Metsähallitus.

Section 3 - Decision making in the Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors convenes on the invitation of the chairperson or, if the chairperson is prevented, of the deputy chairperson.
- (2) The Board of Directors constitutes a quorum when the chairperson or deputy chairperson and at least half of the other members are present.
- (3) Decisions of the Board of Directors are made by the simple majority of votes. If the vote is a tie, the opinion supported by the chairperson of the meeting shall be the decision.

- (4) Members of the Board of Directors has the right to have their dissenting opinion recorded in the minutes.
- (5) The Board of Directors issues further regulations on the processing of matters in the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - *Remunerations*

- (1) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry decides the remunerations of the members of the Board of Directors and auditors.

Section 5 - *Managing Director*

- (1) Subject to derogations laid down in section 10(3) of the Act on Metsähallitus, the Managing Director carries out tasks laid down in section 11 of the State Enterprise Act.
- (2) The Managing Director holds the title of Director-General

Section 6 - *Qualification requirements*

- (1) The Managing Director shall hold a suitable Master's degree in terms of the tasks and have knowledge on business economics and the sector governed by Metsähallitus as well as experience in management and managerial skills demonstrated in practice.
- (2) The Director for Natural Heritage Services shall hold a Master's degree suitable for the office and have knowledge on administrative duties belonging to the Unit for Public Administration Duties as well as experience in management and managerial skills demonstrated in practice.
- (3) The Game and Fisheries Manager must hold a Mater's degree suitable for the office and have knowledge on game and fisheries matters.
- (4) To be appointed to an office at Metsähallitus, the person concerned shall have demonstrated skills and abilities required for the proper management of the office in his or her earlier activity.

Section 7 - *Appointment*

- (1) Provisions on the appointment of the Managing Director are laid down in the Act on Metsähallitus. A statement of Metsähallitus shall be requested before the appointment.
- (2) The Director for Natural Heritage Services is appointed by the Government on the presentation of the Ministry of the Environment. A statement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Metsähallitus shall be requested before the appointment.
- (3) The Game and Fisheries Manager is appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. A statement of Metsähallitus shall be requested before the appointment

Section 8 - *Advisory Committees*

- (1) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry appoints Advisory Committees to the Provinces of Lapland and Oulu and region of North Karelia for three years at a time. Each Advisory Committee has a chairperson and deputy chairperson appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and nine other members, each with a deputy member. The members of the Advisory Committee shall represent the local population, forestry, economic life, environmental protection and non-governmental organisations in a diversified way. Before the appointment of the Advisory Committees the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry requests statements on the persons to be selected to the Advisory Committees from the State Provincial Offices of the provinces concerned and relevant Regional Councils.
- (2) The task of the Advisory Committees is to:
 - 1) give statements to Metsähallitus on significant issues relating to the use of land and water areas;
 - 2) make motions to Metsähallitus in order to take the position of the local population into account and harmonise activities in the planning of the activity of Metsähallitus.

Section 9 - Cooperation Groups

- (1) Metsähallitus may appoint cooperation groups to the Sami Homeland with representatives of Metsähallitus and the local population.

Section 10 - Entry into force and transitional provisions

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2005.
- (2) Regional Advisory Committees appointed before the entry into force of this Decree continue their activity until the end of their term.
- (3) After the entry into force of this Decree the provisions laid down elsewhere on the office of the director of the unit managing the nature conservation duties of Metsähallitus apply to the office of the Director of the Unit for Public Administration Duties of Metsähallitus.
- (4) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken before its entry into force.