

**CSA Community Advisory Group
to Island Timberlands
February 14, 2007
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:42pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum noted

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with additions.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from the Island Timberland's December 13th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Communication from the Public

None

Action List

Action #1 – Copy of list and more info on species at risk – not complete yet

Action #2 – Appendix “A” (Powell River Trails) needs to be revised for Island Timberlands – Trails are in draft – new map

Action #3 – Fiddlehead area - 2008 plans to log the area. Residents would like the area near the swamp protected. Will leave on the Action List and Kraig will bring more information when it's available. Update in Feb 07 – plans are to log in March 07

Action #4 – There are 3 spots where the SCT will be impacted near the Lois dam. Plans are made to leave smaller trees but to log up to trail. Very short sections will be impacted by the harvest. Island will assist in rerouting the trail where needed. Plans are to log the block in March.

Action #5 – SFM Plan – page 2 of the SFM plan needs numbers regarding DFA size (Diane).

Action #6 – Herbicide/pesticide discussion needs to occur. Need to the Advisory group's consensus on use. Keep on agenda

Action#7 – Workshop on water management – see how well SFM plan goes and schedule for June 07- members input needed-e-mail ideas

Action #8 – Ongoing - Member to forward Thulin Lake IWMP to Kraig.

Action #9 – Complete - Kraig supplied a good map showing trails

Action#10 – Complete - Info on unused gravel pit provided

Question – Is there a response to Cranberry ratepayer's request?

Answer – Yes – Kraig will pass on information to CAG member

Operational Information - review and updates

Kraig Urbanoski provided a PowerPoint presentation showing maps with planned engineering and logging areas and road construction. Handout with operational information was provided:

Engineering Active

Theodosia

Lois Properties

Stillwater Properties

Road Construction Complete

893450 – GL 970 roads (Tony Lake)

793452 – L107 roads (Lois Dam)

794150 - Rehab Plan – Scotch Fir Point Rd

Road Construction Active

973407 – Okeover Main (not in DFA)

Road Construction Planned Next

984450 – Fiddlehead

894350 – Horseshoe Blowdown Recovery Rd

Logging Complete

882352 – Duck Lake

Logging Active

181350 – Theodosia

894150 - Freda Creek

893450 - Tony Lake

Logging Planned Next

Blowdown Recovery Areas

894350W – 2006 Logging (Horseshoe Creek)

894310W – 2006 Logging (TM-191P) – GL 1100

892306W – 2006 Logging (TM-230) – ST 800

891251W - 4.5 mile Stillwater Main

894157W – Tin Hat Junction and 9.5 mile Stillwater Main

984408W – Giovanni Lake

093350W – Sherman’s Bay

793452 – Lois Dam

793250 – Stillwater Sort below Highway

882350 – Myrtle Creek

794150 – Scotch Fir Point Rd

Kraig noted that there are several areas of blowdown that are planned for salvage.

Question – How did the riparian area that was shown on field trip hold up?

Answer – Most of the area held up very well. Pruned trees did very well.

Portions of the Horseshoe portage trails are covered in down trees. Majority of damage came from southeast wind and blew the trees down into the cutblock harvested last year.

Question – Is wood being dumped at the sort or in the ocean first? Sawmillers want to purchase logs.

Answer – Island’s run at the sort was Feb 1 -8.

Question – Can Island let purchasers know when dates wood will be available?

Answer – Yes – for the next 4 – 5 months, there will be wood available. Millers can contact Island directly for more information.

Question – Any SCT trail areas affected?

Answer – Yes, see information following:

Road Construction Feb to June 2007:

1. 984450 Fiddlehead area
2. 973407 Okeover

Logging 2007:

1. 793452 Lois Dam area
2. 984450 Fiddlehead area
3. 973407 Okeover
4. 894350W Horseshoe blowdown salvage

Also, 18m section of future road to access private land through the TFL in the Fiddlehead area - Island will work with Western re: road permit.

Question – Is it possible to get electronic copies of the map?

Answer – Yes

ACTION – Provide electronic copies of maps.

Question – Myrtle Creek area, any studies on water contamination?

Answer – Island has taken into consideration fish bearing streams but no extra hydrology studies have been done. Island is very aware of community concern regarding the creek and they have had meetings with the Regional District regarding this block.

Question – How much timber is being harvested this year?

Answer – 170,000 cubic metres, blowdown inclusive.

Kraig noted that engineers are trying to get plans done and noted that there are also ambrosia concerns around the blowdown (April and May).

Question – How many hectares of blowdown?

Answer – 20-30 hectares - approx. 700 cubic metres per hectare-

Question – How much wood will be left after this year's cut?

Answer – We are concentrating our cut in the Powell River land base this year but company is not logging Reid Island or Sechelt.

Question – Is there a sustainable cut the Powell River area?

Answer – No – Timber analysis has just been done. Results are expected soon.

Question – How about the blowdown in Sechelt – are they worried about ambrosia there?

Answer – We've not been down there yet.

Map showing Canoe Main was shown on screen

Question – Are they leaving buffers on the trail?

Answer - Yes they are trying to recognize the trail. In block 793452 –Lois Dam area - it's what's feasible- site specific/species specific, and the visual screen is considered. Response from PRPAWS requests 2-3 metres along the trail for shade. There is a critical junction where there is no other place to re-locate the trail. Considered 10m on the NE corner of the trail, and in some places there will be more than 4m buffers. They are maintaining the canopy and considering the sensitive soils. In some places where it's unavoidable there will be logging right up to the trail.

Question – Has Island dealt with PRPAWS?

Answer - Yes

ACTION – Send letter to PRPAWS regarding review of areas pertinent to the SCT:

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Structure to be kept

Kraig thanked member for pictures of structure in the Fiddlehead area and noted that the small structure shown in the pictures will be kept. Kraig discussed the ribbons have been removed by someone other than Island. He also noted the fact that heavy rains have caused the creek to swell and create new channels across the block. These new channels have been buffered out of the block.

Question – What harvesting methods will be used in the Fiddlehead block?

Answer – Skidder, hoe chucker and grapple yarding

Question – Will they be using the Fiddlehead dump?

Answer – That's up to the contractors.

Question – When is the Fiddlehead block planned?

Answer – Next year. **Bridge on Haslam has been removed and a section of Rainbow Main is washed out. **to be amended

Horseshoe Creek

Kraig noted that the leave tree areas around cutblock 894350 that was harvested summer 2006 were hit hard by the series of wind storms in November/December 2006. This is the cutblock that bordered the Horseshoe River. The most damaging wind came from the southeast direction (off of Lois Lake). Trees were blown down right from the start of the portage trail all the way up to the campsite. A few sections of the trail were completely covered, but most of the trail has had only occasional single trees blown across. The 2006 cutblock was designed to manage the northwest winds. This included increased buffers on Horseshoe Creek and manual pruning of leave trees in the more vulnerable areas. The buffer held up very well from the northwest winds. Majority of the trees down in the Horseshoe buffer blown down from the southeast winds. This pushed large sections of trees from the standing forest down across the river and up into the 894350 riparian buffer. Many trees in this buffer were blown down into the area logged in 2006. Immediately after learning of the damage, Kraig contacted Doug Swift of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to visit the site and provide advice. After walking the stream, the impression was that it was not as bad as it first looked, and that is why timbered buffers are put on streams. To provide a long term supply of large coarse woody debris input into the stream, Mr. Swift agreed to IT removing approx 50% of the downed trees that are in the stream. Intent is to leave the imbedded large logs that are secure and will not be transported downstream. Removal will target the unstable logs and tops that are full of limbs. Mr. Swift noted the lack of large log debris in the stream, and felt that the increased large woody debris would slow the stream down and create new and improved fish habitat. Even though the majority of the trees down were unrelated to the summer 2006 logging, IT committed to using a local hand cleaning crew to try and remove large accumulations of branches and tops from the stream.

Question – Which side of the Horseshoe Creek?

Answer – Most of the downed trees came from the east side of Horseshoe River (trail side).

Photos showing blowdown damage were shown.

Kraig asked that no member of the public open up the trail because logs which are indiscriminately bucked may result in the necessity for machinery to work in very close proximity to the creek bank, an environmental risk.

Question – How soon will they begin the Horseshoe salvage?

Answer – Within the next few weeks

Question – Will there be signs posted?

Answer – Yes

Chair thanked Kraig for great maps and colourful PowerPoint presentation and for answers to questions.

Break – 7:35 – 7:50pm

Company Updates

Bill Waugh noted that Diane Medves has accepted a new position as Director, Forest Practices Branch with the Ministry of Forests and Range for the province of BC. Bill noted that a replacement for Diane will be found, and in the interim period, a consultant from Zimmerman forestry will help with certification.

Bill noted that Kraig will be consistent with the group and will continue attend CAG meetings to provide operational updates.

Access Management Policy

Copies of the Island Timberlands Access Management Policy were provided. Diane reviewed the policy.

Question – Are there plans for gates in Powell River?

Answer – – No gates are not needed here, except for temporary gates where harvesting occurs (e.g. Scotch Fir Point) Concern in this area is unauthorized removal of fallen trees.

Question – There is a gate at Eagle River?

Answer – Yes – there is contracted firewood salvage going on there

Question – Point #4 - regarding access and overnight camping permission – how will that be delegated from the island?

Answer – Someone will look after that from the Northwest Bay office- Main phone #250-468-6810. Vancouver Island has more gates.

Member noted that he hoped gating would not become an issue.

Secretary asked for an electronic copy of Access Management policy for members and website.

ACTION – Provide electronic copy of Access Management policy for members and website.

SFM Plan and Data Set

Chair gave a re-cap of work done on December 13, 2006. Further discussion about the first group of indicators ensued and CAG and Island then proceeded to discuss the remaining ones.

General comments:

- A. All references to the forecast where it states “no change” it will be re-written to say “meet the target”
- B. All mention of Diane Medves should be replaced with appropriate name in next document

Indicator number and Discussion:

1. Supply age class definitions for glossary. Confirm the variance.. Is there a bench mark? or is it +/- 15 %
2. Attach retention policy as an appendix
3. No recovery programmes are currently required but if a recovery plan was needed it would be added. Island uses both the SARA and COSEWIC lists. These should be noted. SFMP should include a link to both the SARA and COSEWIC lists.
4. OK
5. Acceptable variance should be +/- 10 %. Problem with lack of data Language needs to be altered as Island's collection of data doesn't fit
6. OK
7. Acceptable variance needs to be +/- 15 %.
8. OK
9. No data. Cut off date for data collection is Oct 2006.
10. No data. CAG wants this to become a local indicator, not IT general. Then we have agreement to change the Acceptable Variance to +/- locally 5%, assessed block by block.
11. OK
12. Agreed that the variance should be 0. Reword the forecast as improvement isn't measurable
13. OK
14. New data set...no number in the table for 2006. We can't forecast a catastrophic wind, but the following year data set would reflect the circumstances. Data cut off date was Oct 2006
15. Concern that this is a company wide "green" indicator as it may be too much for our small land base. We have a small land base and proposed target is very large in proportional terms. Target should be 0. Reword # of slides due to road construction. The impact of 15 ha is too large for our small land base.
16. OK but this is only as good as the accurate reporting on spills. IT to provide info on spills reportable.

Recordable spills Discussion

Question – How much spill is reportable?

Answer – Will get that information-(Ministry of Environment rules)

***ACTION** – Provide specific information on reportable spills*

Question – Does Island's machinery use environmentally friendly oils?

Answer – Some are working towards this.

17. Agreed that consistent language should say herbicide, not pesticide, as pesticides aren't used. Acceptable variance??

Herbicide and Pesticide Use Discussion

Facilitator noted that, although in the past there was consensus reached on this issue, the opinion wasn't unanimous. It was noted in the

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Weyerhaeuser/Cascadia/Western SFM plan that CAG did not want herbicides used in the TFL. The facilitator pointed out that since then the membership and structure of the group has changed. Members were asked for their views around the table. Although there was no clear consensus reached there was two clear views on the use of Herbicides and Pesticides on Western's TFL and Island's lands. The first opinion was that there should be no use at all and the second opinion was that it would be acceptable to use them in site specific cases.

18. Change variance to include a +/- %
19. OK
20. Reword to include Information Tracking System. Acceptable variance needs a number. Overall wording is clumsy and should be reworked.
21. "Langley Lake" should read Haslam Lang Integrated Water Management Plan.
22. Reword in a positive way. i.e. 100% reforestation
23. Change TSA to DFA.
24. Change areas to # of sites.
25. OK
26. OK
27. Need to look at this next year. Agreed to append Fibre Supply Agreement
28. OK
29. CAG does not agree to the Acceptable Variance. CAG wants long term stable employment.
30. Acceptable Variance needs to be 0
31. Problem here with tracking and information exchange. Diane will red flag this
32. Needs rewording to reflect that the Access Policy is in place and is followed. Acceptable Variance - 0 Access Policy to be appended to SFMP
33. Agreed Acceptable Variance would be 0
34. Append Access policy
35. Objective doesn't mention timber values...needs to be reworded

***NUMBERING SYSTEM IN SFM PLAN BECOMES INCONSISTANT
HERE***

36a Add a reference to adherence for 5 years, the life of the SFMP

36 CAG wants Recreation Map updated every 5 years. Island not making a commitment to that.

37 OK

38 A. see discussion below

First Nations relations Discussion

***Indicator #38A # of established First Nations relations with Island
Timberlands***

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Diane noted that Island has been in discussions with 12 First Nations. Island Timberlands has invited local First Nations to sit at the CAG table and, to date, has received no response. Sliammon and Sechelt have participated in AIA (Archeological Impact Assessment) for Island Timberlands. Chair noted that there has always been a seat at the CAG table, but Sliammon has attended only once in six years. While CAG was very pleased to have Sliammon attend that meeting, unfortunately Sliammon hasn't attended subsequent meetings. CAG hasn't yet been successful in having FN representation at our table. The question is, as always, do we need a new strategy that would be more acceptable to First Nations?

It was noted that an Advisory Group on the Island has a First Nations person who attends meetings, mostly as observer, and does not represent any specific FN.

Vice Chair noted the Terms of Reference describe how a seat can be filled.

Diane noted that the Island's DFA covers 8 First Nation's bands altogether and that Island is within CSA standards regarding First Nations relations.

- 39 Agreed that acceptable variance is +/- 1
- 40 Discussion centered on the fact that IT is a private company, and may not always be able to make info available to the public. IT will inform CAG first if possible.
- 41 OK
- 42 OK
- 43 Agreed to Acceptable variance of +/- 5%
- 44 OK
- 45 This needs to be worded
- 46 Target needs to be number. Acceptable variance should be 0

CAG's Values, Objectives, Indicators and Targets (VOITS)

Facilitator asked if CAG's VOITS were going to be an Appendix in the SFM Plan.

Island hesitated and asked what the reason for including them would be.

Facilitator and Chair explained that the VOIT document represents our advice to the company; it is an expression of our values. CAG also works with the company to identify and select SFM objectives indicators and targets that are incorporated into the SFM Plan. CAG needs be able to have a VOIT document that shows our advice. The wording is not always the same as is found in the SFMP. While the two are mostly complementary, there are situations where there is not agreement. We wish to have the VOIT document is appended to the SFMP.

Audit Timelines

Diane noted that the dates for the company audits is during the week of May 14, 2007

Diane noted that meeting with consultant Jason Zimmerman is scheduled for next Week.

WFP - SFMP Review of 2006 results

Facilitator noted that time has to be allowed for the Western SFMP 2006 results.

Time will be allocated on the March agenda for the review.

Island's SFMP – Diane noted that next draft could be forwarded electronically to CAG for review. Review for SFI (on the Island) will be completed by March 31 2007.

Island will meet again with CAG in April. Chair noted that there may be a need for an extra meeting.

Next CAG meeting - March 14th.

Sue Bonnyman is also scheduled for March 14th.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm

**CSA Community Advisory Group to Stillwater Timberlands
Island Timberlands
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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Kathy Kirk	Alternate	Member at Large
Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Governments
Ted Byng	Alternate	Local Governments
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
7 Seats represented		
Absent members		
Mark Hassett	Primary	Local Business
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
Brent Rothwell	Alternate	Contractor
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
Dave Rees- 2nd Vice Chair	Primary	Tourism
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Stuart Glen	Western Forest Products Inc.	
Diane Medves	Island Timberlands	
Bill Waugh	Island Timberlands	
Kraig Urbanoski	Island Timberlands	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	