

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group
July 12, 2000

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Dinner - 6:00pm.

6:30pm - Cathy Bartfai opened the meeting and welcomed all members. Presentation and acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was presented and the group was given an opportunity to make any additions to the agenda. One of the members asked for clarification on the additions to the agenda. The agenda was accepted by the group for tonight's meeting.

Review of minutes from June 24th and June 28th

The group approved the minutes of June 24th and June 28th. There will be some amendments to the minutes of June 28th. The minutes of all meetings are always open for discussion with Pam or Cathy.

Discussion – Vacant education seat

The subject of the vacant seat in the education sector was discussed. The resignation of Liz Kellough on June 19th has created a vacancy. The group was asked for suggestions for a possible candidate for the position. Possible candidates from Malaspina University College have been approached but are not available for the position at this time. A letter will be sent to the School Board and other possible candidates to advertise the vacancy.

Correspondence

Copies of a letter from Sally Keys, (expressing concerns about the time constraints for developing community values and goals) were distributed to the group. Sally requested another meeting be scheduled for completion of the values and goals. Copies of Rod's reply were also distributed, and Rod explained the reason for some of the timelines. There must be a disciplined approach to working through the process for certification. The correspondence will be filed in the black record book.

Election of Chair

There were some absentees, First Nations, IWA, Citizens and Education were not represented, but enough members were present for an election. The responsibilities for the position of Chair were noted from the Terms of Reference. The election proceeded with nominations. Ken Jackson nominated Eagle Walz. Eagle was absent, but had previously expressed his willingness be chairperson for the group. Joanne nominated Ken Jackson for Chair. Jim Stutt nominated Joanne Cameron - Nordell. Joanne declined due to other commitments.

It was motioned by Jim that Ken Jackson be Chair, and Eagle Walz co-chair. The group was all in favour - none opposed. **Ken Jackson** was elected Chair for the group, with **Eagle Walz** elected as Co-Chair.

Code of Conduct

The facilitator reminded the group of the code of conduct for meetings, which will be posted on the wall at each session.

Group Discussion on Objectives – Doug McCormick

The timelines for getting the information to the Government were explained. The process for Cabinet making a decision on the regulations will be completed by December. Weyerhaeuser is anxious to get the process completed by this timeline because if there were an election, they would have to begin negotiations with a different cabinet. Copies of **“Appendix 1- working draft of balancing regulation”** and Draft #4 **“Proposal for Development of Regulation to Balance Competing Values and Interests”** were handed out.

The question of First Nation’s involvement was raised. Walt Cowlard took the minutes from the last PAG meeting to Sechelt, and discussed the possibility of the first nation’s involvement with the PAG group. The invitation to attend has been extended to Sechelt and Sliammon.

The purpose of the working draft was explained to the group. Zoning was discussed, and the question of public output was asked regarding the higher level plan. The public review process was explained, and advertising of the balancing regulation will take place for 60 days beginning August 15th. Weyerhaeuser will respond to public comment and make necessary changes to the balancing regulation prior to submission to cabinet for approval. The question of the size and ratio of the zones, trails, micro zones, habitat zones, whether there is room for flexibility and who decides on these zones.

Answer: The PAG recommends to Weyerhaeuser what their values are, and several hours of discussions have already taken place on these values and goals. Weyerhaeuser can discuss anything that concerns the group. The

company is committed to adopting the forest stewardship zoning process in the coastal areas. The group was required to look at the objectives, and objectives that have been described in the handout.

There was some confusion on the handouts and the "Appendix 1 -working draft of balancing regulation" was the one that was required to work through.

Resource Management Objectives 3.1

The following objectives were discussed. Changes and additions were noted, to be made to the objectives. Doug explained that the words "minimize" or "maximize" would not be allowed in the government regulations. A request was made define the word "productivity". A glossary of terms was discussed. A revised copy of the changes will be e-mailed to members.

Water

Maintain or improve water quality. Maintain natural stream flow rates, patterns and access for domestic, fisheries, recreation, wildlife and industrial use.

Soils

To conserve and protect the soil resource, by maintaining or improving site productivity and managing soil disturbance.

Biodiversity

Conserve, protect and restore sustainability and natural diversity of forest and aquatic ecosystems, plant and animal species at both the stand and landscape level across the TFL39 Block#1 land base.

A suggestion was made to change the heading to *ecological biodiversity*. The question of the sociological aspect of biodiversity arose. The document will be reviewed by the government in the next two weeks, and they will hopefully approve what has been written so far.

Timber

Protect and maintain forest productivity to ensure a sustainable long-term wood supply. Practice economic utilization of the timber resource and harvest the forest profile.

The question of what percentage of TFL39 Block#1 has been logged was raised.

Rainer Gruenhage was introduced as the alternate resource member for Al Shaw, from the Ministry of Forests. It was pointed out that meeting these levels

help to maintain employment in the area. The AAC is set by the government, the company is legally obliged to cut within 10% of the AAC, and the Chief Forester can impose penalties if they are not met. If an area is undercut, (for example the Queen Charlottes), it would be for economic reasons. The group added another sentence to say that while harvesting, the AAC levels should be socially and economically acceptable. Sustainability of a long-term wood supply was discussed. Small timber operators were addressed. The importance of *economic utilization* was explained.

BREAK 8:00pm – 8:20pm

Continued discussion:

Forest Health

To protect the short and long-term productivity of the forest resource by managing losses to fire, flood, insects, disease, windthrow, erosion and other damaging agents, keeping levels below socially and economically acceptable thresholds.

The question of pesticides and insecticides was discussed. Bug attacks in this area have been generally at low levels. The bark beetle in the 1990's was dealt with by using pheromones. If the gypsy moth showed up in this area, the group would be consulted on the method of treatment. Members of the group pointed out that they are adamant against the use of insecticides. Herbicides were "conspicuous by their absence" Different strategies for forest health were explained, for example planting mixed stands. "Actively pursuing methods of brush control" was suggested. "*Keeping levels below socially acceptable thresholds*" change "*below*" to "*within*". Members thought that *herbicides* should be identified under. "Pollution".

Wildlife

To identify and manage wildlife habitat to support viable population levels, especially with regard to rare and endangered species, in co-operation with appropriate federal and provincial agencies.

Adding "interest groups" (such as bird watchers) was suggested. The re-introduction of species was questioned. Biodiversity would be the category for this item. Sustainability of natural species was discussed, and the addition of "competing species."

Recreation

To identify and protect existing natural recreation features. To develop and/or manage recreational opportunities in partnership with government and local citizens.

It was pointed out that the reason for the wording in the and/or above was that Weyerhaeuser already funds some things and will continue to do so, but doesn't want to make a commitment to fund everything that comes along. It was agreed to take out "natural" from this section, and to add "develop and/or manage for recreational opportunities". The question of whether recreational access would be incorporated into the planning stage was raised. The item of access management leaves room for discussion. Decisions on deactivation will be done with consultation with the group. The word partnership was suggested as an alternative to co-operation.

Visual Quality

To manage the visual impact of harvesting and road construction activities at the landscape and the stand level.

Members noted that this is a difficult item to define, since the definition of "visual quality" varies from person to person. It was agreed that the visual quality section needs some more work.

Cultural and Heritage

To identify and manage archaeological and cultural and heritage sites.

The suggestion to take out the word "and" from the heading was noted. "To add traditional uses" to be added to this section. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Access

To meet the access needs of industry, the public, government and First Nations while managing productive land base losses to access structures

It was noted that the government keeps track of any land losses due to road building. The allowable loss can't exceed 7%. It was agreed that "Recreationalists" be added to this section. The subject of deactivating and maintaining roads for access is open for discussion once a year at a public forum with Weyerhaeuser at any time.

Cathy noted that time was running out, and that an extra meeting would have to be scheduled for completion of the remaining objectives on this draft. The decision was made to schedule July 19th for an extra meeting. Some members will be away for vacation. The task of zoning should be completed by July 31st.

This mapping will take two evening meetings, (July 26th and 27th). The zoning will be decided upon by the group will be advertised to the public for two months beginning August 15th. The question of input from the public at large was raised regarding the mapping process. There is a questionnaire for the use of the public for input on recreational land uses.

It was explained that advertisements had been placed in the local paper for the last three weeks, inviting public participation. It remains the group's responsibility to inform as many people as possible, and to get the questionnaires distributed and filled in.

Some members expressed disappointment that there was no summer break. They were under the impression that there would be a summer break. Due to the time spent at the beginning of the process, there was now a pressure on the group to complete the deadlines. Objections to the timelines were noted. It was also pointed out that the present political climate is working well for Weyerhaeuser, and if an election was called, that could change and delay things for them. The Chair noted that the group seemed to be at a bit of an impasse. Since they had already done a lot of work, and are committed to the process; they should get on with the job and follow through. One member voiced concern that if this group's plan was exported to other communities, they would be unhappy if they hadn't done a good job. Members were concerned that they didn't have enough time to study the information prior to the meetings. The values and goals from the membership took longer to achieve than originally anticipated. Members were asked whether they would be attending the next scheduled meeting. Members were asked to inform Cathy if they could not attend.

The next meeting will take place on **July 19th at the Coast Hotel**

The following meetings will be: **July 26th at the Coast Hotel**

July 27th at the Inn at Westview

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

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Attendance

Present

NAME	POSITION	MEMBER SEAT
Linda Schieber	Primary	Tourism
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment
Sally Keys	Alternate	Environment
Janet May	Primary	Environment
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
George Ferriera	Primary	Recreation
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Joanne Cameron- Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Leni Goggins	Primary	Youth

Absent

Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Mark Desnoyer	Alternate	Tourism

Eagle Walz	Primary	Recreation
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Maynard Harry	Primary	First Nations

Resource /Other:

- Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser
- Doug McCormick - Weyerhaeuser
- Walt Cowlard - Weyerhaeuser
- Yuka Ota - Weyerhaeuser
- Rainer Gruenhage - Min of Forests

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