

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group
July 19, 2000

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Dinner - 6:00pm.

6:30pm - Cathy Bartfai opened the meeting and welcomed all members. The twelve members present tonight were the minimum required to proceed with the objectives at hand.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was a continuation of the July 12th's meeting. Continued discussion on Objectives. It was decided that since the deadlines are tight, there would be no extra time for additions to tonight's agenda. All additions and special requests for speakers etc would have to be postponed until August.

Review of minutes from July 12th

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from July 12th. The minutes of all meetings are always open for discussion with the facilitator or secretary.

Discussion on deadlines

The group was committed to reaching the timelines set out by Weyerhaeuser. Written timelines will be obtained from Doug McCormick. In order to get everything finished, and for the Public review process to take place, the group would have to concentrate on the objectives. For the Pilot project, it was noted that time was of the element in getting everything ready for cabinet to approve before November. Concerns regarding the political climate were expressed again, and the feeling was that if the process were delayed, Weyerhaeuser would have to start dealing all over again with a different government.

Discussion on legal aspects

Some members expressed their concern regarding the legal implications of the process, and would be happier if legal representation was available. Some

members were opposed to getting lawyers (especially environmental lawyers) involved, and felt it would only complicate the process. However, in view of the fact that Weyerhaeuser has legal advisors, and since it is a very important process, that will become law, some members felt strongly that legal advice would be beneficial to the group. It was noted that when the proposal goes out for public review for sixty days, there would be plenty of time to show up any flaws in the proposal. It was noted that the Ministry of Forests was already involved with the creation of the proposal, and was represented at meetings as resource members to give help and advise as needed. One member expressed concern that the group was being asked to make decisions that were above their heads, and would be responsible for the things that were written, that would eventually become law. The group was divided on the question of legal representation.

Some members felt overwhelmed, and expressed concern at the amount of time available to complete everything needed. In view of the tight deadlines, the group was encouraged by the Chair to get on with the task at hand.

Group Discussion on Objectives

Discussion continued on objectives. The working copy of the Draft #4 – *Appendix 1 - Working draft of balancing regulation.* was provided. The working draft was coloured, to outline the changes and additions that had already been made.

Resource Management Objectives 3.1

The following objectives were discussed. Changes and additions were noted.

Fish

Conserve, protect and maintain the aquatic biological productivity of all anadromous and resident fish waters.

The group discussed this category, and agreed to add “*co-operate with government agencies.*”

Riparian Areas

Wetlands, streams and lakeshore areas will be managed to maintain their functions in protecting water quality, stream bank stability, fisheries habitat, wildlife habitat and providing for biodiversity

The group discussed Riparian areas, and agreed to remove “maintain their functions”, and to change “in protecting” to “to protect”

Tourism

To support in principle, growth of the tourism industry through identification, protection and enhancement of local tourism opportunities.

The group voted and two members did not agree with this change. The rest of the group voted to remove “in principle, growth of”.

Energy and Minerals

To support in principle exploration opportunities that stimulate the economy of the region and work with the government and industry to manage development impacts on the forest land base.

No changes were suggested for this section.

Air Quality

Maintain or improve air quality.

Change to “and/or”

Pollution

Identify and eliminate sources of pollution associated with management activities.

The group agreed to re-write this section to read: “Identify and manage sources of pollution including pesticides.

The group was adamant against the use of pesticides in the forest. Several members voiced their concerns regarding herbicides and insecticides (pesticides), noting that genetic damage has been linked to their use. Mineral oil was also mentioned as a source of pollution.

Botanical Forest Products

To encourage the utilization of these resources at sustainable levels.

This section was changed to read:

To encourage a sustainable economic utilization of botanical forest products.

Some questions were raised regarding the use of salvageable items from the forest; e.g. 100-year-old shake blocks. It was noted that Weyerhaeuser has the license to harvest the timber in the TFL, but doesn't control the other resources, salal, mushrooms etc. The company could advise of levels, and use discretion to tell people of their findings.

Break 8:10pm – 8:25pm

Introduction

The facilitator introduced Caila Holbrook, Student of Environmental Science. Caila will serve as an alternate member for Youth until September.

Social Economic Development

Promote the sustainable development of natural resources on the land base that result in multiple benefits to the community. To invite, encourage and provide a forum for public participation in the planning process for Block#1 of TFL39. Treat all stakeholders with respect. Strike to develop and/or find acceptable alternatives to brush control, other than herbicides. Pursue opportunities to educate and learn from the public, government agencies and First Nations.

Discussion on this section proved to be the most difficult. Members shared their past experiences with the group. Frustrations had occurred in the past in dealing with the local dry land sort. Obtaining logs for local use had been very difficult and frustrating in the past. Lost customers, rotten logs, waiting for ok from Nanaimo, unnecessary delays were some of the frustrations mentioned. The need to get a system in place for local community users was discussed. The facilitator mentioned a video, available from the Knowledge Network, on a program, featuring a system, which is working well for the community of Castlegar. The video will be available soon. The question of how much wood is supposed to be made available to local value added industry was raised. The amount of 12% was mentioned, however, some of Weyerhaeuser's divisions are value- added industries. It was agreed that improvement was needed in the area of preferential treatment for the local market. The fact that other users had difficulty in the local market since losing their permit to dump logs was mentioned. The group agreed that improvement was needed in this area.

The group agreed to change “acceptable” to “practical”

The group agreed to add:

To make it a priority to develop a system which ensures a sustainable fibre supply of appropriate grade timber be made available, in a timely manner, at fair market price, for the use of local value added small business.

The deadline for the objectives is Monday, July 25th. A revised version of the draft will be e-mailed to members by Friday, July 21st. Members should look over the changes and get back to Weyerhaeuser if there are any further changes or additions.

Additions to the agenda were again discussed, and it was reconfirmed that the requests for certain speakers would be answered in August.

The next meetings will take place on **July 26th at the Coast Hotel**

and **July 27th at the Inn at Westview**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

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Attendance

Present

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

📍 **Resource /Other:**

- 📍 Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser
- 📍 Al Shaw – Min of Forests

📍 **Facilitator - Cathy Bartfai** - chamber@prcn.org

📍 **Secretary - Pam Dowding** - dowding@aisl.bc.ca

Amendments

(Changes in italics)

Page 3 – The question of how much wood is supposed to be made available to local value added industry was raised.

Delete -“value-added”

Page 4 – The group agreed to add:

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Delete –“value-added”