

Stillwater Timberlands Weyerhaeuser **Advisory Group**
July 27, 2000

Inn at Westview

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Dinner - 6:00pm.

6:53pm - Cathy Bartfai opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

It was noted that the first meeting of every month would be open to the public.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was presented, which was a continuation of the mapping and zoning meeting of July 26th.

Comments

The group was advised that the results of the Proposal of Balancing regulations, with mapping and objectives created by the group over the past few weeks, would be open for public review for sixty days, beginning around September 1st. A sub-committee could be formed to make any necessary changes or additions. The Advisory group would have a chance to review the map at the next scheduled meeting, (August 9th), before it goes for Public review.

Introductions

The new member for the Education seat, Kathleen O'Neil, school board trustee, was introduced.

Continued Mapping Discussion - Glen Dunsworth

Glen gave a review of the previous evening's meeting. The overhead projector showed a copy of the "Block I Pilot Project – PAG Concern Areas and

Silviculture” The task was to solidify concern areas and create solutions. The main areas of concern were identified:

- Wilderness recreation
- Old Growth recruitment and conservation
- Connectivity
- Hiking Trails
- Canoe Routes
- 4WD Access
- Grizzly bears and marbled murrelet habitat.

Small business Access

- Economic Opportunities (Community forest)
- Historical / Heritage sites
- Educational – (field trips)
- The last three items on the above list were added at this evening’s session.

The question arose whether the current AAC was area-based or volume-based. The answer was – area-based. It was pointed out that this (area-based) is preferable, as there are more obligations to meet; replanting for example.

Options to be decided at tonight’s meeting were:

Reserves/Buffers

- Silvi- Systems
- Multi - pass – dispersed retention
 - Single pass – even aged
 - Group retention – uneven aged

Retention Levels

- **High – 20%**
- Med. - 10 – 15%
- Low – 5-10%
- Number of Passes

The importance of establishing an Eco-Tourism zone was again emphasized. The conservation of Old growth and habitats was discussed.

Old Growth Reserves

Parks

Ecological reserves

Environmentally sensitive areas

Old Growth management areas

Wildlife Tree patches

Variable retention patches (voluntary commitment to higher levels of conservation than provided by law)

Questions regarding variable retention were raised. It was noted that there are studies by biologists going on in variable retention settings. Slugs, snails and other creatures are being studied. It was noted that bird surveys, and local monitoring of amphibians and beetles are taking place. These areas are providing sources of employment opportunities. Wilderness issues were raised, it was noted that it was difficult to define “wilderness” as it meant different things to different people.

A group outing to the forest in Paradise Valley, and possibly Stillwater Valley, was suggested, so that everyone could see the area, and become familiar with the different types of forest management. Wednesday, August 23rd was tentatively booked for the outing to the forest in Paradise Valley.

It was announced that a couple of local businessmen, Larry Killam and Don McLeod, are willing to come to the next meeting, (August 9th), to give an important presentation regarding the Canoe route to the group before anything is finalized.

Concerns regarding the AAC and sustainable levels were raised, and it was noted that the AAC is recalculated every five years.

The question of whether there is a code of practice for foresters was raised. The group was assured that there is a Code of Practice in place that is followed by Professional Foresters.

BREAK 7:50pm – 8:00pm

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The group discussed the map provided for the Block 1 Pilot Project. Options were outlined and noted. Retention levels were discussed and recommended percentages were noted on the chart. Comments regarding each area were also recorded. Copies of the draft chart will be e-mailed to members.* The areas discussed and recommendations were as follows:

1. Elephant Lake and Mt. Troubridge, because of its very unique features and vast economic and esthetic opportunities, was noted to be one of the most beautiful, accessible spots, and the group felt that it should be given greater consideration.

Concerns for this area were listed as:

Recreation, Connectivity, Sunshine Coast Trail, Old Growth Conservation, and Marbled murrelet habitat. Recommended silvi-system for this area will be Group retention, with dispersed retention around the trail.

Retention levels to be as follows:

- 20% minimum from lake reserve to Ocean
- 50% dispersed retention for Old growth stands within 50m (30m adjacent to trail untouched) of the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Passes – one

Reserves – reserve area around Elephant Lake and link to DWR (OG Zone)

Comment added – Need a reserve buffer and a management zone.

2. Canoe Route – Primary concerns regarding the canoe route are the visual effects and buffer zones. Dispersed retention to be the silvi-system method used.

Retention levels to be as follows:

50% within 30m (10m adjacent to canoe route untouched, 20 m - 50%) on lower Lois, Horseshoe, Nanton, Ireland, Dodd, Windsor, Little Horseshoe and Beaver, with 30 m wide connecting portages. Comment added – Need a reserve buffer and a management zone. Buffers of streams and the impacts on fish habitat, bird breeding and amphibians was discussed.

The importance of retaining a pristine environment was emphasized.

3. Smith Range section of Sunshine Coast Trail – Concerns listed were recreation, OG recruitment, and the Sunshine Coast trail.

Silvi-system- OG management (100%) for March Lake area. Heritage and educational values around railway grade, Walt Hill section east Lois Lake shoreline

Retention – 50% dispersed retention for within 30m of the Sunshine Coast trail

Comment added: Need a reserve buffer and a management zone.

4. Knuckleheads - Concerns - X-country skiing and recreation (proposed ski hill)

Silvi-system - Mixed retention

Retention level - 20% minimum on 2nd growth (recreation zone). Old growth zone for existing old growth (100%)

Comment added – Old growth patches within second growth will remain.

5. Upper Lois River – Concerns listed were grizzly bears, connectivity, deer habitat.

Silvi-system - Group retention

Retention level – 20% minimum

Passes – one

Comments added – Deer and Bear reserves as per FPC. Heli-logging and minimal roads.

6. Powell Alpine Divide – Concerns regarding connectivity.

Silvi-system – group selection or group shelterwood.

Retention level – small patches - 20% minimum

Passes – 2 or more with openings <2ha and 15 years between passes.

7. Emma Lake – Concerns – recreation, connectivity, OG recruitment

Silvi-system – Habitat zone – group retention

Retention level – 20% minimum

Passes – one

Reserves – On two trail access routes (SW and N) to Emma Lake, within 50M of trail 50% retention above current FDP block

Comment – OG conservation, road deactivation and access to trail. Mang zone and reserve zone. Questions on re-establishment of access (Speak to access issue in access management plan) at later date

8. High Falls and Diane Lake - Concerns Climbing, Caves, Connectivity, Grizzly Bear

Silvi-system – OG Zone- High Falls, Habitat zone- Diane Lake (connected to Emma Lake)

Retention level – 20% minimum

Comment – OG zone with 25% habitat zone around Grizzly area (Diane zone)

9. Heather Main- Concerns – marbled murrelet

Nothing proposed for this area

Retention - 100%

10. Well Creek and Upper Daniels - Concerns – Hiking, Grizzly Bears

Silvi-system- OG zone, reserves plus group selection

Retention level – 20% minimum

11. Goat Island – Concerns – OG reserve at low elevations, caving, historical artifacts (mineshaft)

Retention- 100%

Comment – Ensure historical site protection.

12. Sunshine Coast Trail Remainder - This section (approximately 50 km) was added to ensure that no areas were excluded in the previous sections. The trail is 84km from Haywire Bay to Fiddlehead Farm.

Concerns – Recreation, benefits and Eco-tourism opportunities. Esthetic value.

The importance of maintaining buffer zones and pristine conditions was discuss.

It was noted that the map will be in the mall for two days, and the public review period will be for sixty days, from September 1st. There will still be opportunities for the group to mark the map and give more input during this period. The Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Fisheries and First nations will all have input into the Block 1 Pilot Project.

The next meeting (Wednesday, August 9th) will include a presentation by local businessmen Larry Killam and Don McLeod. It will be held at the Coast Hotel.

Weyerhaeuser will provide more facts and figures on this date.

Meeting adjourned: 9:55pm

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Attendance

Present

NAME	POSITION	MEMBER SEAT
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
George Ferriera	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Leni Goggins	Primary	Youth
Caila Holbrook	Alternate	Youth
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Training

Absent

Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Mark Desnoyer	Alternate	Tourism

Maynard Harry	Primary	First Nations
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Government
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Bill Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Janet May	Primary	Environment
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA

Resource /Other:

- 📍 Glen Dunsworth - Weyerhaeuser
- 📍 Doug McCormick -Weyerhaeuser
- 📍 Walt Cowlard - Weyerhaeuser
- 📍 Facilitator - **Cathy Bartfai** - chamber@prcn.org
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