

Stillwater Timberlands Weyerhaeuser **Advisory Group**
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Public Advisory Meeting

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Panel: Ray Balogh - Weyerhaeuser Stillwater Division Manager

Doug McCormick - Stillwater Divisional Engineer

Rod Tysdal - Stillwater Divisional Forester

Greg Hemphill - Ministry of Forests Sunshine Coast District Manager

Ray Balogh

Ray started the meeting with a basic introduction to the Public Advisory Group initiated by Stillwater Division. The two basic initiatives for this group is Certification and building a process upon which the division can base all of its planning using public involvement and input. By evolving such a process Weyerhaeuser hopes to eliminate "red tape" for themselves.

Greg Hemphill

The Public Advisory Group is a Pilot Project of the Forest Practices Code. Greg explained the background to the Forest Practices Code and the evolution of the PAG.

Doug McCormick - Pilot Project Presentation

Introduction to the pilot project area located in TFL 39 Block 1 which is approximately 180 000 ha in size. The harvest in this area is 450 000 m³/year that employs 200 to 250 people in these processes.

The purpose of this project is to redesign the legislative and planning approval process. Providing us with a simpler process while building a relationship with the community and find a way of behaving to get the results that we want in the process.

Rod Tysdal

Question and Answer

1. Q: Charlie Parsons - Concerned about including youth in the project and proposed to include youth in participating in reducing driftwood in slew and add value to it.

Q: Rudy Van Zwaag - Youth member on PAG?

A: Doug McCormick - There is an opportunity for gender and age mix in the group. It would be great if we could have a young person and an elder from the community sit in the group.

2. Q: Who writes the terms of reference of the group?

A: The Group writes its own terms of reference.

3. Q: Jim Seath (Sunshine Coast Trail Club) - Can the group recommend an old growth reserve along the trail?

A: Rod Tysdal - The Group makes that decision.

A: Doug McCormick - The trail has value in the community and so the group can set goals for the trail based on those values.

A: Rod Tysdal - The group's purpose is to advise Weyerhaeuser.

4. Q: Concern about the selection of members of the group and the endorsement of the ideas and values of the community as a whole. If a group, club or committee wants to endorse their thoughts, ideas or concerns but does not have the commitment from a representative on the committee how would they be represented?

A: Doug McCormick - The club or committee may apply to present themselves before the PAG. The group will ideally have representatives of a variety of interests in the community. For example a recreation rep, that these types of groups can speak to that represents all types of recreation in the community. This representative should have an alternate representative that he/she can keep up to date in the case that the rep. Can not appear at a meeting. We do need commitment,

5. Q: What authority will the group have? Specific.

A: Dennis: The Public Advisory Group is not a decision making body, it is an advisory group that will help to provide continual improvement to the planning and decision making process. Strong relationships within the group creates authority and validity of the group.

6. Q: What are the successes? How would you know if this group is working?

A: Dennis - There is no place for a cross section of the community to sit and talk about land use and what is happening in our area. This group provides that forum.

7. Q: Would the PAG be able to represent people and their opinions?

A: Dennis - Some representatives work out and some don't that's why having good communicators is important criteria.

A: Doug McCormick - All you can do is sign up, make the commitment and see where it goes.

8. Q: Micheal Conway Brown - Concern about follow up on meeting discussions. How can the process get communication to the person on the ground doing the

work?

A: Doug McCormick - The PAG sets criteria to reach goals. Weyerhaeuser gives a yearly report to PAG to Approve for certification

Q: M.C.B. - Whose responsibility is it to communicate to the contractors?

A: D.M - It is Weyerhaeuser's responsibility. The group identifies the value then the procedures to get there.

9. Q: There is only timber extraction and no processing in Powell River. Does the PAG have the pull to bring processing to Powell River?

A: Ray Balogh - That decision is the responsibility of Weyerhaeuser Management to decide.

A: Doug McCormick - The Pag has to identify it as a value to the community by researching the idea and bring it to Weyerhaeuser under advice. Weyerhaeuser then has to show to the PAG the validity of that option.

10. Q: Eagle Walz - Pilot Project 10% of Coastal Cut or Block 1?

A: Doug McCormick - 2% of the Coastal Cut is in this pilot project (all of block 1). About 450 000 cubic meters.

A: Walt Cowlard - 10% is available for all Pilot Projects on the coast.

Q: E.W. - Hectares or cubic meters available?

A: Ray Balogh - 180 000 ha, 450 000 cubic meters.

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PAG is to fulfill CSA Standards and provide a forum upon which to do this. We have a basic vision of the approval process and we know what outcomes we want. Its how we do we get there? With public involvement in the process we can rewrite legislation to make things the way we want them to go.

13. Q: Concern about the disempowerment of members because of what they may or may not know.

A: Rod Tysdal - Resources are available to members and there will be a lot of education for the members that do not understand.

A: Dennis - Capacity building in the group is very important.

A: Greg Hemphill - The Group representatives should be showing each other and educating each other.

14. Q: Concern about cutting rights behind Townsite. Is lot 450 included in the project?

A: Ray Balogh - Lot 450 is not included. It may be included later under heavy consultation.

15. Q: The Pilot project is a wonderful idealistic idea. How is it going to change what is happening in the forest?

A: Doug McCormick - By identifying areas of value and operations in that area, we can address harvesting methods but we still need to achieve volume. Its looking at areas and their values and dealing with them.

16. Q: What percentage of people in town are involved in the forest industry?
Would the committee keep going?

A: IWA, Contractors etc.

We are looking for community involvement. We will be audited on the group's activities. Auditors may have random discussions with PAG members and sit in on PAG meetings.

17. Q: What is a landscape Unit?

A: The TFL is divided into % Landscape Units. Processes and certification builds in improvements to these units.

18. Q: What is the structure of the Committee?

A: The PAG of 12 voluntary, committed representatives is chosen and finalized. The group then decides on a Facilitator and Secretary of paid positions.