

Stillwater Timberlands Weyerhaeuser **Advisory Group**
May 24, 2000

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Dinner: 6:00 – 6:30pm

Cathy Bartfai opened the meeting at 6:00pm, and welcomed all members. Cathy introduced Maynard Harry, member for Sliammon. Members were advised that the menu would be e-mailed with the agenda for future meetings. If anyone wishes to order vegetarian meals, they are required to call the hotel prior to meetings.

Review of May 10th minutes and Press Release

The minutes of April 26th and May 10th were reviewed. Amendments were made to the April 26th minutes. Janet questioned a point on page 4 of the May 10th minutes, and this was clarified. Sally made an amendment to the on May 10th minutes (to follow).

Terms of Reference Committee – Presentation – Janet May

Janet May suggested the possibility of having one of the monthly meetings open to the public and one closed. Cathy explained that since the Terms of Reference hadn't been discussed yet, this item would have to be tabled until then. Janet stated that she represented the sub-committee, which included herself, Joanne Cameron-Nordell, Ken Jackson, Rita Rasmussen and Michael Conway Brown, and that they had spent eight hours of discussions and three meetings on the first draft of the Terms of Reference. Janet requested that the members look over the draft, which was provided for tonight's meeting, and to look for any grammatical errors. Janet requested that comments be E-mailed to her within a week. She noted that this was only the first draft, and that work is in progress. The committee will meet again next week. Janet will ask Weyerhaeuser to comment on the Terms of Reference by next Wednesday. She asked that members make a change to their copies of the draft: Page 2 – delete the word "Facilitator/chair". She described the position of the Chair, (Page 3), which is an elected position. She asked that people consider nominations for the position of Chairperson. The Co-Chair position will be the person who helps the Chair. She asked the group to note the consensus process, (Page 7, 12b) to make sure that

it is something that people can live with. Janet asked Ken to speak on the idea of summaries that don't record names. Ken recommended this approach for this kind of group. Rita raised questions for Weyerhaeuser regarding out-of-pocket expenses for attending meetings, childcare and mileage. Liz asked Janet to speak on the need for a Chairperson. Janet noted that someone from within the group should be elected, and that the person chosen could be responsible for the dynamics of the group, and could help with the role of facilitating, ensuring full participation of individual members. Also, the position of Chair makes the group more autonomous from Weyerhaeuser. Joanne agreed that the group does have a need for an elected representative or spokesperson, especially when questions from the media arose. It was agreed that structurally, there is need for a spokesperson, and it would give the group a more cohesive way of operating. The election of a Chairperson is important for auditing purposes. Liz questioned why not a committee, rather than one person. Ken explained the position, and noted that when the audit process takes place, the position of Chair is a very important one. Rod is the Chair at present and is too close to Weyerhaeuser. Sonny suggested that as a representative of IWA he would maybe have a problem with the position of Chair for this group, and would be concerned with what the duties are. Dennis explained that certain decisions would have to be made, and the statements made by the Chair would have to be what the group feels, and not his / her individual opinions. Janet hoped that members input would be e-mailed to the committee within the next week, so that a final draft could be made. Cathy noted that anyone not having access to e-mail, would be welcome to use the Chamber office for this purpose. Liz added that specification on the above (Chair position re media comments), should be added to the Terms of Reference. Sally asked about the agenda, and asked who would ultimately approve the agenda under the Chair and Co Chair. Joanne stated that the Chairperson would set the agenda. Cathy thanked the committee for all their efforts, and noted that they have worked really hard to put everything together for this presentation

7:00pm - Presentation – Glen Dunsworth

Cathy introduced Glen Dunsworth, Forest Ecologist from Weyerhaeuser Woodland Services in Nanaimo.

Glen gave a brief history of his twenty-year career with M & B and Weyerhaeuser. This included working in forest genetics, and mine land reclamation in Alberta. After moving to Vancouver Island 20 years ago, he has worked in research and operational problem-

solving, dealing with regeneration, offering strategic advice on; genetics, Biodiversity, landscape ecology, habitat issues and moving from clear cutting into partial harvesting. Glen was a team leader of the ecology portion of the forest project, including Landscape planning and zoning aspects.

Biodiversity

Glen gave a visual presentation on Biodiversity, and clarified terms and concepts used.

The presentation included the following:

1. Changes in Societal Values
2. Key Values and Fear of Losses
3. Biodiversity and Land Use
4. Meeting Expectations
5. Why Variable Retention?
6. Ecological and Social Rationale
7. Significance of Habitat Attributes

A copy of Glen's presentation can be made available to any member who requests one.

Brainstorming on the subject of Biodiversity by the group, with Glen providing the answers to many questions.

Four Key Points

1. Identify major concerns
2. Relate your concerns to things you can measure
3. Use surrogates
4. Include and encourage a variety of approaches

Glen discussed the tasks to decide on biodiversity.

Tactics – criterion indicators, are we getting enough diversity?

Variable retention – quarter hectare patches in every cut block.

Key learnings on Biological diversity, don't do the same thing everywhere, mix up the pot

Cathy stated that since this was such an interesting session, maybe Glen could come back another time, since the timetable didn't allow for any longer at this evenings meeting. Eagle stated that it would be good if Glen could send along some copies and more information. Glen will send a binder with more information for the group.

Cathy discussed the possibility of a Saturday meeting and June 24th was decided as the best date for this special session.

BREAK - 8:05pm – 8:20pm

Brainstorming for Critical Elements

Cathy asked the group to study the worksheets provided and to define goals. Dennis and Cathy would get together to work on the worksheet, defining goals that had been presented at the previous meeting. The worksheet would be used by the group to complete lists of values. Glen provided help to the questions on ecosystem diversity. Questions regarding landscapes were answered by Rod with the help of the map. Glen described water shed and major drainage areas. Glen suggested using the "hierarchy approach", using complexity not simplification, to make the six landscape units that drain into Powell Lake individually different. Rod explained that this worksheet would become easier with time, and Liz stated that maybe the group should start the process from the ground up.

Lorne asked if there was anywhere that people could go for answers to questions. Rod said Weyerhaeuser could answer any questions at any time. Dennis suggested putting "goals" into the outline, and to look at the gaps in the worksheet. Dennis noted that members of other groups had struggled with this (Critical Elements) section, and that slowly things would become clearer. The process is hard to understand, and the need to consider all the items very necessary. Review at the end will make things clearer. Sonny noted that the reason for the group's existence was because Weyerhaeuser needs certification, he asked about some of the drainage's, old patches and micromanagement of huge valleys. Sally raised the question of birds. Glen answered that the goal for birds was to have no significant decline in breeding numbers. Sally, speaking as a Wildcrafter, asked about Cleavers - would there be some way to avoid logging that (specific) area? and asked about a hotline for the public? Liz agreed that a channel for public input, would be a good idea. Dennis pointed out that this would be appropriate on Page 11, "Sustaining Eco system diversity goals". Several members of the group expressed concerns regarding, "what's in it for us (the community) at the end of the day?" Questions arose re: post certification. Jobs, how many? Protection of existing jobs, adding to and enhancing jobs? Dennis

spoke to the group on getting results, better ecological and economic benefits, common commitments. Joanne noted that lots of goals came out in the last meeting with David Perry, but the need for real examples is what the group requires now. Dennis suggested that the group might want to see what the West Island group did when working through this process. Beginning at Criteria #5 – Ken noted that as a group they needed some guidance. Eagle asked what are the group's options. Glen suggested taking North Island and West Island's worksheets and comparing notes. Cathy noted that some time has already been spent on Critical Elements. Discussion followed on whether looking at other group's ideas would be beneficial or not. Cathy noted that the report is due by end of June. Rod stressed the need to develop Values and Goals, and the need for completion by the end of June.

9:05pm –Cathy noted that there were some members of the public who had been patiently waiting to speak.

Heinz Becker: Introduced himself, and noted that he was here by accident, however, he was very interested in the Advisory group. He stated that he had traveled extensively and had witnessed (ecological) disasters in other countries. He mentioned the value of grizzly bears – no dollar figures. He stated that the price of paper is too cheap, that we have so much good quality paper and there is too much waste.

Maurice Shapiro introduced himself as a small business owner. He is a builder who uses forest resources to build timber frame homes that last hundreds of years. He noted that wood from our local forests is difficult to acquire. Supplies of old growth material seem to have dried up. He has bought from M & B and Weyerhaeuser in the past, but wood that he needs is not currently available locally. He would like to see that change.

Cathy noted that the above subject would be one of the values and goals, to have more wood available for local builders.

Continued discussion from the floor;

Discussion continued on the worksheet, and everyone agreed to work through the process. Cathy again noted that a lot of work has already been done. Ken stated that the Terms of Reference would be studied and Jim noted that the idea of , “ no names” was a good one.

Cathy announced that the next meeting would be held on the second Wednesday in June. She asked for any feedback on the suitability of the present meeting room.(Coast Hotel)

Details for Saturday, June 24th to be announced.

Rod announced that he would be available on Saturday (May27th) to go out and look at the woods in Paradise Valley. Eagle noted that it would be a good plan, to spend an hour or two and see what the area looks like.

Rod gave directions for the Saturday outing to Paradise Valley, (First driveway past Valley Lumber) at 9:00am.

Rod summarized the meeting by stating that there would be better forest management and better communications, if the group continues with their present commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

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Attendance

Present

Name	Position	Member Seat
Linda Schieber	Primary	Tourism
Mark Desnoyer	Alternate	Tourism
Liz Kellough	Alternate	Edu/Emp/Training
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
George Ferriera	Primary	Recreation
Dave Piazza	Alternate	Recreation
Eagle Walz	Primary	Recreation
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment
Sally Keys	Alternate	Environment
Janet May	Primary	Environment
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens

Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt.
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependant Ent.
Leni Goggins	Primary	Youth
Maynard Harry	Primary	Slammon

Absent

Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens

Resource /Other:

Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser Al Shaw - Min of Forests

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser Doug McCormick -
Weyerhaeuser

Walt Cowlard - Weyerhaeuser

Observers from public – four persons

Guest:

Mr. Glen Dunsworth – Forest Ecologist- Weyerhaeuser Woodland
Services

Nanaimo

Facilitator - Cathy Bartfai - chamber@prcn.org

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

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Amendment

Page 1 – Cathy opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Attendance – Liz Kellough – Primary Member