

# Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group

Nov 7th 2000

## Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Dinner - 6:00pm.

6:30pm- The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members. Apologies were made regarding an incorrect date on the notice of this week's meeting that appeared in The Powell River Peak.

### **Presentation of Agenda**

The agenda was presented and any additions requested. There were no additions.

### **Review of Minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup>**

The minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and amendments noted.

### **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Clogg, environmental lawyer from West Coast Environmental Law Association was introduced.

Gunter Stahl, Provincial Pilot Project Coordinator from the Ministry of Forests was introduced.

### **Members of the Public**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

CAG Members introduced themselves to guests

### **Presentation by Jessica Clogg**

Jessica introduced herself and described her work with West Coast Environmental Law. A handout entitled "*Review of Weyerhaeuser's Stillwater*"

*Timberlands Pilot Project*" was provided; and was used along with an overhead presentation to describe the findings of her review of the of Stillwater Timberlands Pilot Project Draft # 7.

The review was prepared on behalf of the BC Environmental Network Forest Caucus by Jessica Clogg and Laurel Brewster, forestry advisor at the Sierra Legal Defense Fund. Copies of the Review will be attached to these minutes. The group was advised to look closely at the draft regulation and focus on the concerns raised in the review. It was noted that the group had done some excellent work already and they were commended for that. Areas of concern were described, as outlined in the review. The purpose of the review was not to approve or disapprove of the draft, but to highlight some areas of concern.

It was noted that the group had reviewed Draft #6, and Jessica had reviewed Draft#7.

Draft#7 will be made available to the group by e-mail on request. Weyerhaeuser has created an operational information map, and it was suggested that it could be integrated into the Pilot Project.

The following points were highlighted for discussion:

***Issues related to Public Oversight***

***Issues related to Government Approval***

***Issues related to Assessments at the FSP stage***

***Issues related to equivalent protection for forest values and FSP "measurable strategies and targets"***

***Issues related to Stand Management in free growing areas***

***Issues related to auditing and the role of the Forest Practices Board***

**HIGHER LEVEL PLANS AND THE REGULATION FOR BALANCING  
COMPETING INTERESTS**

***Issues related to Landscape Unit Planning***

***Issues related to Resource Management Zone Objectives***

Questions were invited from the members of the group and public.

*Question* regarding more opportunity for public review was raised. Concerns regarding the timing of the availability of information.

*Answer* - Access to information will be available on the website, and to the public advisory group on a monthly basis, and on a yearly basis for public review.

*Question*- regarding legal requirements of Weyerhaeuser to consider the advice of the CAG

*Answer* -that there is no legal obligation to address public concerns

*Question* was raised regarding the introduction of new issues that could arise to be addressed after the regulation is in place.

*Answer* was that maybe that it could be somehow written into the regulation

*Question* - regarding *the once every five years* opportunity, and why such a long time period.

*Answer* - would be useful to have more opportunity to comment, and should be translated into the regulation

*Question* on whether Weyerhaeuser's response in writing to public concerns is legally binding

*Answer* – Minister has to consider Public comments when the plans are submitted for approval

Comment was made by member on how poorly attended Public reviews have been in the past

### **Forest Practices Board- 10.1 of the code**

Concern about the wording re enforcement and compliance-

(Page 33 Section 8.2 of Draft 6)

**BREAK – 7:30 – 7:48pm**

**Discussion continued –**

Discussion on Draft of Balancing Regulation for competing values and interests.

It was noted that this group was the first to come up with the draft for balancing competing values and interests. The group was encouraged to look at each section and analyze whether targets for achieving broad objectives have been met.

Riparian Management Zone

Fish and wildlife, soil and water

Roads- approval of layout and design (will be on operational information map)

Biodiversity Guidebook – well managed forests

Old Growth Zones, Recreations Zones

Management of Grizzly bear and Marbled Murrelet habitat zones

Landscape Unit Planning framework

The Chair thanked Jessica for coming to speak to the group. Contact information for Jessica was provided and further questions invited.

One member raised the question of why the process appeared to have been "*rushed*". The current political climate was cited as one of the possible reasons for this. Weyerhaeuser also pointed out that work had been going on for over a year on the Pilot Project.

It was noted that the documents that were discussed at this meeting were only ***drafts***, and not ***final***. It was also noted that the date for the Public Review has been moved ahead to November 29<sup>th</sup>. Draft #8 will be available shortly. Weyerhaeuser will respond to Jessica's comments and to any further comments from the group.

### **Presentation by Gunter Stahl**

Gunter gave a brief background on the Forest practices code and changes that were taking place in the forestry industry. First step in the process would be a preliminary proposal. Next step would be to get a detailed proposal together review by First Nations, the Forest practices board, and the BC Environment Network. Public review period of sixty days before finalization of the regulation is required before cabinet approval.

Six other pilot projects that are going on at this time were described. Most of the other projects have some degree of public participation. For more information on the other projects, see the Ministry of Forests' website at [www.gov.bc.ca/for/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/for/)

The other projects are:

**lisaak** - smaller company - TFL on the west-coast of Vancouver Island Clayoquot Sound area.

**Fort St. John** - Three major companies in partnership, looking at certification.

**Barclay Timber Supply Area** - Landscape Unit planning already done in this area

**CLMA - Caribou Lumber Manufacturing Association** – all lumber companies streamlining in this area

**Riverside Forest Products** – Kelowna area – new project. A group similar to CAG has been formed.

**Caribou Woodlots Proposal** - Woodlot proposal - small-scale forestry.

*Questions* were invited from the group and the public.

*Question* of whether annual public reviews were in place for other projects.

Copies of their first year reports will be available.

*Question* on whether other groups had also been "rushed"

It was noted that a lot of hard work had taken place within this group, and that they (CAG) had accomplished a lot in a short period of time.

*Question* on whether the seven pilot projects had things in common and whether they all had common goals

*Answer* – All the other groups recognized that there were problems with the existing code. No common goals, but a common piece of legislation that the groups wish to see improved

The chair thanked Mr. Stahl for coming to speak to the group. It was noted that the public review process would begin on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The next CAG meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Announcement of Pot Luck Dinner**

Member representing OURG (Outdoor Users Recreation Group) and PRPAWS announced the up-coming November 26<sup>th</sup> social evening at the Complex. This will be a pot luck dinner and members of the group as well as other forest and community workers are invited to attend. A draft of the Forest Stewardship Plan, maps and the binder will be on display and the public will be encouraged to participate in the public review process beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion on Lot 450**

Question was asked regarding Weyerhaeuser's commitment to discuss opportunities and negotiate in good faith regarding a park (approx. 52 hectares) in the centre of Powell River. It was noted that discussions had been on the back burner for two years. An update of this plan was requested.

It was noted that a meetings had taken place with Weyerhaeuser, Pacifica and the Municipality (April 7, 2000), and that further meetings with the local MLA Gordon Wilson were planned. Weyerhaeuser will keep the group informed of any new developments regarding the Lot 450 park creation.

### **Management Plan # 8 - Public Forum**

Weyerhaeuser announced that copies of Management Plan # 8 would be available for discussion with the group at the next meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an opportunity for the public to look at the Plan at the Coast Hotel on *November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:00pm and 9:00pm*. Weyerhaeuser staff will be on hand to answer any questions at that time. Jessica Clogg also encouraged everyone in the group to take a look at the plan.

### **Request for copy of Recreation Management Plan**

A copy of the new recreation management plan was requested from the Ministry of Forests. This will be found and copies provided to the group.

### **Criteria and Indicators Seminar – Nov 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

A group of three members, Ken Jackson (Recreation), Janet May (Environment) and Kathleen O'Neil (Education), will be travelling to Nanaimo to attend the seminar on *Criteria and Indicators*. Information and literature will be brought back for the rest of the group. Other members of the group were invited to form a sub-committee to discuss the development of Criteria and measurable Indicators.

Discussion followed regarding whether some of the group felt the process had been rushed. A few members felt that they had been rushed through the process, and it was noted that a letter had previously been forwarded to the group regarding the pressure of time constraints.

The facilitator thanked the guest speakers and made announcements as follows.

Next CAG meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Public forum for Management Plan #8 – **November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3-9pm – Coast Hotel**

Public Review of Pilot Project – **November 29<sup>th</sup> for sixty days.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

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### Attendance

Present

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
<b>Eagle Walz*</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Ken Jackson**</b>	Primary	Recreation
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
<b>George Ferreira</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Peter Ranger</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>David Gabelhouse</b>	Primary	Local Govt
<b>Janet May</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Michael Conway Brown</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Linda Scheiber</b>	Primary	Tourism
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Sonny Rioux</b>	Primary	IWA
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
<b>Bill Duff</b>	Primary	Citizens

** <i>Chair</i>		
* <i>Vice - Chair</i>		

**Absent**

Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
<b>Joanne Cameron-Nordell -regrets</b>	Primary	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
<b>Kathleen O'Neil-regrets</b>	Primary	Education/Training

**10 - seats in attendance, 3 - absent**

**Resource /Other:**

Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser

Doug McCormick – Weyerhaeuser

Al Shaw – Min of Forests

**Guests** - Jessica Clogg, Environmental Lawyer

- Gunter Stahl, Provincial Pilot Project

## **Public Observers**

Facilitator - **Cathy Bartfai** - [chamber@prcn.org](mailto:chamber@prcn.org)

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