

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group

October 25th, 2000

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:30pm: The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was presented and the following additions were made:

8:30 - Nanaimo meeting report

8:45 - Report from Environment sector re: correspondence with Jessica Clogg,

Environmental lawyer

Presentation of Minutes from October 11th

The minutes from the meeting of October 11th were reviewed. Some slight inaccuracies on the mapping review were noted and will be amended.

Presentation - Stephen Chaplin – Weyerhaeuser Field Engineer

The purpose of the presentation was to talk to the group about the Major Amendments to the Forest Development Plan 2000 – 2004 for TFL 39 Block 1. Maps were provided and questions and comments from the group were invited. Some members of the group were already familiar with the proposed changes. Timelines for the public review process for the Major Amendment #1 were described as follows. Weyerhaeuser hopes to have the amendments approved by Jan 1st 2001, and the public comment deadline would be Dec 1st 2000. Forms were provided for comments and feedback from the public. A summary was provided and areas pointed out on the map were described as follows:

Summary of Individual Cutblocks and Roads

Mapsheet# 92F.098

FH 33 – This is a new proposed block in the Fiddlehead Farm area, and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete.

Mapsheet # 92F.099

K Branch (ST256 Area)- ST 256 is currently approved in the 2000 – 2004 Forest Development Plan as helicopter setting. This amendment reflects showing a new proposed road to access ST256 and other potential surrounding settings.

ST 266- This is a new proposed block near Nanton Lake, off the Tin Hat Mountain road. This is a conventional variable retention block and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan. This setting currently reflects final engineered roads and boundaries.

FH 36- This is a new proposed block in the Fiddlehead area, and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete.

Mapsheet # 92K.008

GI 23- This is a new proposed Alder block in the Goat Island area, near Clover Lake and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete. As the total lock area exceeds 40 hectares, Weyerhaeuser will incorporate Variable Retention strategies in its block design.

GI 98- This is a new proposed block in the Goat Island area is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete. This amendment also reflects a road pattern change, which shows a new proposed road extending from Frog Pond Main in GI 93 and joining into the existing proposed road as previously shown on the 2000-2004 FDP. Note, the adjacent block G193B reflects final amended roads and boundary, which were submitted as a minor amendment on July 24th, 2000 (Amendment #00-01). As the total block area exceeds 40 hectares, Weyerhaeuser will incorporate Variable Retention strategies in its block design.

OL 547- This is a new proposed block in the Olsens area and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. A portion of this setting however, has appeared on the 2000-204 FDP as OL545 and subsequently Weyerhaeuser has now engineered this area as two separate blocks. OL545 has now been completely engineered and OL547 is currently in the recce (reconnaissance) stage. A minor amendment (Amendment #00-01) was submitted on July 24th 2000 to reflect the final roads and boundary design for OL545. OL547 forms a new block.

The OL547 setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete. As the total block area exceeds 40 hectares, Weyerhaeuser will incorporate Variable Retention strategies in its block design.

Mapsheet #92K.0.19

Diane Lake Main (Eldred EL668 Area)- This road was previously shown in the 2000-2004 Forest Development Plan extending from the Eldred Mainline up to EL665 and beyond to EL668. This amendment change reflects an updated new proposed road location from the Eldred up to EL665. This road location change was required to facilitate a better crossing over the Eldred River.

Eldred Main and Spur A-800 (Eldred EL667 Area)

The Eldred Main and Spur A-800 was previously shown on the 2000-204 FDP as a maintained road. There is no change to this status. This amendment reflects showing proposed helicopter drop zone locations on the Eldred and A-800 for the EL667 setting.

Mapsheet # 92K.020

EL667- This block was previously shown on the 2000-2004 Forest Development Plan as a 21-hectare helicopter block. This area has now been completely laid out and reflects final engineering. The final boundaries for EL667 now show additional harvest areas to the North and South of the original projection. As shown on the previous FDP and as discussed with the Community Advisory Group, harvesting may occur across the Emma Lake hiking trail. Weyerhaeuser commits to re-establishing this trail after harvesting is complete.

Mapsheet #92K.029

PD 208- This is a new proposed block in the Powell Daniels area and is the first time this setting has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting

currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete. As the total block area exceeds 40 hectares, Weyerhaeuser will incorporate Variable Retention strategies in its block design.

PD410- This is a new proposed block in the Powell Daniels area and is the first time this has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This setting currently reflects proposed roads and boundaries, as engineering is not yet complete.

Falls Main (PD208 & PD410 Area)

This is new proposed road in the Powell Daniels area and is the first time this road has appeared on the Forest Development Plan Map. This road provides access to two proposed new settings (PD208 and PD410). Falls main has not yet been engineered and currently reflects a proposed location.

Mapsheet #92K.039

PD275- This block was previously shown on the 2000-2004 Forest Development Plan as a 40-hectare helicopter block. After some initial engineering, Weyerhaeuser wishes to show a revised boundary projection for this area. As the total block area exceeds 40 hectares, Weyerhaeuser will incorporate Variable Retention strategies in its block design. A field review with Steve Gordon (MOELP) is planned for October 23rd 2000 to review the setting boundary adjacent to the Goat winter range, to the North of the setting. Also, a letter dated September 22, 2000 was sent to Sliammon First Nations, requesting a TUS recce. (Traditional Use Survey reconnaissance)

Questions regarding the 40% retention were raised. Concerns were raised regarding how much vegetation would be left after harvesting. It was explained that they have to wait for green-up before re-harvesting. The re-establishment of the forest was discussed.

Questions regarding the Grizzly Bear highway were raised, and the subject of re-zoning to an old-growth zone was again discussed.

Questions regarding a gate were raised.

Major changes were noted and a considerable difference on EL 667 was noted. The *Emma Lakes Trail* was discussed, and it was hoped that the re-establishment of the trail would go through vegetation and not through a desert-like area. It was noted that an extended hiking season could result from some of the proposed changes. Weyerhaeuser will work with the group regarding the location of trails.

Stephen was complimented on his co-operation with the group and thanked for his presentation. It was noted that requests had been made on several other occasions, on different issues, and a good working relationship had been established.

The group was encouraged to review the handout and to respond with any questions or comments before December 1st.

Forest Stewardship Plan – Janet May - Discussion

Stillwater Pilot Project Regulation

Draft #6 of the Stillwater Pilot Project Regulation was discussed. A sub-committee has already been formed and has spent some time reviewing the document. Concerns of the Community Advisory Group sub-committee were addressed. Some minor changes had been made in consultation with Weyerhaeuser. A glossary of terms was again requested from Weyerhaeuser. The following areas were discussed with the Community Advisory Group.

Part 2 -Div 1 - Resource Management Objectives

6. (1) (d) Timber: Discussion on this section regarding the wording, which had been changed from the original minutes. The group accepted the original version.

6. (1) (e) Forest Health: Discussion on whether to take out *competing species* from this section. The group agreed to take out *competing species* from this section.

6. (1) (f) Wildlife: Discussion on whether the words *indigenous or historical* should be used in this section. The term *across their natural distribution* was discussed. After some discussion, the group voted by a show of hands to leave the paragraph as *is*. There was one objection.

Question arose whether *air quality and pollution* should be included in the document. It was explained that the government does not allow these items to be written into the regulations, as they are covered by the Pollution Control Act.

6. (1) (p) Social and Economic Development:

(p) (iii) *To make it a priority to develop a system which ensures a sustainable log supply from production of appropriate grade timber is available from the Stillwater area, in a timely manner, at fair market price, for purchase by local small business.*

The importance of adding more value added jobs to the community was noted. The group discussed this section at length, and many ideas were suggested.

Forest Stewardship Plan - Detailed Proposal

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3.5 – Case for the Public – This section was re-written by the sub-committee. Weyerhaeuser will review this and come back to the group with a final draft.

BREAK 8:00pm – 8:15pm

Forest Stewardship Plan Detailed proposal

Discussion of Areas of Concern

From Environmental Seat

The group was encouraged to review the document and ask questions and comment on any issues. A few items were highlighted as areas of possible concern

Page 4 3.2 -Ministry of Forests Case – Concerns on whether public involvement would be at landscape level or stand level?

Page 32 8.13 –Public Participation in the Planning Process- measurable indicators – who will set them?

*Page 31 8.1.2. e) –Flexibility-*questions about public information exchange process?

The sixty- day public review period was explained. This will take place around November 15th. Any concerns should be brought to the Community Advisory Group.

Concerns on whether Weyerhaeuser would high grade and do fast track logging, and leave town when finished.

Weyerhaeuser stated that there are indicators that are closely monitored, that show the forest profile over a five-year period. Indicators could be built into the CSA process that would measure this. They also stated that they were here for the long term, and that a lot of work was being done to re-establish plantations in the forests for the future.

The facilitator announced that Stephen Chaplin would be available at his office in the evenings for comments and questions regarding the Major Amendments.

Report on Telephone Comments from Jessica Clogg

- West Coast Environmental Law Association

A telephone conversation with Jessica Clogg was reported. Some concerns were noted and it was suggested that the group look at the issues regarding Biodiversity planning and public review. Jessica Clogg will be available to speak to the group in November, and this will be arranged.

Conference - Criteria and Indicators

The conference will take place in Nanaimo on Nov 8th and 9th. The group was invited to attend. A group of three members from the environment and recreation seats volunteered and will travel to Nanaimo on the evening of Nov 7th. Weyerhaeuser will pay travel and hotel expenses.

Next CAG Meeting - Nov 7th

The next meeting will take place on *Tuesday, November 7th*. Members travelling to Nanaimo should be able to attend before catching the last ferry to the Island for the Nanaimo conference on November 8th. Jessica Clogg will be invited to speak to the group at the next meeting Nov 7th.

Report on FSC Public Information Forum - October 14th – Nanaimo

A diversified group of six members, the secretary and Rod Tysdal from Weyerhaeuser traveled to Nanaimo to attend the public information forum on the Forest Stewardship Council. The members represented three seats, Environment, Recreation and Business. The meeting was a very informative one. It was well attended and the Forest Stewardship Council answered many questions from the public. Members felt that since the guidelines for local participation are not yet in place and that there are a lot of unknown indicators and parameters, it would be a case of waiting to see what they are. Comparisons could then be made with CSA and other certification programmes. Dennis Fitzgerald of Weyerhaeuser will provide the group with copies of the preliminary guidelines when they become available.

Concerns about Job Losses

In respect to growth opportunities, and with reference to Weyerhaeuser's Detailed Proposal –Page 4 – 3.2. *The new planning process will substantially reduce amendments to plans; preliminary estimates indicate a 75% decrease, resulting in significant cost savings.* Concerns regarding job losses were raised.

Zoning sub-committee – extra meeting

The five areas still to be discussed are as follows: Diane Lake area, Canoe Route, Troubridge, Walt Hill, Lac Godeau.

Members were requested to read through the handout-*Weyerhaeuser Response to CAG Forest Stewardship Zone Recommendations*. Discussion followed on whether a full meeting or a sub-committee meeting would be held. Weyerhaeuser will negotiate further on these areas, but no promises could be made that they would be willing to change their decisions on these areas. It was suggested that when the Public Review Process begins, November 15th, it would be desirable to have all issues resolved. The Advisory group voted by a show of hands to have a sub-committee to resolve the final issues on zoning of these areas. The sub-committee formed for the above task included Eagle Walz, Linda, Schieber, Bill Duff and Jim Stutt. The question arose whether the November 15th deadline would be extended. There is a possibility of this happening. Another meeting will take place with the sub-committee. All other members of the group were encouraged to contact the committee with any comments.

Meeting adjourned 9:21pm.

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Attendance

Present

| Name | Position | Member Seat |
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| Eagle Walz* | Primary | Recreation |
| Ken Jackson** | Primary | Recreation |
| George Ferreira | Primary | Recreation (late arrival) |
| Peter Ranger | Primary | Forest Dependent |
| David Gabelhouse | Primary | Local Govt |

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| Janet May | Primary | Environment |
| Rita Rasmussen | Alternate | Environment |
| Michael Conway Brown | Primary | Environment |
| Linda Scheiber | Primary | Tourism |
| Jim Stutt | Alternate | Recreation |
| Bill Duff | Primary | Citizens |
| Rory Maitland | Primary | Contractor |
| Joanne Cameron-Nordell | Primary | Local Business |
| Sonny Rioux | Primary | IWA |
| <i>** Chair</i> | | |
| <i>* Vice - Chair</i> | | |

Absent

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| Ian Fleming | Alternate | Local Business |
| Lorne Marr | Alternate | Recreation |
| Paul Holbrook | Alternate | Forest Dependent |
| Sally Keays | Alternate | Environment |
| Bill Maitland | Alternate | Contractor |
| Bob Baxter | Alternate | Recreation |
| Terry Peters | Alternate | Citizens |
| Mark Desnoyers | Alternate | Tourism |
| Kathleen O'Neil | Primary | Education/Training |

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| Vacant seat | | Youth |
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12 - seats in attendance, 1 - absent

Resource /Other:

Rod Tysdal – Weyerhaeuser

Doug McCormick – Weyerhaeuser

Yuka Ota – Weyerhaeuser

Stephen Chaplin - Weyerhaeuser

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