

## **Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

### **Minutes**

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

#### **Presentation of Agenda**

The agenda was presented and approved.

#### **Review of minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>**

The minutes from January 24th were reviewed, and changes noted. Amendment will be distributed to the group, and the minutes will be posted to the website [www.cagstw.org](http://www.cagstw.org)

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

It was noted that copies of the above documents have been obtained, and are now available.

#### **Notice of meetings**

The group was reminded to call or e-mail the secretary if not able to attend the meetings.

Next meetings will be:

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Knights of Columbus Hall** - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Coffee and dessert will be served.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Coast Hotel** -6:00pm – 9:00pm

### **Information – re Management Plan # 8 -from Peter Kofoed**

Information that was requested by CAG members was received from Peter Kofoed

Discussion on the remaining old growth patches – it was noted that some of the oldest growth and yield plots on the coast are in lot 450.

*Question* was asked regarding the oldest growth and yield plots in the area.

*Response* from Weyerhaeuser that some of the plots were established in the 30's along the right-of-way for the power line.

One member noted that a small plot had been located in the McFall creek area.

### **Variable Retention**

It was noted that examples of variable retention could be seen along the new highway on Vancouver Island. It was suggested that the members travelling to Parksville in March take the time to view these examples.

### **Review of Management Plan #8 letter**

The CAG members reviewed the letter to Peter Kofoed, author of Management Plan #8.

Discussion on several items took place:

The difficulty of acquiring a supply of older finer-grained timber for local value added business

The potential for other value added businesses

Concerns about the age class of timber to be logged

Effects of Management Plan #8 plan on jobs for the future

The future of the forests for the next generation

How to keep up the value of trees to compete with southern plantations

Weyerhaeuser pointed out that the second growth fir from the Stillwater area is of very high value and very desirable

Request for 1000 hectares of old growth Douglas Fir to be available for local business

It was noted that there were divergent views regarding the Management Plan #8, and that this point would be noted in the letter.

Suggestion was made that individual members may wish to write their own letters

The letter will be completed and sent to Peter Kofoed in Nanaimo. It was agreed that further discussion was necessary, and a request to extend the deadline would be made.

### **Pilot Project**

#### **Review of Public Comments**

Doug McCormick provided members with copies of the Public Review - Comments and Weyerhaeuser's response to these comments regarding the Pilot Project proposal.

### **Pilot Project**

#### **Review of Weyerhaeuser's response to CAG comments**

Copies of Weyerhaeuser's response to the letter from the CAG members were distributed. It was reported that Weyerhaeuser has had an initial meeting with government officials and presented the CAG concerns.

Discussion followed on the six areas of concern, and Weyerhaeuser's responses.

#### **Daniels River headwaters:**

The subject of the small business timber sale, and its present status was discussed. The Ministry of Forests is not prepared to drop the sale of 20,000 cubic meters. The block will be re-advertised, possibly for between \$1-\$3 a cubic foot. It was noted that the block is a "helicopter" sale.

## **High Falls and Dianne Lake and Valley**

Letters from the Environment seat, and also from the IWA seat were also sent to Weyerhaeuser and the government is looking at all the concerns put forward.

In response to CAG's request, and from members of the public, Weyerhaeuser has agreed to 30-meter reserves around the larger lakes on the Powell River Canoe Route.

## **Canoe Route**

Weyerhaeuser has agreed with CAG and the public's request for 30-metre reserves around Lois, Khartoum, Big Horseshoe and Dodd Lake (not Goat Lake). This is in addition to the 30-meter reserve around the other lakes (Windsor, Nanton, Ireland, Beaver, Little Horseshoe And Lewis) The group was very pleased with the response to this issue.

## **Suicide Pass Historical Railway Grade**

In response to the CAG's request, Weyerhaeuser noted that there are miles of old rail grade in the area. It was noted that Weyerhaeuser would do something for the rail grades, but not necessarily in the Suicide Pass area. CAG members specifically wanted this area, as described in their letter, and it was described and shown in detail by the member most familiar with that area. Suicide Pass railroad grade with a reserve of 30-meters would be accessible by Conchie Trail. There will probably be a major logging road, but the exact location has not yet been decided. The CAG choice for the trail would be flat and easy access from Duck Lake area. Spring Lake area 50% no reserve zone would be another area that has historical railroads grades. It was noted that no other railroad grades had been discussed in previous meetings. This issue will be further discussed with the CAG during preparation for Forest Stewardship Plan. (FSP)

## **Saltery Bay Trail**

Both options suggested by CAG are acceptable to Weyerhaeuser, and the company is willing to incorporate them into the FSP. The trail that would go down along the ocean and run up through the Fairview Bay Habitat Zone is the one that is favoured by Weyerhaeuser. It was noted that this area is already zoned Er2. However, it was also noted that a site visit is necessary to determine this issue.

## **Lewis Lake Area**

There is an agreement with Weyerhaeuser that the trail in this area will be buffered. CAG's request for 100 meters has not been accepted. Weyerhaeuser has agreed to 50-meter reserves on each side of the trail in some areas and 30-

meters in others. Weyerhaeuser planning staff will visit the site and deal with this area. Continued discussion is required for this area.

### **Question regarding FSP Plan and Deadlines for June**

Weyerhaeuser responded that the FSP and CSA are connected, and the timelines for June completion are in line with the work that has to be done. Weyerhaeuser will be writing the FSP and will put it out to public review at the end of June. The possibility of an election in the near future was discussed, and whether an election and or change in government would affect the progress of the Pilot Project.

It was noted that the government could turn down some of Weyerhaeuser's proposals in Pilot project.

Handout - *10.1 of the Forest Practices code Page 2 #6*, states that the Minister may establish a committee, to be known as a local public advisory committee, to be formed to review public comments.

Opportunity for comments from CAG - required to let the government know whether responses are acceptable.

### **Dianne Lake**

Information in the response referred to the timber volume and job years.

The member for IWA stated the concerns (re jobs) in a letter to Weyerhaeuser.

The Environment member stated that needs were not being met and was not satisfied with the response.

The Recreation member was disappointed that not one valley was being saved, as per previous discussions.

Some members thought that the Daniels was a more valuable area, although not accessible to the average person.

*Question* from member for recreation regarding whether recreational access was covered in the proposal.

*Response* from Weyerhaeuser was that recreational access would be integrated at an operational level. Weyerhaeuser will meet with CAG at a later date, with the Ministry of the Environment and Forest service to discuss recreational interests of the group regarding access.

### **Proposal**

The following proposal was put on the table to the group.

*If Weyerhaeuser were to take out the 19-hectare (small timber sale) –and to substitute somewhere else, then Powell Daniels would be 100% reserved. Would the group agree if Weyerhaeuser went to High Falls Lake and turned it into 100% reserve (was at 73%)? Would the group support 25% habitat zone at Dianne Lake?*

Questions regarding the amount of timber in the High Falls-Dianne Lake area

Response from Weyerhaeuser– would decrease from 550,000 as proposed to 400,000 cubic meters

Questions regarding access

Response – Access will be discussed with the group and the Ministry of Environment and Weyerhaeuser

Discussion followed and no quick answers to the proposal were given. It was agreed that further discussion was required. It was noted that 15% of the AAC was to go to small business.

### **Loss of Jobs – High unemployment**

A letter from IWA stated that members of IWA are absolutely opposed to many of the Pilot Project's proposed forest stewardship zones in the High Falls, Dianne Lake Valley and Daniels River areas. Concerns were raised about the loss of jobs and high unemployment levels in the Powell River area. A letter of response from IWA will be sent to Weyerhaeuser. It was noted that the increase in the AAC would extend the work in this area and compensate for the possible loss of jobs.

### **Summary**

Members agreed that further discussion was required.

Most members were pleased with the decision of Weyerhaeuser to leave 30-meter buffers on the Canoe Route.

The other areas –

Suicide Pass

Sunshine Coast Trail

Lewis Lake

It was noted that the group could probably reach consensus on the above areas.

CAG chair and co-chair thanked Weyerhaeuser for all the hard work involved in the zoning process. The group was encouraged to reach a conclusion and be proud of the job they had done.

### **Reports to constituents**

Members were requested to bring information on how they report to their constituents to the next meeting.

### **Suggestion**

The suggestion was made for an information session and lunch to be held for students at the secondary school level. It was noted that the seat for youth is still vacant

Efforts are still being made to fill the seat. Weyerhaeuser will support the idea of local forest education at the secondary school level.

### **Michael Conway Brown**

Due to time restrictions, the item scheduled for tonight's meeting was put forward to the next meeting.

### **Meeting adjourned 9:30pm**

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### **Attendance**

Present

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>Ken Jackson*</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Eagle Walz*</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Janet May</b>	Primary	Environment

<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
<b>George Ferreira</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Linda Scheiber</b>	Primary	Tourism
<b>Michael Conway Brown</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Peter Ranger</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
<b>Sonny Rioux</b>	Primary	IWA
<b>Joanne Cameron-Nordell</b>	Primary	Local Business
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<i>*Co- Chair</i>		

### Absent

<b>Bill Duff</b>	Primary	Citizens
<b>Kathleen O'Neil</b>	Primary	Education/Training
<b>David Gabelhouse</b>	Primary	Local Govt
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment



Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation

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

**Resource /Other:**

**Doug McCormick – Weyerhaeuser**

**Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser**

**Al Shaw – Min of Forests**

Facilitator - **Cathy Bartfai** - chamber@prcn.org

Secretary - **Pam Dowding** - pamdowding@home.com