

## **Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

**Meeting at Weyerhaeuser office**

### **Minutes**

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

5:00PM

The meeting was called in order to allow the CAG members to review the proposals of Weyerhaeuser regarding the zoning of six areas for the Pilot Project.

#### **Summary of Areas where agreement has been reached**

##### **Daniels**

The small business sale of 20,000 cubic meters will be taken out and another block will be found elsewhere on the TFL. Weyerhaeuser has already agreed to move from its original proposal of 66% to 100% reserve in this area.

##### **Canoe Route**

Weyerhaeuser has agreed to minimum 30-meter buffers around the lakes and portages on the Canoe route.

##### **Suicide Pass Historical Railway Grade**

Weyerhaeuser agrees to a 30-meter buffer on each side of either the Conchie Road or the old Suicide Rail Grade as a future relocation of the Sunshine Coast

Trail. Weyerhaeuser will also consider the Old Growth wildlife tree patches in this area.

### **Saltery Bay Trail**

Weyerhaeuser will try to move the trail in this area in consultation with PRPAWS. A site visit will be arranged with Weyerhaeuser staff, PRPAWS and CAG members. It was noted that the area is already zoned ER2. It was noted that the area would be an ideal spot for a campsite, if the trail goes along the ocean and the old road. It would be a good interpretive trail. It would probably cost \$3000-\$4000 per km as opposed to \$2,500 for construction.

### **Area where agreement has not yet been reached**

#### **High Falls**

CAG noted that they were happy with the other proposals that had been agreed upon. Regarding Weyerhaeuser's position on the High Falls area, and the group's wishes for 100% retention. Weyerhaeuser noted that the option that was discussed at the last meeting, was only an option to be followed up, and that it was not a firm offer. Weyerhaeuser stated that the option of 100% was not available for High Falls area. It was also noted that a couple of members of CAG were *not* in favour of this option. However, Weyerhaeuser stated that they were not comfortable with creating a defacto park, and did not want to set a precedent for the forest industry. Members did not agree that it would set a precedent and that it would be in the interest of the whole community (to have a wilderness area). It was noted that the High Falls area was unique and desirable for its interior qualities and that citizens and environment constituents still wished for an untouched, pristine wilderness area to remain.

In order to move ahead with the discussions, it was noted that Weyerhaeuser had agreed to add more than originally proposed in other areas. E.g. Weyerhaeuser has moved from 66% to 100% in Powell Daniels area, with the exclusion of the small business sale.

It was agreed that the above was a positive move on Weyerhaeuser's part in terms of the environment.

*Question* on how it would look with the one-hectare openings (20years between passes). Weyerhaeuser described two options.

It was noted that there are two separate drainages for the High Falls area, one close to Dianne Lake, and the other into Powell Lake.

Two different methods of harvesting were discussed, one which would take a block out of the end of the area, and leave Dianne Lake an Old Growth zone, and

the other showing a more dispersed approach, scattered small pockets of harvesting all over the block.

## **Break**

## **Solution/Compromise**

An alternate solution was suggested to the group:

*Weyerhaeuser would turn Fairview Bay into an Old Growth zone with a 66% reserve.*

Weyerhaeuser noted that it was important for them to agree with the environmental and citizens constituents

It was noted that this would provide a substantial belt from the lake to the ocean. The group discussed the proposal. Members will get back to their constituents and report back. Members not present at this meeting will be informed of the proposal.

Regarding the harvesting in the High Falls lake old growth zone would be kept at 66% and Dianne Lake would stay at 25% habitat zone as proposed. If harvesting was done at one end, there could still be an area left where there that would be 100% reserved. It was suggested that since there is a goat polygon in this area, McMillan Creek, high volume old growth with a lake and pass-over for Grizzly Bears into Dianne Valley would be a desirable place for the 100%. The final logging plan will be decided at a later date, before the FSP stage.

Weyerhaeuser noted that they were pleased with the way the group had worked over the last six months towards the final zoning.

Next meeting (Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>) -comments from the rest of the members will be heard, and the issues agreed upon will be finalized. Agenda discussed, and comments from group regarding the values and goals/indicators.

**Meeting adjourned 6:10PM**

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## **Attendance**

### Present

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>Janet May</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Eagle Walz*</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>George Ferreira</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Bill Duff</b>	Primary	Citizens
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
<i>* Co-Chair</i>		

### Absent

<b>Michael Conway Brown</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>Ken Jackson*</b>	Primary	Recreation
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Kathleen O'Neil</b>	Primary	Education/Training
<b>Peter Ranger</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
<b>David Gabelhouse</b>	Primary	Local Govt
<b>Joanne Cameron-Nordell</b>	Primary	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor

<b>Linda Scheiber</b>	Primary	Tourism
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Sonny Rioux</b>	Primary	IWA
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation

**5- seats in attendance, 8 - absent**

**Resource /Other:**

**Doug McCormick – Weyerhaeuser**

**Walt Cowlard – Weyerhaeuser**

**Ray Balough - Weyerhaeuser**

Facilitator - **Cathy Bartfai** Secretary - **Pam Dowding**