

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

February 28th, 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 February 21st and February 26th

The minutes from February 21st and 26th were reviewed, and changes noted. Amendments will be distributed to the group, and the minutes will be posted to the website cagstw. Regarding the proposal for Lewis Lake and Lac Godeau area. Member noted that it should be mentioned that this area could be accessed from the north side (Rainbow main), along the south shore of Powell Lake, opposite Goat Island.

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Question regarding the habitat zone at Fairview Bay. It was noted that size of the buffer had not been decided on and would be decided on prior to approval of the FSP .

Draft of letter to Weyerhaeuser re: Access

It was reported that a sub-committee had drafted a letter to Weyerhaeuser regarding public access to logging roads and recreation facilities in TFL 39 Block 1.

CAG members approved the contents of the letter, and agreed that it should be sent to Weyerhaeuser as soon as possible.

Letter to Peter Kofoed

Copies of the final letter from CAG to Peter Kofoed regarding Management Plan #8 were available. It was noted that Peter Kofoed would be sending a written response to the group.

Discussion on the final issue for the Pilot Project and

Weyerhaeuser's revised response to CAG's comments on Pilot Project

Further to the meeting which took place February 26th at Weyerhaeuser's office, Doug McCormick summarized the agreements so far:

Daniels River

Weyerhaeuser has agreed to 100% reserve and is taking out the small business sale in this area. A block from the currently approved Forest Development Plan for TFL 39 Block 1 will replace this timber volume. Three possible blocks have been identified by Weyerhaeuser to replace the timber volume (20,000 cubic meters)

Follow up on the proposal and discussion from February 26th regarding the

High Falls/Dianne Lake area which was taken back to the constituents for discussion.

Proposal for Dianne Lake Valley to stay as a habitat zone with 25% retention.

High Falls Lake would stay as an old growth zone with 66% reserved from harvesting with an additional 20% stand level retention. CAG wishes to formalize an agreement between Weyerhaeuser and the group regarding the High Falls area proposal.

Saltery Bay Trail section of the Sunshine Coast Trail

Weyerhaeuser's proposal to turn Fairview Bay into an Old growth zone with 66% retention was discussed. Discussion followed regarding the buffers on the trail. This item (buffers) will be decided prior to the approval of the FSP, in consultation with CAG and PRPAWS. On site visits will be planned for this area.

The relocation of the trail was discussed, and Weyerhaeuser is willing to relocate the Saltery Bay section of the trail. CAG's wishes for a 60-meter reserve zone were expressed.

CAG members reported back to the group, after consulting with their constituents regarding the solutions and compromises. Members thanked Weyerhaeuser for the solutions proposed. Maps were available for members to view. The area favored by some CAG members for 100% retention was the McMillan Valley and High Falls Valley.

Question on how the plan for this area was going to be put into the zoning. It was noted that there would be one-hectare openings, harvesting to be done by helicopter, with 20 years between passes.

Question on whether the area was too steep according to the Forest Practices Code, and how accessible it would be for logging.

Response was that the area was not unstable.

Question from member "Concentrate the harvesting in one particular drainage area" to be noted in the detailed proposal?

Response from Weyerhaeuser- the regulation states that the FOP will address that point.

Question from member re paragraph added in response letter regarding Weyerhaeuser's previous commitments to Forest Development Plan.

Response from Weyerhaeuser. Would be willing to include this point (to remain committed to these goals) in the letter

Discussion on the location of the 100% in the High Falls area. It was noted that both stands contain 1300 cubic meters per hectare.

Question from member-when will all the old growth be gone?

Response from Weyerhaeuser was that the patches would be there for quite a while

Question from CAG on when the zoning project would be finished

Response from Weyerhaeuser – end of March at the latest. It was noted that the original June deadline for completion of the Pilot project for approval by Cabinet, would probably be stretched to September

Congratulations all around are in order now that CAG and Weyerhaeuser have completed discussions on zoning for the pilot project, and consensus has been reached.

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Question regarding CSA reporting system

Response from Weyerhaeuser was that yearly summary reports are issued, showing whether objectives have been met. Audits are done to make sure companies comply with CSA guidelines

Criteria and Critical Elements

Values and Goals

Discussion and brainstorming on the following critical elements took place and the group added the following:

4. Forest Ecosystem - Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles

a) Ecosystems Recycling Processes

Maintain or improve carbon sync.

Reduces co2 releases from wild or set fires

Maintain or improve forest through good forest practices and management

Limit permanent losses of forested area and cover to maintain its role in ecological cycles- including water cycles, carbon and others

b) Utilization and rejuvenation

Maintain representation of all stages of development in the forests ecosystem diversity

c) Protection from sustained deforestation or conversion to other uses

Maintain or improve forest base for vigor and productivity

5. Multiple Benefits to Society

b) Resource businesses exist within a fair and competitive investment and operating climate

Other resource businesses have access to the forest

Opportunities exist for the resource based businesses to thrive and grow

Forest practices support market and non market goods and services

Introduction to Indicators

Dennis Fitzgerald introduced the concept and the reasons for Indicators. It was noted that some of the group had already been to a workshop on Indicators. It was suggested that the resource people from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forests should be available to help with the task of developing Indicators.

The handout explaining the CSA's SFM hierarchy was available and explained to members.

Principles, Criteria, Values, Goals, Indicators, Objectives and Forecasts were explained.

Discussion on Indicators continued and some examples were given. Members began to understand the nature of the task they were faced with. Further background material on Indicators was provided –excerpted from a presentation by Robert Prescott-Allen.

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Reminder to members

Reports on how members report to their constituents will be due at next meeting, March 14th. Members were requested to E-mail or fax to the secretary.

Next meetings

March 14th Coast Hotel

March 21st Knights of Columbus Hall

March 28-30 Parksville workshop

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm

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Attendance

Present

Name	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz*	Primary	Recreation
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Training
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Janet May	Primary	Environment
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Joanne Cameron- Nordell	Primary	Local Business
<i>*Co- Chair</i>		

Absent

Ken Jackson*	Primary	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest

		Dependent
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

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser

Facilitator - **Cathy Bartfai -**

Secretary - **Pam Dowding -**