

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

September 12th, 2001

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:20pm: The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

Review of minutes from August 29th

Minutes of August 29th were reviewed and accepted. Minutes will be posted on the website.

Acceptance of Agenda

Additions to agenda were made.

Review of Action List

Action list was reviewed, and two items carried forward.

Website

Improvements and additions to the website were suggested

Publicity and advertising

Improvements and additions to newspaper advertisement were

discussed.

Weyerhaeuser's response to Lois River Road

Access issue

Written response from Weyerhaeuser was read to the group. Issues regarding Lois River Road De-activation (Mt. Diadem Access) were explained. Items included in the response were:

Background Information - FRBC -Forest renewal BC program history

Old culverts collapsed under weight of large backhoe which was used for project

New Instructions to Weyerhaeuser from Ministry of Forests -
Instructions from Ministry of Forests to remove culverts

Fish window extension request by FRBC project Planner - denied by
Ministry of Environment

2001 Activities - Work completed on the cross ditches along the east side Forest service road between August 16th and 24th. The cross ditches are now contoured, armoured, grass seeded to prevent erosion, and driveable.

Lois Bridge Status - unsafe for crossing. Road blocked by Ministry of Forests to

prevent vehicle access. Road to Mt. Diadem is driveable, the absence of a bridge

crossing makes it inaccessible to cars and trucks. Current access is still available using

the Forest Service Road that is located on the west side of the Lois River. This creates

a longer hike and the necessity to cross the Lois River on the way. This is a Ministry of

Forests issue since the bridge is located outside of

Weyerhaeuser's Tree Farm License.

Thanks from members for the response from Weyerhaeuser.

Photos of the area were shown, and it was noted that shaking activities were taking place in the area.

Reply to member's letter of resignation

Discussion regarding second, detailed reply to letter from Rita Rasmussen.

Continued search for new members

and alternates

Members discussed continued search for new member for the Environment seat, and to fill vacant alternate seats. Member noted that extended invitations were in place to the environmental community to talk to CAG and attend meetings.

Suggestions for future speakers

Suggestions for speakers for future meetings were made by members.

Beartooth /Stillwater Trails

Member withdrew original offer to clean up mess in the Stillwater trails area. Due to safety reasons and will provide information to Weyerhaeuser through maps.

Review of Indicators - Rod Tysdal

Members reviewed the Stillwater values, goals, and indicators document. It was noted that four meetings would be used to complete the review of indicators that will be written into the final

draft of the Sustainable Forest Management Plan. Comments and suggestions from Weyerhaeuser were considered and added to the document when the group agreed. Alternate ideas were also discussed.

Changes were made as follows:

Page 1 - 1a) Ecosystem Diversity

Age class distribution by *BEC variant and by Landscape* unit to be combined.

1a) Patches >500 hectares that are > 60 years of age, as % of BEC variant

Change to 80 years of age

Several questions arose that the group felt should be answered by the technical advisor, Tory Stevens * Senior Ecologist, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Pollution.

1a) Forest \geq 250 years of age, as percent of Landscape Unit biodiversity targets

**Question for Tory* maybe 225 years?*

Connectivity -

Patches \geq 500 hectares that are connected and are >60 years of age -

Change to 80 years of age-

**Question for Tory - guidelines for "connected"*

Stream classification -Include class S3 streams with class S1 and S2 streams

Group Class S4, S5 and S6 streams together.

Omit "Stand level retention by Landscape Unit" - already covered in #2 & #4

Page 2 - *Question* on whether identified species at risk, were *red and blue* listed

species. Answer - *yes*. Discussion on red and blue listed species, and community driven process for identifying species.

**Question for Tory regarding 3% minimum Old growth retention. Maybe should be 9%?*

Landscape Unit Planning establishes minimum requirement. Two levels of reserves one at Landscape level and one at Stand level.

Questions regarding availability of Old growth timber for small business were asked.

Response from Weyerhaeuser - There will be a good source for Old growth in the Powell Lake and Powell Daniels area.

Page 3 - % of trees naturally generated vs. trees planted

Substitute - # of tree growing figures

Request for a speaker from the seedling nurseries to speak to group on the subject of seed selection and genetically modified trees. This is already planned and will be arranged after the Indicators review and audit is complete.

Page 3 - Free growing stand composition -

Change to - Total number of trees at Free - to Grow vs. number of trees

planted by species

Page 3 -

2a) Number of areas >500 ha. at risk of mortality due to insect or disease attack.

**Question for Tory - why 500 hectares - is that too large?*

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2a) Area of prescribed burn-

Change to - Area of broadcast burn

2a) Annual percent of opening areas in permanent access structures

Add- (Roads, landings, pits)

Add - Areas of slides from harvested areas or debuilt roads?

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2b) Equivalent years of NSR -

Change to *Equivalent years of AAR (Area Awaiting Reforestation)*

2b) Age class distribution by landscape unit -

Add - and by BEC variant per #1

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Add - and by BEC variant per #1

Stream classifications throughout document to be grouped S1, S2 and S3,

and S4, S5 and S6

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2c) NSR -use AAR throughout document

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3a) Percent of rare physical environment identified, as compared to the DFA land

base - # of rare areas, # of rare types

**Question for Steve Gordon - further research needed for this indicator.*

3a) Annual percent of area in permanent access structures

delete - Annual from the above indicator

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*3b) Percent of opening areas in permanent access structures (roads, landings,
pits*

etc.)

Add- Annual percent of openings

3b) Where "permanent access structures" are noted - add- (Roads, landings, pits

etc.)

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*3c) Combine two indicators - Water quality and quantity measurements for
selected steams*

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4a) Total of productive forest in the DFA

delete - of

4a) Annual percent of area in permanent access structures

delete - Annual

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4b) Age class distribution -as per previous

Change to - by Bio-Geo-Climatic variant and by landscape unit

4c) Annual percent of area in permanent access structure

delete - Annual

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5a) Move - Economic stability in the community from Indicator to Goal column

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5b) Move - Local forest dependent small business viability to Goal column

5b) Move - Diversity Employment to Goal column

5b) Volume sold by species and grade to local entrepreneurs -

Change to - Annual volume sold by species and grade to local entrepreneurs

5b) Re-word indicator - Volume of marketable timber harvested annually

to - Annual volume of marketable timber harvested from the DFA

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5c) Community Economic Profile -

Question on where copy of data can be obtained

5c)

Question on how to track "# of businesses using the canoe route, Sunshine Coast

trail, Knuckleheads, Powell divide and other recreational features in the DFA

- Visitor's Infocentre maybe able to provide information - more research required

on this indicator

5c) # of public complaints regarding harvesting practices

Change to # of written comments regarding harvesting practices

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5c)

of km of trail access destroyed

Add- Annual # of km of trail access destroyed

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5c) cont.

km of 2wd roads and km of 4wd roads in remote areas with highway access

delete - in remote areas

km of 2wd and 4wd roads in remote areas not highway accessible

delete - in remote areas

Two indicators still to be discussed -

Degree of integration of Weyco's recreation inventory data and working field

maps

GIS overlay of recreation features programmed to be always printed on all

maps

Further discussion required on above indicators.

of safe parking areas and recreation sites and trails

Change to # of safe parking areas associated with recreation sites and trails.

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5c)

of km of debuilt roads

Add- *Annual # of debuilt roads*

Delete - *# of km of motorized recreation roads*

of km trail on top of *debuilt roads*

Add - *Annual accumulative # of km trail on top of debuilt roads*

Identify the # of public vandalism events that could possibly lead to future restrictions - *Work still to be done on this indicator*

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5c)

Delete - *Value -Employment in sector and Indicator- Compliance with FSP zoning - don't belong in that section*

Indicators will be put into the Sustainable Management Plan and brought back to the group for review.

Update on Pilot Project - Doug McCormick

Doug McCormick gave a brief update on the Pilot Project and noted that it was moving along quite well.

Landscape Unit Planning

Landscape Unit Planning is going well and according to plan. Two meetings have been held, one in July and one for two days this week, September 10th and 11th.

Old growth management areas have been discussed. Three areas almost complete as far as Landscape Unit Planning - Powell Daniels, Powell Lake, and Lois area.

Public review period for Landscape Unit Plan will be set up by the Ministry of Forests. Tentative date for public review period of 60 days is October 15th.

Website will be set up and updated monthly.

Maps will be on website.

CAG members wishing to preview website may do so at Weyerhaeuser's office

Maps available at Weyerhaeuser office for viewing

Members asked whether a presentation could be arranged for CAG members prior to public review period. Steve Gordon and Brian Smart could attend to answer questions.

It was requested that Ministry of Land, Air and Water, Ministry of Forests and Weyerhaeuser reps could make a joint presentation to CAG on wildlife zoning

Forest Stewardship Plan

Initial draft was sent out to Ministry of Forests. Suggested changes to format-original draft was too long.

***CAG members were invited to attend a conference call on Friday
September 14th,***

at 10-00am.

Access Management meeting

Minutes were available from the meeting of August 2nd. It was noted that members who attended should e-mail and talk about to Doug about further meetings and next steps in the process.

Question regarding First Nations Involvement

It was stated that Weyerhaeuser is committed to ongoing liaisons and consultations with First Nations. Meetings have been arranged with the Sechelt Indian Band. Meetings with Sliammon First Nations will also be ongoing.

Question regarding Timber Availability

Member asked about timber availability at the Stillwater dry land sort for local business.

Weyerhaeuser noted that the problems in the past had been addressed, and that timber was available at the dry land sort for local business. Weyerhaeuser will look back over history and then make commitment.

It was noted that talks had taken place with Alan Daigen from Nanaimo and Ray Balogh of Stillwater. An agreement in principle has been signed and a definite minimum amount will be made available (actual amount still to determined)

Local business should let Weyerhaeuser know what kind and how much timber they want in the future.

Commitment has been made in the Forest Stewardship Plan (Pilot Project) and also in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan regarding availability of timber for local business.

Question regarding Pesticide Applications

Member voiced concerns regarding the spraying that was taking place in the Atrevida loop trail area. Concerns that spraying was been done close to the trail and into Okeover stream. Member noted that many in the community were opposed to spraying.

Additions to Agenda

It was noted that if members wished to add to the agenda, they should inform the chair or facilitator a few days prior to the meeting, so that they could be accommodated and scheduled ahead of time.

Concerns regarding Weyerhaeuser's

Use of Genetic Engineering in Forestry

CAG member presented information from publication by "Weyerhaeuser Ambassadors" regarding Genetic Engineering in Forestry.

Concerns were raised on whether genetic engineering would eventually come to Weyerhaeuser's BC operations.

It was stressed that it was the consensus of the group that they did NOT want genetic engineering used in the local forest.

It was also noted that the group had emphatically stressed that they did NOT want any herbicide spraying in the local area.

Discussion on the above item and Weyerhaeuser stated that genetic engineering was not something that was being considered in this area at this time.

All seed that is used by Weyerhaeuser is certified. Information on seeds can be found from the Nurseries Association. Planned speaker for future meetings will include someone from the nurseries to come to talk to the members.

Next Meeting

It was announced that the next meeting will be held at the Coast Hotel, September 26th. Members were asked to RSVP by e-mail or phone for meetings.

Future meeting schedule as follows:

Sept 26 - Continue review of indicators

Oct 10th

Oct 24th

Nov 7th

Nov 21st - CSA Audit

Dec 5th

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm

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Attendance

Name	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Joanne Cameron-Brown	Primary	Local Business
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Absent		
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation

Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
10 seats in attendance	2 absent	
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	
Doug McCormick (late arrival)	Weyerhaeuser	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	