

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

September 26th, 2001

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:22pm: The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed members. It was noted that one more member was required to make a quorum. Introductions were made. One more member arrived to make quorum.

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted as posted. No additions to agenda were made.

Review of minutes from September 12th

Minutes of September 12th were reviewed and amendments noted. Minutes were accepted, and will be posted on the website.

Question on a term used in the indicators document was discussed. The term "stand level retention by landscape unit" was clarified by Weyerhaeuser, and the term "Stand level retention by stewardship zone" was discussed and it was noted that "stewardship zone" would be a more accurate term to use, since it separated the zones into timber, habitat, old growth and recreation zones. It was noted that the zones will be shown on the maps that will be shown at the public review.

Question regarding the suggestion for a meeting with Steve Gordon or Brian Smart - re wildlife polygons and whether a meeting could be arranged with CAG before October 15th which would be the start of the sixty day public review period for the Forest Stewardship Plan. It was noted that Daryl Reynolds from MLAW was now assigned to the Sunshine Coast area.

Review of Action List

Action list was reviewed, and seven items carried forward.

Discussion on how to fill vacant seats. It was noted that various inquiries have been made, and members continue to look for new to fill vacancies. Suggestion that an advertisement could be placed in newspaper with an invitation to attend a meeting.

2002 Meeting Schedule

The scheduled meeting dates for the year 2002 were discussed. Plans for future meetings were discussed. Suggestions included:

One monthly meeting instead of two

One educational meeting and one field trip per month

More public forum type meetings

Saturday forum- plan for educational series on forestry

Move open public meeting to a different day (4th Wednesday) so that other groups could have the opportunity to attend

It was decided to continue with two meetings for the time being, in order to get through the CSA certification and other tasks, and to book speakers for January, February and March next year.

It was decided that the frequency of meetings should be reviewed again in a few months.

Wish List for future meetings

Harold Long, MLA

Value Added business speaker

Seed stock representative from nursery

Robert Prescott-Allen

Laurel Brewster - Sierra Legal Defense

Herbicide/Pesticide information

Website update

Waiting for approval from committee - new items (response to public comments etc.) will be posted

Correspondence

Copies of Tory Steven's response were distributed, and it was noted that the response to CAG's questions was received within twenty- four hours by e-mail, and were handled in a very professional manner. Four questions were answered and discussed. Answers in italics were inserted into the indicators document.

Guidelines for age for defining old growth - *250 years*

Size of corridors between patches - *150 meters*

Minimum old growth retention 3% or 9% - *Goal 9%*

Size of patches in defining disease in the forest - suggested wording for indicator:

of significant outbreaks of disease requiring special management programs

BREAK 7:40 - 7:50PM

Review of Indicators - Rod Tysdal

Members continued with the review of the values, goals and indicators that will be written into the final draft of the Sustainable Forest Management Plan. Comments and suggestions from Weyerhaeuser were considered by members and added to the document wherever appropriate.

Changes were made as follows:

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6a) Social Values - The following goal was discussed and it was decided that it could be removed from the indicators, and could be revisited if ever the government changed the laws on private land

Goal - delete -*Forest management practices on Stillwater private land meets or exceeds the same performance standards (Forest practices code) as on public lands within the DFA*

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6a) Social Values

Goal - Company provides employment opportunities for local residents

It was noted that the member who was looking into this item was on vacation.

Item was put forward to next meeting.

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6b) Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

6c) Social and unique needs of Aboriginal peoples

It was noted that Weyerhaeuser will commit to ongoing consultations with First Nations.

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6d) The decision making process is developed with input from directly affected, local, interested parties.

Indicator - Compliance with consultation process

change to- Compliance with Stillwater Timberlands policy

Indicator - Maintain broad cross- section representation in CAG

Members discussed this item and decided to take it out of the indicators. The reasoning was that it was CAG's responsibility to fill seats. It was also noted that CSA does not require that public advisory groups such as CAG exist.

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6e) Decisions are made as a result of informed, inclusive and fair consultation with people who have an interest in forest management or are affected by forest management decisions.

Indicator - A public communication and consultation policy exists

Add - including information availability to the public. (office, website)

Delete - Information is available to the public at the Stillwater Timberlands office during regular working hours.

This item covered in the previous indicator (First on page 24)

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6e) cont.

Value - Dispute Resolution process-

Weyerhaeuser noted that the company is not prepared to implement a new plan.

Change value to - *Public communication and consultation*

Goal - An effective process exists for problem solving at the community level

Change to - *An effective process exists for communication and consultation at the community level.*

Indicator - Public communication and consultation process developed and implemented (to include a plan for dispute resolution)

Change to - *Public communication and consultation process developed and implemented, including existing formal and informal dispute resolution processes.*

6f) Collective understanding of forest ecosystems, values and management is increased and used in the decision-making process.

Discussion - Information on forest curriculum in the public schools was circulated - no feedback received. Member to follow up

Pesticides

Member voiced concerns regarding the continued use of pesticides in the TFL.

Permits have been issued. It was noted that some appeals are in place. Weyerhaeuser explained the position as it stands. Management program involves mechanical brushing in sensitive areas, as well as herbicides in other areas. Water quality is measured regularly.

Goal of CAG is still to have NO herbicides or pesticides used in the area.

It was noted that Weyerhaeuser has an obligation to listen to the Community, but cannot meet all goals.

It was noted that Weyerhaeuser will provide a response with an explanation to CAG's concerns (regarding pesticide use) in the Sustainable Forest Management Plan. Maps will be available to the group showing spraying areas. Permits are advertised in the local newspaper, and can be viewed at the Weyerhaeuser office.

Members stressed their position that they are opposed to the use of *Vision and Release* type herbicides. CAG members hoped that Weyerhaeuser would move towards NOT using herbicides in the future.

Members requested that when advertisements regarding pesticide spraying are placed in the newspaper, they could be brought to CAG's attention

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Members also requested that notices regarding closures of roads be brought to their attention.

Indicators - cont.

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5c) # of businesses servicing the Canoe route-

This indicator was discussed and it was agreed that it was difficult or impossible to track an accurate number of uses.

Delete the above indicator

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5c) GIS overlay of recreation features programmed to be always printed on maps

Change to- *GIS overlay of recreation features programmed to be always printed on all working and operational maps*

Trails that are not registered were discussed, and CAG members wishes are that *all* trails show on the maps that are available to workers in the bush. It was suggested that Weyerhaeuser could get together with the hiker's and climber's organizations to find out where the "informal" trails are located.

Suggestion was made for a sub-committee to look at maps and identify important features. Weyerhaeuser noted that an updated Recreation inventory was produced by the government every five years.

Delete - Degree of integration of Weyco's recreation inventory data and working field maps.

Add - On going consultation with CAG and user groups to identify recreational features

Add - Alternate trails are established prior to harvesting of cutblocks, appropriate for those areas. The Sunshine Coast Trail was used as an example in this case.

Access - Recreation plan

Suggestion was made by Weyerhaeuser to develop a separate plan for recreation and access issues in the future.

Next Meeting

It was announced that the next meeting will be held at the Coast Hotel, October 10th, Members were asked to RSVP by e-mail or phone for meetings.

Future meeting schedule as follows:

Oct 10th - continue with review of indicators

Oct 24th

Nov 7th

Nov 21st - CSA Audit

Dec 5th-

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Meeting adjourned 9:28 pm.

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Attendance

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

7 seats in attendance	5 absent	
Resource - other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	
Dennis Fitzgerald	Weyerhaeuser	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	