

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

May 22nd, 2002

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:30pm: The chair opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

Agenda

Agenda was accepted.

Review of Minutes from May 8th

The minutes from May 8th were reviewed and accepted. The minutes will be posted to the website www.cagstw.org

Question was asked by member regarding the habitat meeting that was held on May 15th with Ministry of Water, Land and Air protection.

Answer: Meeting was held between Weyerhaeuser staff and the ministry. Concerns around Marbled murrelets are being addressed. It was noted that they need mossy, steep, rocky areas and trees with big limbs to fly in and out. Ministry and Weyerhaeuser staff has been flying over the habitat areas by helicopter to evaluate.

It was noted that there are three Landscape units in the TFL still to be finalized:

Lois

Powell Divide

Powell Lake

Review of Action List from May 8th

The action list was reviewed and several items discussed-

Several action items - on-going - progress being made

Review of Recreation sites

It was noted that the Ministry of Sustainable Resource management has done a review of recreation sites, and updated study it will soon be available on line.

ACTION – Member will provide website address and send out electronically for comment - copies will also be printed out for the group

Correspondence

Copies of thank you letters to guest speakers were provided.

A copy of letter of May 9th from Doug McCormick was provided.

Copy of group's final letter of May 14th regarding FSP comments and concerns was provided.

Member asked what the "*other groups and agencies*" that are involved in discussions regarding the FSP (referred to in the letter from Weyerhaeuser) were.

ACTION – List of "other groups and agencies" will be provided

Green up and retention

Discussion regarding green-up and retention – member noted that at open house – forest tour, comments made about VR and how long trees would stay were not consistent with what has been discussed previously. It was noted that CAG understood that the VR patches would stay "in perpetuity". It is understood that over the next sixty years forest management knowledge may increase and possibly change and while the level of retention will remain the same, ***in rare circumstances***, the patches could be moved to another spot to achieve more positive results. Some reasons for moving them could be because of blowdown, disease or changing conditions.

E-mail correspondence from IWA member was read out and short discussion on green up and time between cuts. It was noted that about four years across the board would be the time between cuts.

Correspondence – Jessica Clogg replied to recent request from CAG to comment on the new Forest Practices code.

New FSC proposal and discussion paper

ACTION – Facilitator will review new FSC proposal and discussion paper and see how it compares to CSA

Virus Alert

Members were asked to be aware of viruses on e-mails and to be sure to get anti-virus protection on computers.

SFMP update – Rod Tysdal

Updated items to the SFMP were noted.

Annual allocation for small business program- updated historical information with indicators

Improvements made to some forecasts

Updated copies of indicators were provided for members. Items added were First Nations Goals and values.

Open House

It was noted that some funds are available to CAG to hold an annual Open House for the community. Members suggested that since an open house would require some planning, a date in September or October, after the summer recess, would be preferred.

SFMP Annual Summary Report

Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser Stillwater Timberlands will prepare an annual summary report to CAG and the public. Example of report from North Island Timberlands was shown. Report on performance of indicators and objectives will be included in summary report.

Rescheduling June meeting

Discussion regarding the re-scheduling of the June 26th meeting to June 19th.

CSA changes review of criteria

It was noted that new changes are planned for CSA criteria. Rod will attend Nanaimo meeting and report back to the group on changes. It was noted that there are some complex items such as global warming to consider. Member was suggested that Weyerhaeuser analyze the changes and report back to CAG on the items that will affect Weyerhaeuser's local operations

Member asked whether it was easier for companies to follow the FSP plan or to answer to the Forest practices Code

Response - Company has to answer to both FSP and Code. More time will be spent on enforcement in future. It was noted that there would be no amendments to the resource development plans in future- previously major amendments were allowed to forest development plans.

Results Based Forest Practices code

It was noted that Rod Tysdal will attend meeting scheduled in Nanaimo on May 29th. Report to CAG on the meeting will be available at next meeting June 12th.

Break 8:30 – 8:45pm

Phillips Arm trip discussion

Members were asked to give names and numbers to Rod for finalizing plans for trip to Phillips Arm on Aug 10 –11 2002.

Resignation of Member for Motorized Recreation

Letter of resignation was read to the group. New members for motorized recreation (primary and alternate) have been found.

Forest Tour

Member provided photographs of the group on the forest tour on May 11th.

Open House

Members discussed the annual open house, and suggestions were made.

Members agreed to hold open house later in the year – September or October

Information on Forest Education could be made available to the public

Maps to made available – member noted numerous requests from the public for maps

Prepare comment sheet for feedback from the public

Terms of Reference Review and Acceptance

Sub-committee gave overview of changes to Terms of Reference. Members agreed to accept changes as discussed and amended. Final electronic copy of changes will be sent out to members.

Forest Education Planning update

Sub committee for forest education reported on three meetings that have been held so far. Chair of the sub-committee has met with the school board and asked for direction. A positive response was received, and it was noted that a real program was needed. Other school boards in the province will be checked. It was suggested that a small woodlot would be ideal for students, and members noted that the school board owns land that could be used. Member also noted that part of a community forest (if available) could be used for teaching. It was noted that no further sub committee meetings would be needed. Further information will be sent by e-mail to all CAG members.

Recreation Policy Changes

Member noted that the government had backtracked on commercial opportunities for recreation sites and is now pursuing non-profit groups.

Vandalism at Dodd Lake – discussion

Members discussed recent vandalism at Dodd Lake, and questioned whether any non-profit group could look after camp sites where garbage, broken glass and vandalism was a problem. Member also noted that a stolen truck was driven into the lake. Liability was discussed and members noted that if not maintained, facilities would be closed down or destroyed. Member asked about clean water at Dodd Lake, and noted that the problem of vehicles in the lake was a concern. Member noted that tax dollars that were previously used for to provide maintenance of facilities were no longer available due to recent cutbacks. It was noted that the core services review committee had decided which programs should be cut.

Member noted that another ministry had formed a committee to review recreation operations in B.C.

ACTION – Representative from new committee with Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection to be invited to speak to CAG members regarding the future of recreation sites

It was noted that other vandalism in the community had been cleaned up by the student union. Other acts of vandalism in the community were discussed and it was noted that it was not always grads, but older youths that were involved. It was suggested that other solutions could be found for the vandalism that takes place in the community.

Access

Member noted that access to Dodd Lake was difficult because of poor road.

Weyerhaeuser noted that \$100,000 from FIA funding for recreation was proposed for repairs to the Canoe route and to fix up campsites this year.

Member noted that access was closed to several recreation sites that were not advertised:

Mainline at 32

Emma Lake

A800

Prospector's Trail up Ironface

Tee Lake Trail to Mount Alfred

Gulley trail to Mount Alfred

Higgy Hell Trail up to Ironface

Access to all rock climbing in the Eldred Valley

MoF facility at Centre Lakes Trail

Route to Slide and Baldy

Bear Tooth Trail

Frieda Mountain Trail – heli-logging

ACTION – List of closures to be e-mailed or faxed by member to Weyerhaeuser and will be looked into and situation rectified.

Values and Goals

Updated copies of the Values and Goals and Indicators were supplied as an appendix to the SFM Plan. Discussion will take place at next meeting

Next meeting – Coast Hotel - June 12, 2002

Meeting adjourned 8:45PM

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
May 22nd 2002		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Recreation
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Planning
Doug Fugge	Primary	Youth
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation

ABSENT

Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Karen Duff	Alternate	Citizens
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Taylor Holbrook	Alternate	Youth
Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
<i>8 seats in attendance</i>		
Resource – other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	