

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

April 2nd 2003

Minutes

Coast Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:00pm: Dinner

6:22pm: Meeting called to order

Acceptance of Agenda and additions

Agenda was reviewed and additions made. Agenda accepted as amended.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed new second alternate member for contractors seat, Kevin McKamey, RPF. Also introduced were Dennis Fitzgerald of Weyerhaeuser and Greg Hemphill, District Manager for Sunshine Coast Forest District. CAG members introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes

Minutes of March 12th were reviewed and amended. Minutes were accepted as amended. Facilitator confirmed that the former primary member for municipal council was now the alternate.

Safety procedures

Facilitator informed new members of fire exits and first aid stations in the building. The Code of Conduct was also posted.

Review of Action List

Action list from March 12th was reviewed. Most items complete but several items are still on going.

Correspondence

Members were provided with several items of e-mail correspondence. (FYI). It was noted that an invitation will be issued to Allan Lidstone to talk to CAG on the working forest initiative.

ACTION – Facilitator will invite Allan Lidstone to CAG meeting re: working forest initiative.

Terms of Reference

Members were provided with copies of the Terms of Reference and were asked by facilitator to review and e-mail the sub-committee members with any suggested updates or changes.

Pace Group

Notice from the Chamber of Commerce

Rod noted that a group that might be of interest to value added wood businesses was visiting 27 communities in BC. More information available on request.

Certification Watch Conference

It was noted that members and facilitator attended the recent third annual Certification Watch Conference in Vancouver and Campbell River. Facilitator noted that 350 participants, all interested in learning more about certification attended the conference. Publications and pamphlets from the conference were on display for the group. The three main certification programs discussed were – CSA, SFI and FSC (with interim BC standards). It was noted that certification in most cases improved community relations and was industry driven. A wide variety of people attended including university students from all over the world, First Nations, company presidents and government officials. Facilitator noted that the four coastal advisory groups that attended had a booth that was very well received. Many questions regarding the advisory groups were

asked. Dennis noted that the Coastal Advisory Groups' booth was the most interesting. Facilitator noted that there is a need to get more forestry education in schools and noted that forestry programs at UBC were down 73% from previous years.

Coastal Community Advisory Groups Conference

Dennis noted that there will be a conference that will take place on May 30 – 31 in Courtenay. Conference will be held in Courtenay, as it is a convenient location for most of the island groups. It is expected that six or eight members from each group will attend. Facilitator asked for a show of hands from members interested in attending. Draft agenda will be e-mailed to members when complete.

ACTION – Draft agenda for Coastal Advisory groups' conference to be e-mailed to members.

Rainy Day Lake Fish Farm proposal

Member informed the group of a proposal for a fish farm in the Rainy Day Lake area, 4km up the Saltery Bay Main. It was noted that Rainy Day Lake is a small lake – 25 hectares. Members noted that the lake was buffered according to CAG's request, with 30 meters, and that was written into the FSP. It was also noted that the Sunshine Coast Trail touches the lake. A campsite has been built there by PRPAWS and is well used by recreationalists, hikers and fishermen.

Member noted that several discrepancies were found in the application –

Lake is not large enough – needs to be 160 hectares minimum size

Method of disposal of waste – no composting facilities available in Powell River

Number of fish harvest predicted – (Chinook, Rainbow and Atlantic salmon) not consistent- 50,000kg or 100,000 kgs?

Flow – Lake is fed from seasonal streams from Mt. Troubridge – creeks dry up in summer and fall, not enough water

Temperature – water will be too warm in summer

Presence of indigenous fish stated as zero – 0. Member noted that there are fish in the lake and it is a popular spot for fishermen

Lake not deep enough – shallow around the shore and only 48 meters deep in the middle

Fish waste material – method of collection – tarps – not feasible without causing pollution

Area between road and lake where structures would be built – not acceptable, area lies inside the 30 meter FSP buffer zone

Members agreed to review research material provided by PRPAWS when available and to continue discussion at next CAG meeting, April 9th. Member noted that the proposal was in the referral stage and the closing date is May 15th. Members discussed whether a fish farm was in the group's mandate, and agreed that it would have a serious impact on recreation values that had been created by CAG. Greg noted that others were involved in the decision making process, Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional District of Powell River, Sechelt and Sliammon First Nations.

ACTION - Research material on Rainy Day Lake fish farm proposal will be forwarded to CAG members by e-mail.

Greg Hemphill

Forestry Revitalization Plan

Members were provided with copies of the new Forestry Revitalization Plan.

Questions were asked regarding the new forest revitalization plan and wondered what role the Ministry of Sustainable Resource management played?

It was explained that there are some overlaps with three ministries working on forestry issues. It was noted that the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Air protection and the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management all had different roles to play. Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management is involved with strategic high level planning.

Land Use planning and Landscape Unit planning were discussed, Greg noted that some planning had already been done for the Sunshine Coast and mid-coast area but the focus and funding had been switched to the Sea to Sky area in view of the Olympic bid.

Working Forest Initiative

The recent forum that was held in Powell River was discussed. It was noted that the zoning and management for working forest initiatives was being done across the province, and was complicated due to the fact that more than one ministry was involved. Ministry of Sustainable Resource looks after the whole land base, not just timber resources, and tries to manage on a sustainable basis.

Question – Higher level plans should be monitored, who will monitor and look at measurables when funding appears to be in short supply?

Answer – There appears to be three different groups – all will do monitoring.

Question – How will the working forest change things and how will the 20% cutback affect workers? Will there be loss of jobs?

Answer – Things won't change – objectives are that there will be security for investments due to

Better planning , zoning

Government is making decisions what plans are for balancing objectives – wildlife/timber etc.

Question – Will there be zoning and community values in the new process?

Answer – Interest groups will be involved in some components, visual quality and winter ranges will be taken into account.

Recreation Sites

Greg noted that proposals of interest had been received and hopefully some signed agreements will be in place by the end of April. Provincial Government will provide liability coverage under an umbrella insurance policy. Details to be worked out regarding enhanced recreation sites and fee structures for services. Weyerhaeuser has put in a proposal for the canoe route. A proposal is also being considered for the Dinner Rock site. Member noted that the Alpine/Knuckleheads area seems to be user-maintained at present.

Question – How can Powell Riverites participate in a similar process for TSA lands?

Answer – Powell River is not on the list for LRMPS (Land and Resource Management Plans) Some data was gathered for this area but was pushed aside in favour of the Sea to Sky corridor. Land use planning is already completed for

this district. As far as Ministry of Sustainable Resources is concerned, Powell River is down on the list – a number of other initiatives are going on – Okeover Inlet, Goat winter ranges and wildlife habitat areas are being looked at.

Member noted that the LRMP won't be done but Land Use planning will be done.

Question – How will the new Forest Revitalization Plan affect the timing of other processes completed before new processes begin? How will things be coordinated?

Answer – An overview of the development and implementation of plans is available on the website www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan

Break – 7:45pm – 8:00pm

Greg continued discussion on the new proposed changes outlined in the Forestry Revitalization Plan. It was noted that BC depends on the forestry sector for revenue and jobs. New plans outlined will improve its competitiveness in the global market place. Policy changes will improve many areas and remove the level of uncertainty.

Timber Re-allocation

Greg noted that 20% volume of the AAC currently held by licensees that hold over 200,000 cubic meters will be removed, and from the 20%, 50% will move into the competitive log market to create a creative pricing system (market based)

The other 50% will allocated to:

First nations

Small community based tenures

Woodlots

It was noted that a timber re-allocation team is working on the details. Benefits include new opportunities for First Nations and new jobs for others. More woodlot licenses will be awarded – Powell River is in a good position.

Question – How will 20% be taken out of TFL 39 Block 1?

Answer – Process is still being developed.

Question –What about new pricing policy?

Answer – Pricing will be representative of the timber profile.

Question – For the 20% will specific blocks be allocated from TFL 39 Block 1?

Answer - Overall strategy will be a mix. Planning is required to re-chart operating areas – details are still being worked out.

Rod noted that Theodosia and its salmon runs are traditionally Sliammon territory – Sliammon may want that particular area. Also, the Inland Lake area may be an area of interest for community forest. The Sechelt band south of Powell River may be interested in the south end of Lois Lake.

Question – Who will make decisions and how long will it take?

Answer – Teams will work in layers and will take 2 – 3 years to develop. Legislation goes into effect April 1st.

Ministry of Forests will be in control of pricing and sets baseline for stumpage. Softwood lumber - countervail duties to be considered.

First Nation's consultations - agreements have to be worked out.

Community tenures – woodlots needed, and planning and consultation required.

Question – Regarding the Rainy Day Lake area that has 30-meter buffer according to FSP zoning, what happens to zoning with 5% takeback now?

Answer – Zoning will stay. Options re 5% are not finalized, Ministry of Forests is doing a lot of planning, but a community forest could come out of that.

Question – Will First Nations sell wood back to Weyerhaeuser?

Answer – Larger competitive log market will attract new players. Social component for First nations is huge and creates a new level of certainty. The old model wasn't working and jobs were down.

Question – Any concerns regarding a few large players affecting auction prices?

Answer – Maybe some other companies will have an interest in the process. If some progress is made with the softwood lumber dispute, pricing will move forward. It is a huge priority and benefit to settle the softwood lumber dispute.

Question – Twenty-seven companies have AAC in excess of 200,000 cubic meters, all will lose 20%, but since Weyerhaeuser bought M & B, and there is a 5% clawback agreement, will Weyerhaeuser lose 25%?

Answer – Yes, but decision has not yet been made as to reallocate the volume—there is an interest in a community forest, and treaty settlements of 21,000 cubic meters. Volume is available to both First Nations and community, and new opportunities will come out.

Question – Is any part of the 50% available for value added businesses?

Answer – Government has said all wood will be sold competitively, will be more market driven and may cost more. BC Timber sales will work with manufacturers.

Question – What is the new role for Small Business Enterprises.

Answer – Now SBFEP has been changed into BC Timber Sales, a new organization. Objective will be to make timber available to small operators. BC Timber sales will continue with existing staff based in Campbell River and serving south Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast and Powell River area.

Rod noted that the 20% + 5% (150,000 cubic meters) will make a significant impact on Weyerhaeuser.

Question – How will changes impact jobs?

Answer – Won't result in job loss, and will create stability over the long term. Before volume goes to First nations there will have to be joint ventures, plans, proposals etc.

Question – Any comment on Bill 13?

Answer – Active discussions going on, trying to streamline solutions between loggers/government, and come up with solutions that are less costly.

Question – What kind of time frame to implement changes?

Answer – Three years maximum – pricing policies to be as soon as possible across the province. For First Nations, policy work and negotiations are to be scheduled. For small tenures – will try to streamline administration requirements.

Question – Is the Forest Service still involved in public recreation site maintenance?

Answer – No, not involved any more –

Question – If not maintained. Will it look like the Wild West?

Answer - Some areas have resource conflicts and high use and have more problems than Powell River (Chilliwack for example)

Question – Will Ministry of Forests have more staff out in the bush doing inspections etc?

Answer – Provisions for inspections have been made – focus is on results based.

Question – Will Weyerhaeuser get more or less?

Answer – Increase in sustainable AAC. AAC has just gone up and new process will be based on AAC on April 1st.

Question – Will 20,000 cubic meters still be available for small business?

Answer – According to the timber supply review, TFL 39 block 1 is in good shape and will pick up in the future – that is good news for jobs.

Ministry of Forests involvement with CAG

Member asked what involvement CAG could expect with Ministry of Forests. Greg noted that they would be available to answer questions when topics come up. It was also noted that a slide show presentation on proposed changes is available and could be shown to CAG members if requested. Members noted that they would like to see the slide show at a future meeting. Greg also noted that some CD's that have been produced by the government of BC Market outreach network, and filmed in the Stillwater area, may be of interest to CAG.

ACTION – Facilitator will get information on CD's from Doug at Weyerhaeuser

Other Business

Powell Lake heli-logging

Member voiced concerns about heli-logging in Powell Lake (Goat Island blocks) and cabin owners were unable to get to the cabins. Rod noted that there might be times when cabins may not be accessible for safety reasons.

It was noted that the area will be inspected. Future meeting (April 23rd) will include discussion on heli-logging on agenda.

Community Forest

Member suggested that a community forest could come out of the 20% and 5% timber re-allocation. Greg noted that there is already a proposal tied to the 5% and municipal council is in a good position to negotiate. It was agreed to table the discussion until the meeting of April 9th, when more information may be available.

Coastal Voice

Member asked whether the recordable incident rate that is recorded weekly in the "Coastal Voice" is just for Weyerhaeuser employees, or whether it includes contractors.

Rod noted that at present only Weyerhaeuser employees are recorded, but the company is working to get contractors in place to get recordable incidents (when medical care is required) reported.

Suicide Creek logging

Member asked when logging is scheduled to begin in the Suicide Creek area.

ACTION - Rod will get answer about Suicide Creek logging start date.

Grizzly Truth publication

Member suggested that CAG members may wish to receive the Stillwater publication "Grizzly Truth", since it contains local news and may be of interest.

Members agreed that they would welcome the chance to read the "Grizzly Truth".

ACTION – Arrangements will be made for members to receive the "Grizzly Truth".

Goat 2 – slide

Member noted that there had been a slide on Goat 2.

Rod noted that Weyerhaeuser is aware of the slide, which was a natural occurrence, and agencies have been notified. Problem will be addressed and Geotech and EMS reports are pending. It was noted that the area will be cleaned up.

Next Meeting – April 9th

Meeting adjourned 9:12pm

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Attendance

Name	Position	Member Seat
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Reg)
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Dave Perrin	Alternate	IWA
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
<i>10 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
John Passek	Primary	Motorized Rec.
Russell Storry	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)

Kathleen O’Neil	Primary	Education
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Rec.
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jason Lennox	Alternate	Tourism
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Resource – other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Dennis Fitzgerald	Weyerhaeuser	Vancouver
Greg Hemphill	Ministry of Forests	Sunshine Coast Forest District Mgr
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	