

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

February 12th 2003

Minutes

Coast Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:00pm: Dinner

6:17pm: Meeting called to order

Introductions

Introductions were made – new members were introduced to the group by the chair. It was noted that all seats were represented except for First Nations. It was noted that there was still a vacancy in the Youth sector. Members introduced themselves and spoke about the sector they represented. Chair thanked members for giving up their time twice a month and noted that meetings were well attended. Seating arrangements were discussed and members agreed to a square formation of tables.

Acceptance of Agenda and additions

Agenda was reviewed and additions made. Agenda accepted as amended

Review of Minutes

Minutes of January 22nd were reviewed and accepted. Member asked whether QMI audit details in the minutes would be posted to the website. It was noted that QMI requested that their "in camera" audit was not for publication but the business portion of the meeting would be posted.

Minutes of Access sub-committee meeting of January 29th were

amended and accepted.

Facilitator noted that members could contact secretary by e-mail or phone with any further amendments to minutes.

Safety procedures

Facilitator informed new members of fire exits and first aid stations in the building.

FSP on the ground audit #1

Stillwater Pilot Project

Doug McCormick provided handouts of the draft report of the FSP audit that took place October 2002. Copy of an example of a checklist used in the audit with twenty-three items was provided for the CAG library. It was noted that ten cutblocks per year will be audited. The first audit included four cutblocks. It was noted that personnel from the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, and Weyerhaeuser were present for the audit. One member of the Community Advisory Group also participated. First day was spent at the Stillwater office and the second and third days out in the field. Areas audited were:

ST-268 (harvesting in progress)

Fifty-two targets and strategies applicable to ST-268 were audited with good results. Some opportunities for improvement were noted – Visual Quality Assessment around Dodd Lake must be met from each individual viewpoint, pictures to be taken of results. File documentation of Visual Assessment was incomplete – action plan in place. Loading out left debris in the reserve area near stream along Dodd Lake – action plan in place to ensure contract supervisor ensures debris is removed from reserve zone. SOP's to be amended to include same information regarding removal of debris.

ST-237C (future block, CP approved)

Field audit could not be completed due to foggy weather conditions, but will be done next time. Office audit identified one minor nonconformance regarding Visual quality objectives of partial retention. Action plan in place to ensure copies of visual quality

assessments and rationale for any changes are placed on file

BT-633 (harvesting completed)

Fifty-seven targets and strategies applicable to ST-237C were audited with good results. Field audit was done and it was noted that three-quarters of an S-6 stream was covered with debris. Area had been machine cleaned with a large grapple. The audit team concluded that there was very little likelihood of environmental impact from the harvest debris covering the stream. Action plan in place – In future, where there are no specific concerns identified in the stream prescription, HP foresters to include a statement to follow best practices or minimize impacts in the prescription. It was suggested that ten minutes of hand cleaning may have achieved better results. It was also reported that the helicopter had dragged off the tops of eight trees in the middle of the block. It was noted that the visual impact was met and actual visual result was better than the projected image. It was noted that the damage to trees could have been avoided if the helicopter changed its flight path. Action plan in place to review SOP's and safety issues, and warning statement to include statement "where the Harvest Plan cannot be implemented STOP WORK immediately until plan is amended."

LC-670 (completed road)

Twenty-two targets and strategies applicable to spur LC-670 were audited with good results. It was noted that excellent road construction had taken been completed using crushed rock within the Haslam Lang community watershed.

Opportunities for improvement – The cutting permit for CP 2K was reviewed and it was noted that exhibit A map was missing from the file. Action plan in place to ensure that exhibit A maps are included in CP files approved under FSP in the future.

Review of Visual Quality Objectives

Questions were raised regarding visual quality assessments and objectives. It was decided that the subject was too complex to address at this meeting and was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Question -Member asked when cleanup would be done in the 30-meter reserve zone of ST-268.

Answer -Timeline for completion of cleanup is February 21st.

Operational Information Map

Operational information map was shown and members reviewed current activities, what's new on the map-new roads, new blocks, new salvage areas and cutting permit approved areas. Handout with details of map updates was provided.

Question was asked regarding the area around rainbow Lodge – goat habitat

Answer – Nothing planned until next year – company is still consulting with neighboring cabin –owners.

Labour concerns

Member expressed concerns about the helicopter taking the tops off trees and the amount of heli-logging taking place. Concerns were raised regarding the way logs are taken out of the forest by sky cranes, (piloted by out-of town pilots) eliminating jobs on the ground that could be done by grapple loaders. It was noted that helicopters are faster, easier and quicker for the company, but at the cost of employment for local loggers.

Rod noted that he would check with the planners at the office to see what they have to say on the subject.

ACTION-Facilitator suggested that concerns be addressed in writing and suggested a meeting between member and engineering staff to discuss issues.

CSA Audit – January 2003

Rod provided copies of the Environmental Certification Audit Summary of the audit that took place January 2003. It was noted that the company passed the ISO and chain of custody surveillance audit and will be able to include Block 5 (Phillips Arm) in the CSA certification. Only two minor non-conformances were recorded:

Minor document control issue re Spill Contingency plan.

Some training records not recorded.

Action plans will be submitted to the auditors and when approved, a current Certification Certificate will be re-issued, reflecting the addition on TFL39 Block 5 (Phillips Arm).

Rod noted that the auditors were impressed by the CAG website and thought that the CAG indicators covered a good range. The auditors suggested twenty items for review.

Member requested a copy of the items for CAG.

ACTION – Rod will provide a copy of twenty items recommended for review.

Question from member regarding spill contingency plans at the dry land sort now that it is owned by another company.

Answer - Plans to be done under EMS by the end of March.

Question – C AG asked for a formal review on the 100% ban on pesticides.

Answer – Opportunities for improvement have been noted, such as assistance with socio-economic values – Rod will bring list to next meeting.

ACTION – Opportunities for improvement list to be provided for members.

Forest Certification Watch

Handout was provided with information on Conference to take place in Vancouver. It was noted that the deadline for applications for scholarships has been extended. Coastal Community Advisory Group will have a booth at the conference. Facilitator asked for volunteers to look after booth. Two members showed an interest in attending.

Coastal Community Advisory Groups Conference

It was noted that there will be a conference that will take place in the spring. Workshops on social indicators and other items will be held.

BREAK 7:35-7:55pm

Sludge - Biosolids

Rod noted that he was waiting for an update report on the issues surrounding the use of biosolids in TFL39 Block 1.

Member noted that the trial permit has not yet been approved for the first phase of the trial that was to take place on Norske Canada's land in Wildwood. The second phase was to take place on Weyerhaeuser's TFL39 Block 1. It was noted that both Sliammon and Wildwood ratepayers were opposed to the trial at the poplar farm in Wildwood.

It was noted that the group had already heard from Mike Van Ham from the company Sylvis Environmental, but there were new members who would like to hear from both sides. It was agreed to arrange for two speakers to address the group on the subject in the near future.

ACTION- Facilitator will arrange for speakers from both sides to attend CAG meeting in March to answer questions.

Question – Where would sludge go if not used here?

Answer – Would be shipped out of town.

Log Sales for 2002

Information will be available at next meeting.

Access Meeting

Member reported that the meeting that was held on January 29th was a good meeting with lots of discussion around signage. Rod will show signs to CAG when finished. Suggestions still requested for more friendly type warning signs. All suggestions regarding signs welcome from the group. Member strongly advised that a sign is needed at the junction on Tin Hat and Stillwater Main – (dangerous junction). Member asked who would put up signage on the Wildwood Main – Weyerhaeuser is responsible for both roads.

Iissaak Forest Resources

Handout was provided for group. Background information regarding historical agreements was provided. Iissaak Forest Resources developed joint agreements between five First Nations of Vancouver Island and a

Central Region Board to manage forest lands. It was noted that they were certified based on international standards. Allowable cut was noted at 123,000 cubic meters with 30% available for small local business. Member asked whether the 30% available was for a specific species. Rod will get in touch with area forester and get information on species. Facilitator noted that more information was available on the website www.iisaak.com. Member noted that the new issue of "National Geographic" features Iissaak Forest Resources.

ACTION – Information to be provided regarding 30% available for local business (re: species)

Member's concerns regarding wood fibre and engineered wood

Member attended builders show in the states and noticed that Weyerhaeuser stand featured chipped wood products, engineered wood and veneers – only a third of the display showed valuable solid cedar wood products. Concerns regarding Canadian wood being chipped and used for doors, windows etc. Trends towards veneered wood seemed to be obvious. Concerns regarding the age of trees cut down were noted and concern about trees that are only fifty years old being cut.

Rod noted that in the Powell River area there were lots of stands that are eighty years old and trees that are only forty or fifty years old won't be cut. He also noted that logging history is different on Vancouver Island. Facilitator suggested reviewing the situation when values and goals are reviewed for the SFMP next fall. Another member suggested that a speaker who is a Forest economist could give more information to the group on marketing trends. Members agreed that they would welcome a speaker on Forest Economy.

ACTION – Facilitator will arrange for Forest Economist to speak to the group.

Millennium Park

Members noted that negotiations are continuing and there are no new developments.

Homework

Members were asked to report on how they relay information from CAG meetings to their constituents. Reminder will be sent by e-mail. Three members handed in reports.

Meeting Plans for 2003

Items that are to be discussed and included in future meetings are as follows:

First Nations

Log Summary

VQO

Biosolids

Forest Economist Speaker

AGM – June

Open House

Forest Week

Career Fair

Review of Indicators

Herbicides and Pesticides

Member noted that auditors gave some ideas on the re-wording of indicators e.g. herbicide issues. Suggestion was made to form committee to work on re-wording. Member noted that herbicides and pesticides were not used at all on Vancouver Island and asked for reasons why not the same in this area. Another member noted that there are many innovative alternatives that are not being used. Facilitator asked about research and what is being done to focus on alternatives. Rod noted that naturally occurring fungi was used for salmonberry with some success. Facilitator suggested that members give ideas and questions to Rod and questions will be answered. Member suggested a suggestion box, placed on the table at meetings that could be anonymous and useful.

ACTION – Suggestion box to be provided at meetings.

Dry Land Sort Update

It was reported that the Dry Land sort will go to ten hours a day, seven days a week. Employment will be increased from twenty-one to forty-two employees. No hauling to be done on weekends since WCB requires a pilot car.

Sub-committee for rewording of indicators

Four members volunteered to be on the sub- committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
Feb 12th 2003		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)
Russell Storry	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment

Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Dave Perrin	Alternate	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
<i>14 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
John Passek	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Jason Lennox	Alternate	Tourism
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment

Resource – other		
Rod Tysdal	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Doug McCormick	Weyerhaeuser	Stillwater
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	