

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

March 12th 2003

Minutes

Coast Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:35pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Acceptance of Agenda and additions

Agenda was reviewed and additions made. Agenda accepted as amended

Review of Minutes

Minutes of February 26th were reviewed and amended.
Accepted as amended.

Review of Action List

Action list from February 26th was reviewed. Most items were completed and questions from previous week were answered.

Log Sales

Discussion regarding the export of local logs. It was noted that there are different policies for export of logs from private lands and crown land. There is no chain of custody required for private lands and logs are difficult to track once they go on the open market. Member asked about local log exports and would like to see a graph showing Stillwater Timberlands, Coastal and provincial data. It was noted that forest economist speakers that are planned for future meetings could answer questions regarding the export of logs and the local economy. Members

also noted that they would like to see the picture for the whole province.

Herbicide Applications

It was noted that herbicide use applications were available at the Weyerhaeuser office during office hours. Copies were available at this meeting for members to see, and at the front office at Weyerhaeuser during office hours.

Members asked for a quarterly update report on the application of herbicides.

ACTION – Quarterly update on herbicide and pesticide use to be provided to CAG members.

Suggestion was made regarding the planning of herbicide use – maybe could be added to the operational map, or shown on a separate map.

Rod noted that the permits last for three years and it is not always known where herbicides will be needed, quarterly report would show all areas under permit.

Risk Management Policies

Member asked questions regarding public access, signage, bridges, canoe route etc regarding increased liability for Weyerhaeuser. It was noted that public use of the TFL was now increased and even encouraged.

Rod noted that the company was not really taking on more liability than before and expected people using the forest to be responsible and to use common sense. It was noted that roads are generally safer now than they were before.

Correspondence

Letter to Weyerhaeuser from CAG requesting alternate and Ministry of Forests representative to attend meetings

Letter to Ministry of Forests from Weyerhaeuser requesting participation in CAG meetings

The above letters were sent out this week. It was noted that recent changes in the Ministry of Forests had created staff shortages.

Group Photo

Group assembled for a group photo.

Lumber Worker 1931 – 2002

Copy of a publication was shown for the group's interest. Magazine showed the history of logging and it was noted that in the 1940's one in three loggers was killed on the job. Member will try to get more copies.

Review of FSP Operational Information Map

Doug McCormick

Operational information map was shown. Handouts showed current activities re harvesting and road construction. No new blocks, new roads, salvage areas or cutting permit approved areas were shown. Map showed logging complete areas – Goat Island GI-22A, ST-149, ST-268 and ST-270.

Member asked about clean up at ST-268 – debris has been cleared up.

Road construction complete areas – ST-149, UL-801, GI-100A, HB-139A.
Member asked about the opening of the one-way loop – Loop will be opened May 1st, still some work to do. Signage will be in place for Forest Week in May.

Question regarding 7-days a week operations

Answer – Salvagers often work weekends, haulers have to have a Pilot car on the weekend.

Members asked whether one side of the valley could be logged at a time?

Answer – Difficult to co-ordinate- other companies are involved in the area.

Final copies of FSP audit will be available for CAG next meeting.

Question regarding Gibson's Beach area-

Answer – Not part of the TFL39.

Question regarding ownership of poplar land lot 450 and who did the logging?

Answer – Norske Canada owns some and Weyerhaeuser owns trees below the pole line, Sliammon Development Corp was contracted. It was noted that maps are available to members if needed.

Chain of Custody

Rod Tysdal

Explanation of Chain of custody was given.

Trees/logs are marked with a "hammermark".

Hammermark identifies where logs originated.

Ministry of Forests issues the hammermark numbers to be used.

Illegal to transport logs without hammermarks.

Logs with blue numbers – certified wood

Logs with white numbers – uncertified

Hammermarks can trace logs back to cutting permit and location

Two procedures for Chain of Custody for certified wood – 70% certified and 100% certified

Company has to keep track of booms certified or non-certified.

100% certified loads to be set aside and separated at sort and also at sawmills

No difference in prices of certified and uncertified wood so far

Cost was in the certification process

Stumpage paid by Weyerhaeuser to government

Salvagers pay a % of selling price to Weyerhaeuser

Products can sell with 70% certified wood content – have to be labeled

Lumber yard not advertising certified wood yet

Main benefit to having CSA certification? – Recognition in the market place.

Questions regarding remanufactured wood /paneling etc. – certified or not?

ACTION – Answers to above questions and more information on Chain of Custody to be made available in writing for members.

Millennium Park update

Member noted that meetings are taking place and an announcement may be made soon.

Terms of Reference Committee

It was noted that the annual review of the Terms of Reference was due.

ACTION - The sub-committee will meet to review the Terms of Reference.

Jobs for Youth

Handout for grant in aid for \$2,500 for non- profit organizations was available from Rod.

Trails update

Saltery Bay Trail – three main sections (mid-section) to Fairview Bay will be finished soon.

Canoe Route – Horseshoe Lake Creek, Lois Lake north up to campsite at Goat Island, Little Horseshoe Lake, and Beaver Lake. Bomb squad has upgraded trails and done a great job.

Plans to do Emma Lake trail this summer.

Suicide Creek Trail Plans

Plans for alder harvesting. Roads to be built this week.

Map of Suicide Creek area was shown –

40% basal area retention by area of stump, mostly conifers

30-meter trail management zone – 15-meters on each side

Streams and trails – 5% retention

Wildlife trees

TFL side – 5% dispersed retention

Anderson (Suicide) Creek – significant buffer left

Integrated water management plan requirement to buffer Anderson Creek on the sunny side – Lang Bay portion water temperature gets high

Stream rating probably S3- fish values

Community water shed

Working Forest

Facilitator and members reported on a forum (co-sponsored by Powell River Regional District and Sliammon First Nation) that they had attended to discuss the new Working Forest initiative. A private consultant and a policy maker from the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management were available to answer questions. Facilitator noted that CAG was well known within the government due to their involvement in the Stillwater Pilot project. Regarding the Working Forest initiative, it was noted that many questions were not answered. Member noted that First Nations claims would have significant impact on future plans for a Working Forest. It was noted that public input was required in order to set up a policy framework. Deadline for public input has been extended to April 30th, 2003. It was noted that members should access the website <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/workingforest/> for more information. Members were encouraged to submit their comments via the website. Members agreed that they would like to learn more and to hear the presentation at a CAG meeting.

ACTION - Facilitator will invite the Working Forest forum to come back to Powell River in April.

Next Meeting date

It was noted that some members will be away at a conference on the next scheduled meeting date, March 24th. Meeting date may change to April 2nd to accommodate Ministry of Sustainable Resource (Working Forest) person. Members will be notified by e-mail or phone.

Herbicides

Member noted that a formal review of the indicators relating to herbicides was requested. Letter was received from auditors with suggestions. Suggestion that CAG obtain information on amount of active ingredient used per hectare.

Research into alternatives

It was noted that other alternatives are available to be used instead of herbicides.

Red alder – Girdling works well

Maple – Girdling might work, also fertilizer on stumps could be tried

Salmonberry – Biological alternatives are being tried

Member noted that a quarterly report on the use of herbicides would be useful and suggested the following information could be included

The amount of herbicides or pesticides used per hectare

The allocation of \$ used for herbicide use compared to alternate methods

Weyerhaeuser noted that there was now a market for alder and it is being harvested. No reason to kill alder these days. It was noted that the company is working on a management strategy plan regarding alder and maple with the forest service. Discussions on what is commercial alder have taken place, and policy changes to find other alternatives have been discussed. Suggested solution to maple – cut off all the branches – forest service trials were taking place in Sechelt with maples. Company needs some solid standards for maple in new proposal.

ACTION – Report regarding solutions for maples will be brought back to CAG.

Indicator amendment

It was suggested that the changes to indicators could be included as an amendment to the document.

ACTION - Suggested amendment to indicators regarding herbicides will be sent to Rod and included in next edition of the SFMP.

Other Business

Member asked about deactivation of Goat 1 road and requested time on the agenda for next meeting. Member will go up and check on the area before next meeting. Member asked whether a copy of the contract was available – check with Walt Cowlard at the office. It was noted that environmental feedback forms are available and can be used for such purposes.

Facilitator reminded group of the new suggestion box that was provided at meetings.

Members were asked to provide any photos for the upcoming conference.

Members were reminded to check e-mails for date of next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:12pm

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

Nordell		
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Dave Perrin	Alternate	IWA
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Rec.
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Rec.
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
<i>12 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Dana McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent

Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Jason Lennox	Alternate	Tourism
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Resource – other		
Rod Tysdal	Stillwater Timberlands	
Doug McCormick	Stillwater Timberlands	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	