

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
June 22, 2005
Minutes
Marine Inn

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted
4:06pm: Meeting called to order

Safety Review

Facilitator noted safety rules – fire exits and first aid attendants in case of emergency.

Code of Conduct

Facilitator noted code of conduct.

Indicators

1.2 Species Diversity

Connectivity - Members discussed connectivity and its meaning. It was noted that new ideas have replaced old ideas.

Concerns regarding -

- the loss of biodiversity
- age class distribution
- patch sizes
- protection of species
- retention of older seral stages

Rare and endangered species – Member noted that there are ring-necked pheasant in the Stillwater area - a locally identified species of special interest. There are already management strategies for mountain goats and grizzly bears. Facilitator suggested re-wording for indicator #1 with the addition of another column. – Age + % over 500ha.

Steve noted that the “SARA” list is the government guide that is used for special interest species.

Riparian Ecosystems

Members discussed forested buffers and reserve zones around streams (always 100% on fish bearing streams)

Buffer database does not change. Members agreed to the suggestion to drop indicators #4 and #5.

Rare and Physical Environments – no slot for this item in 2002 standards

Pests and Diseases – Management strategy is in place

End of Indicator session

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes of June 8th 2005

Minutes from June 8th were reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed.

1. Correspondence from Doug Wainman regarding blockages on A Branch – copy of e-mail to contractor
2. Correspondence from member regarding Dianne Valley exploration
3. Information on new Hernandez Creek Bridge from Trent Meyer, Engineering Officer - Sunshine Coast Forest District
4. Reply to members from Cascadia regarding control of maple coppices without herbicides*
5. Draft letter to Hugh Sutcliffe re meeting with CAG – to be sent by e-mail asap - ACTION
6. Contact info for Ray Balogh provided by Steve

***Control of Maple Coppices without herbicides**

Members agreed to pursue the idea of a trial in the TFL, but agreed that Cascadia's participation would be needed. Member suggested the possibility of a maple trail on lot 450.

Action List

Action list was reviewed. Some items were completed and some are ongoing.

Access

No new access business at this time.

Company Updates - Steve Chaplin

1. Brascan Update
 - Hugh Sutcliffe and Reid Carter met with some of the Stillwater employees on Friday May 17th. Some of the points outlined are as follows
 - Hugh will be conducting a Business review on each unit. - *will be in town July 7th*
 - People with the right skills and right focus are important for the business.
 - The advisory group will be run totally separate of the private land.
 - Safety and Environment are important values.

2. BCCT FSP

- FSP reps from each division will be meeting on June 28th to discuss the next steps for the BCCT FSP.
- The current plan is to finish the draft FSP and present to Hugh Sutcliffe, Stan Coleman and Unit Managers and then get direction on how to proceed.

3. CSA

- Next certification meeting is planned for division reps on July 8th.
- The plan is to discuss direction of CSA under Cascadia, and provide updates on changing documents and moving to the Z809-02 standard.

4. FSP Audits

- Next round of FSP audits are planned for July 13, 14, and 19.
- Would like 2 CAG members to attend each day.
- Hard Hat, Caulk Boots, and High Vis Vests are required
- Require confirmation of CAG reps by July 6th.
- QMI Auditor's report will be ready within the next few days

Annual Report – SFMP – Steve Chaplin

Copies of the 2004 Summary Report on Objectives and Indicators were provided and reviewed. Steve noted that the current indicator list is good to the end of 2005. There will be a review in the fall and there will be fewer indicators when re-written to the new standards. Steve noted that the database will be updated when written into new plan in the fall. Next year the summary will be ready in March.

Members were asked to review the report over the summer and to e-mail Steve with any questions.

ACTION- Review annual SFMP report and e-mail any questions to Steve.

Operational Information Map

Block 5 - Phillips Arm

Paul Kutz reviewed map and updates on logging activities in Block 5. Falling is continuing in Heli-blocks.

Change in PH-163 – dropped a section and picked up PH-505 instead.

When falling is done, Canadian Air Crane will move into Phillips on or about July 7th. After Phillips is complete they will move to Powell Daniels and then on the lake blocks until the beginning of October.

FIA funding has been found for an archaeological impact study with First Nations. (Assessed at \$40,000-\$50,000).

Notice of Intent to Treat (NIT)

Paul Kutz

Copies of Notice of Intent to Treat, dated June 8 2005 were provided. Handout showed details of planned treatment areas.

Question – Compared to last year, is there more or less pesticide being used.

Answer – Amount is reducing

Question – What type of signage is used?

Answer – Signs that are 11x17 are posted at the site with details – date, contact person, date sprayed etc. Signs will be waterproof.

Question – Is there a summary of the amount that is used for the whole year?

Answer – Yes, can make available.

ACTION – Provide summary of amount of pesticide used for the whole year.

Question – Does company go back afterwards to see what kind of success there has been?

Answer – Yes – post treatment inspections are done. That information is also available.

Control of Maple coppices without herbicides

Member noted that the advisory group works well and tries to look out for everyone's interests, and noted that further discussion was needed regarding the treatment of maple coppices. It was noted that member's suggestion to test a variety of fertilizer slurries on maple was a good one and should not be ignored. Member just wanted to try on a small area, just a couple of stumps.

Paul Kutz noted that there could also be toxicology problems with fertilizer.

Member noted that the reply from Rudi at Cascadia stated that they would be willing to try the some of the fertilizer slurries on a small scale to see if it works.

Member suggested that member and Cascadia could meet halfway and get together to try testing with fertilizer. Member agreed to this joint project solution. Two other members volunteered to help if necessary.

Around the table discussion followed with most members agreeing that the use of alternatives and no use of herbicides is the groups' focus.

Member noted that it is a shame to kill maple as it is in demand for small businesses and is difficult to obtain in this area.

Paul Kutz noted that the company would rather not have to treat maple, but government regulations require it. Currently there is a mixed wood stand strategy. Member noted that some mills want maple.

Mixed species strategy –

Suggestion - Member suggested that a letter could be sent to the Forest service regarding mixed species management.

Suggestion – Maybe the Forest Service could come to CAG and speak to the issue. Maple is a value to the community.

ACTION – Send letter to Forest Service (Blake Fougere) regarding maple and mixed species strategies. Ask for a presentation in September.

Break 8:00pm - 8:10pm

Annual Report

Copies of Chair's annual report were provided. CAG is to be congratulated on its achievements of the past year. It was noted that many changes have taken place over the last year. Sub-committees have continued to work hard on the work assigned to them. The Advisory Group has discussed changes to FSP and uncertainties with the sale of Weyerhaeuser to Brascan. Members have participated in audits and field trips. Achievements include evenings of presentations and ongoing commitment to the process. Members also thanked Steve for all the hard work involved over the past few months.

AGM – Elections

Nominating committee member asked for any more nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair. No new nominations were received.

Nominated members each gave a brief speech.

Jane Cameron was elected to act as Chair of the Community Advisory Group.

Ken Jackson was elected to continue as Vice-Chair of the Community Advisory Group.

Tony Smith was elected to act as 2nd Vice-Chair of the Community Advisory Group.

Request for Map for Visitors' Bureau

Member made a request to Cascadia to provide a map for the Visitors' Bureau and Saltery Bay ferry terminal booth. New trail at Saltery Bay would be of interest to tourists waiting to catch the ferry.

Steve noted that maps could be provided, along with a CD for the Visitors Bureau (PDF Files can be printed off as needed).

Terms of Reference Committee

Member noted that there is still a fair amount of work to be done – committee will meet during the summer.

Indicators worksheet

Facilitator and secretary will work on the final version of indicators.

Career Fair 2006

Member noted that there will be a Career Fair at Brooks Secondary School on March 8, 2006.

Change of meeting day

Facilitator left while discussion took place

Members discussed a change from Wednesday to Monday to accommodate the facilitator who now works out of town. It was agreed that she is invaluable to the group and indicator work would be difficult without her expertise. Most members agreed that Mondays would work just as well.

Next meeting

September 2005.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm

**Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
June 22nd 2005
Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Eagle Walz - Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron - 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Member at large
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Tony Smith	Primary	Education
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
13 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt. (Regional)
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Resource – others		
Stephen Chaplin	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Paul Kutz	Cascadia Forest Products Ltd.	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	