

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
March 9, 2005
Minutes
Marine Inn

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted

6:05pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Safety Review

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

Code of Conduct

Facilitator noted code of conduct.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes of February 23rd

Minutes from February 23rd were reviewed, and accepted with amendments.

Correspondence

1. Correspondence from Al Shaw re: FSP expectation meeting – April 25
Six members showed an interest in attending.

ACTION – CAG members who wish to attend FSP expectation meeting should let Steve know by Mar 23 2005

2. Letter sent to Shannon Janzen – invitation to attend CAG meeting
3. Reply from Shannon Janzen
4. List of useful websites provided by Steve
5. BC Coastal Transition update - March 4 2005
6. Draft letter to Minister of Forests – discussion- Members agreed that letter should refer to VR only and that other issues should be addressed in a separate letter.

ACTION – Letter to be sent to Minister of Forests regarding VR

ACTION – Letter to be sent to Minister of Forests regarding other issues

Action List

Action list was reviewed and discussed. Some items are still ongoing, and others have been completed.

Avoidable Waste

In answer to member's question on February 23rd – Steve provided a handout with explanations of allowable limits for avoidable waste.

- The allowable limits for old growth are 35 cubic metres per hectare and 10 cubic metres for second growth.
- Mostly X and Y grades are left (pulp grades and poorer quality).
- There is little or no market for pulp logs as there is already a surplus of pulpwood on the market.
- Chunks are also left behind after bucking.
- Some X grade logs are salvaged and can be used for shake and shingles.
- Member noted that firewood cutters are grateful that there is waste left behind.
- Government regulations note bucking trees down to 4" – when tree is cut too far from the end there is excess waste
- When waste stumps are too high, companies are charged for the excess
- Small business loggers are well versed in the regulations and try to get as close to allowable as they can
- Same rules apply for Block 5 as for Block 1
- Contractors are doing a better job now than years ago
- Government still gets their revenue whether logs are scaled at the sort or from the remaining waste that is left in the woods
- Weyerhaeuser's waste is higher because it makes economic sense to the company

Access

Glacier Trail –

Member reported that the glacier trail at the end of D-branch is clear. There is a section through the old growth that provides great views. Trail goes up to Mt Alfred. The Bomb Squad has put in footbridges.

Hernandez Creek Bridge -

Member noted that there is a notice in the paper for tenders to remove Hernandez Creek Bridge and replace with a new one.

Company Updates – Stephen Chaplin

1. Brascan Purchase of BC Coastal (Update)
 - Sale is expected to close this June
 - Transition team is in place
 - Unit Staff are starting to meet with Brascan reps. Ray has a one on one meeting with Brascan today in Nanaimo (Wednesday March 9th). This is a higher-level meeting, and more meetings are expected.

2. BC Coastal One FSP Update.
 - BC Coastal One Plan is still on hold however some of the action items that were started prior to the Brascan Sale are still in process. They include;
 - Continuation of the mapping
 - A higher-level expectations meeting between the MOF reps and BC Coastal FSP Leads Diane and Steve on March 17th.
3. FRPA meeting in Nanaimo on March 2nd, 2005
 - Jane Cameron and Andy Davis accompanied Weyerhaeuser Staff to a FRPA workshop meeting in Nanaimo.
 - Workshop was more of a review; however it did cover some of the new regs and updates, and provided some good website links to gather information. (Links provided to CAG)
 - Workshop also included a companion guide to FRPA. It is a good resource binder, which explains FRPA in relatively simple terms. (Two copies of binder provided to CAG)
4. April 25th MOF All Licensee Meeting
 - Sunshine Coast Forest District is hosting an all licensee FSP expectations meeting.
 - Meeting would be open to CAG members
 - Main focus on the meeting will be FSP expectations however there will also be a presentation on the new Wildfire legislation.
5. Phillips Arm
 - Engineers spent the last week in Phillips Arm laying out about 35,000m³ of wood. It included some revisions to old blocks as well as laying out some new areas. Areas included PH-163, PH-502 and PH-504.
6. Spring Planting
 - Spring planting started on Monday March 1st. Planting will be done by two separate contractors with a total of about 30 planters. Planting is expected to be finished by middle of April.
 - Planting program for this year is as follows
 - 600,000 trees to be planted in the Spring

- 100,000 trees to be planted in the Fall
- Lombardy Street has been planted with 10,000 trees - some special trees (cranberry, plum and cherry) have been planted
- Small piece on Lombardy Street has been left for Brooks Forestry students to plant

7. New FRPA Regs

1. FRPA Act and Forest Planning & Practices Regulation have been amended February 22, and Feb 25, 2005 respectively. New Regs are available online. (Copy of current Act provided to CAG)

Next meeting - March 23 2005

Steve and Paul will not be available due to holidays. Members will work on indicators. Company updates will be provided as usual.

Field Trip - March 19 2005

Adam Culos will be the guide for CAG field trip on March 19th.

Indicators

Steve noted that work on reports on last year's performance of indicators is under way. Goal is have get as much done as possible before auditors come.

Red and Blue listed species – Steve provided some new information on red and blue listed species.

Operational Information Map

Maps were displayed-

Current Activities

Harvesting – ST-048, LC-006, WL-005, TM-224

Road Construction - GI-098, FH-027 (Map is incorrect road construction is still active), PD-453 Billy Goat Main

Engineering – BT-650, GI-095, GI-054, ST-252A, OL-558, Phillips Arm

Salvage Areas – Chippewa, Lewis Lake, (UL-806), K Branch, Beaver Main

What's New on the Map

New Blocks: – None

New Roads – None

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – TH-045

New Salvage Areas – None

Map Updates

Logging Complete – WL-906, WL-912

Road Construction Complete – GL-019, TM-191

Road Construction Update – None

Engineered Blocks – PD-201, PD-304A (Line work Change), PD-203 (Re-eng), EL-665, TM-218, ST-151 (Missing Spur added to map)

Engineered Roads – None

Steve noted that Doug's group is writing an FDP.

Paul's group is engineering in Phillip's Arm.

Fiddlehead Farm road is not quite finished yet.

Looking for 30,000 cubic metres in Goat Island for heli-bunching

Whittle Creek – letter and map has been sent out to users.

Question – When letters are sent out, how are they sent?

Answer – Engineers go round and knock on doors and talk to residents. Notices are put in mailboxes.

Phillips Arm Map

Question – Is there an updated Phillips Arm map?

Answer – Next time

ACTION – Updated Philips Arm map to be provided.

Snow shed

Question – In Powell Daniels – what % of normal is the snow shed this year?

Answer – If information is available, it could be obtained from Russell Storry at Powell River Energy.

ACTION – Get information on % of normal snow pack for this year.

Old Growth Zone – March Lake

Question – On information map – road appears on top of the March Lake Old Growth zone section of the Sunshine Coast Trail – is there a road planned on top of trail?

Answer – In ST –290 – Top half is being logged this year by heli- so no plans for road. First half was logged last year and second half will be completed this year. Will check on status of road.

ACTION – Check on status of road that appears on map for March Lake trail area of Sunshine Coast Trail.

Heli-bunching on Goat Island

Question – Is there some sort of obligation to find wood on Goat Island for heli-bunching?

Answer – Targets are set at 30,000 cubic metres by region. Weyerhaeuser has an agreement with Air Crane and have the use of the machine for grapple bunch and heli-logging. However, in WL –909 conventional logging had to be used – that was planned originally for heli.

Contractors noted that the contractor community considers more jobs in connection with conventional logging, and it is cheaper.

Facilitator suggested that an action item could be-

ACTION – Social indicator – discuss helilogging at indicator review.

Fiddlehead Farm road

Question – Will the road go through to Spring Lake Road?

Answer – Yes eventually the road will hook up to Spring Lake Road – they have to meet the plan. Capital funds have been spent for 2005 –and road has been built to plan – (have to wait for further instructions pending sale)

FRPA meeting – Nanaimo

Members provided reports on a trip to Nanaimo on March 2nd to attend the training session “What’s new in FRPA (2005)”. Two members attended and were the only two community members there.

Slide presentations included

1. What’s new in FRPA since January 2004
2. Revisiting FRPA Architecture
3. Transition to Managing Resource Values
4. Implications of your FSP
5. Wrap Up

Steve provided FRPA Training Companion Guide and latest FRPA information for CAG library.

Members noted that the FRPA is constantly changing. Objectives identified are set by government. New regulations will have some items “grandfathered in”. Some wildlife, scenic and community watersheds will be included.

Question – What does this mean for the Sunshine Coast Trail?

Answer – Steve noted that some trails have legal orders but SSCT does not.

Land Use plans are in place for Lois Lake, Powell Lake Nanton Lake and will be grand parented in.

Question - Sunshine Coast Trail, Canoe Route and reserve zones and lake buffers- how are they protected?

Answer – Sunshine Coast Trail and lake buffers were never protected by legal orders; Canoe Route was part of the Stillwater Pilot project. Riparian code still specifies a reserve zone for lakes.

Member noted that another election could change things yet again.

Break – 7:40-7:50pm

Review of Indicators

Members reviewed indicators and discussed data collected. Worksheets were provided and indicators that were discussed were –

Connectivity – cont.

Members continued to discuss the connectivity issue that was on the agenda at the last meeting. Steve provided maps showing patch size analysis. Handout of information from Glen Dunsworth was also provided.

Question – How long can the patches be retained?

Answer – 50% will stay the same – 50% will meet biodiversity needs

ACTION - Steve will invite Glen Dunsworth to CAG for more education on connectivity

1. Rare and endangered Species

Red and Blue listed species

Use of a new SARA list was recommended when identifying red and blue listed species. Steve noted that a species list is available for Campbell River and Powell River.

Question – What is that status of the Central Coast LRMP?

Answer – Still consulting with First Nations – no news until mid-March.

Question – What about the Spruce Flats?

Answer – They were set-aside with LRMP for grizzly habitat

Comment – We have to keep community values in and look after the interests of the community along with recreation trails etc.

Objective- *Forest are managed to conserve ecosystem diversity to avoid extinction of indigenous plants and animals*

Indicator – *All present indicators to be kept – no changes*

Target – *Same targets - no changes*

Member noted that effective programs are in place and there are ways of measuring values that are required by CSA. Weyerhaeuser is in control and uses due diligence.

2. Soil Quality and Quantity

Objective – Present soil qualities are maintained or improved

Indicator - # of slides and associated ha from natural causes and operationally induced (Roads/harvesting)

Indicator - Compliance with FPC, MWLAP regs related to road, soil and water management

Targets - No use of herbicide or pesticides in Block1 and 5
Vegetation management emphasizes non- herbicide methods

Suggested objective – Harvest operations are conducted such that the productive capacity soil is maintained or improved. (adopted)
The quality of forest soils was discussed – members noted that roads should also be included, not just the soil in the forest.

3. Soil Cover

Objective - Minimize soil losses to erosion and landslides through management practices

Indicator – The % of annual area found affected by unplanned site degradation (exceed permanent access or soil disturbance limits) and landslides that is rehabilitated. (suggested)

Targets – No increase in natural slides from historic levels.
No operationally caused slides as a result of post 1995 activities
Meet requirements

Suggested indicators were discussed.

Question – Who sets limits for soil disturbance?

Answer – Limits are set by government – 5% of standard unit, roadside excluded

Member noted that the incidence of soil disturbance is much improved these days. Timing and weather are all factors.

Question – Who creates the silviculture prescriptions with % of soil disturbances?

Answer –The RPF signs and has to meet government standards.

Spills and Pollution

Spills were discussed and member suggested another indicator for “Pollution” could be added. Value – zero spills.
This indicator could be written into CC-3 section.

ACTION - Facilitator will ask for more advise on indicator for spills, pollution etc.

Steve noted that Weyerhaeuser also has ISO14001 certification - that is the system that protects the environment
Suggest, "keeping ISO certification" as an indicator.

Safety review

It was noted that there have been two incidences of office accidents recently.
Steve will supply a first aid kit for CAG meetings in future.

Field Trip

Saturday, March 19 2005.
Please RSVP asap.
Meet at 9:00am at Weyerhaeuser office.
Adam Culos will be the guide. Brian D'Anjou will attend from Ministry of Forests.

Next Meeting – March 23, 2005

Meeting Adjourned 9:24pm

**Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
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Attendance**

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