

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
May 25, 2005
Minutes
Marine Inn

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted

6:00pm: Meeting called to order

Welcome

Facilitator opened the meeting.

Safety Review

Facilitator noted safety rules – fire exits in case of emergency. Meeting place is Small Planet Health Foods for head count.

Code of Conduct

Facilitator reviewed code of conduct.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

A change in tonight's Agenda due to Bill Beese's presentation, although he will stay the night if needed, he would like to catch the 8:45pm ferry. Moved Bill's presentation to following the minutes review.

Review of Minutes of May 11th

Chair called for changes or comments.

(Q) – Steve do you have Shannon's presentation

(A) – No she hasn't given it to me yet. I will call her.

(A) – Facilitator says that Secretary has a copy on her computer, but that it is currently broken. Will get it from Secretary.

Welcome

Chair called for a round table introduction and welcomed everyone.

Review of Minutes of May 11th Continued

Chair called again for comments on the minutes.

Chair drew our attention to 1st page, 2nd Action - members to complete surveys for CSA Int'l. Chair issued reminder that surveys were due this evening. Steve had envelope & extra copies on the back table, or would accept until 2:00 tomorrow at the office.

Member then questioned the wording in the minutes about requesting a meeting with Brascan surrounding the mention of other important values by member. Some confusion here as everyone did not have complete set of minutes.

ACTION – send out May 11th minutes electronically and review at next meeting.

Review of Minutes of May 14th (Saturday) Meeting:

Facilitator noted these are on yellow paper, and wanted to clarify on page 1 (Values, Obj, Ind and Target) were they discussed species profile it pertains to social values #5 & 6, not benefits to biodiversity and ecology #1-4. These will be discussed later.

Facilitator summarized that they reviewed old set of values, goals & indicators and talked about the indicators that don't really live in the CSA model. Some of them were commitments, some legal objectives. Included on the yellow pages is a list of those being removed and the rationale behind the removal.

Chair asked for any comments. None received.

Correspondence

1. Correspondence from Bob Friesen, Asst. Deputy Minister, Tenure and Revenue, re transfer of harvesting agreements from Weyerhaeuser to Cascadia, subsidiary of Brascan. He reported that the Ministry no longer has statutory rights to impose conditions on the sale from one company to another, unless it unduly restricts competition.

No other correspondence.

Bill Beese Presentation – Biodiversity

See copy of presentation slides attached.

Bill's hoping to give an overview of indicators used company-wide and then talk specifically to Stillwater indicators and some suggestions.

(Q) – Member asked if a copy of the presentation will be available

(A) – yes, Steve has a copy.

(Q) – Facilitator asked if questions can be asked during presentation

(A) – yes, if it pertains to not understanding something, if it relates to details then wait as it may get answered.

(Q) – Member asked for the difference between Group & Dispersed Retention?

(A) – Guidelines are Group Retention is at least ¼ ha in size and no more than 4 tree lengths between groups, and Dispersed Retention is

smaller or individual trees and no more than two tree lengths apart. There is some flexibility around these.

- (Q) – Member asked what the one bird species on the Sunshine Coast that was declining was per the Mike Preston report?
- (A) – don't know, but I will look it up during the stretch break.
- (A) – the presentation has it was simplified for those common for Queen Charlottes, Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast, so only one was listed under decreasing, when in fact for the Sunshine Coast it is 5 increased, 3 decreased on 3 or more transects (brown creeper, chestnut backed chickadee, olive sided flycatcher) and 6 showed increase/decrease or no observable change over and 2 species showed no observable change on 5 of the 6 transects. BB will make the report available. Also if you have interest in slugs, etc there are reports for those too.

ACTION – Facilitator asked for a copy of Wayne Campbell and Mike Preston's report to be sent to Steve, and if anyone would like copy, please ask Steve.

Break

Facilitator called meeting back. Bill continued on with presentation and is now discussing the more specific CSA Indicators and his comments.

1. Ecosystem Diversity

- (Q) – Facilitator asked if over 5 years we saw a particular type of ecosystem decline – if Steve was reporting back, what is that going to tell the advisory group?
- (A) – BB - hopefully if you've set some targets for the ecosystems, then because its being measured it should be caught in planning, if not then the indicator should catch it.

27. Silviculture Systems

- (Q) – Facilitator asked that CAG is looking at targets and wants to see 100%, but in SFMP report contained a catastrophic event – then what do we use?
- (A) – BB - just wanted you to be aware of the exceptions

30. Old Growth Forest

- (Q) – Member asked if Bill was suggesting separating the 2 (OGMA & OG)?
- (A) – BB - just be careful on the wording – somehow clarify. If it's ok that its either or, but if it's the bottom line that matters, know they are different.

Bill encouraged the CAG to communicate with the management of Cascadia and Island Timberlands the desires when it comes to the Coast Forest Strategy and other projects.

Bill also noted that for other operations he's been developing a guidebook and training session around rare plant species for planners. It's in draft form only. Copy there to view.

Facilitator asked if there are any questions.

- (Q) – Member asked if Bill could go back to the 3rd slide, Connectivity. Could you review it again?
- (A) – we are suggesting this isn't a good indicator, difficult to measure, what are the species that would benefit. Do big animals need this connectivity, do little animals?
- (Q) – Member asked - what about the existence of patches 500 ha in size?
- (A) – yes that could be useful to you as part of a patch size indicator. If you want to make sure all your retention on the landscape in reserves isn't in scattered little chunks – connectivity and fragmentation language are often connected. But the studies that have looked at fragmentation haven't been able to separate it from habitat loss.
- (Q) – Member - so species migration if you've got forest islands for large animals I can see, but what about for smaller mammals? Will they cross these large expanses of forested area?
- (A) – we looked at squirrels and they are quite happy to cross.
- (Q) – Member asked - what about a shrew?
- (A) – same thing. A clearcut might be inhospitable for a short period of time. A lot of the theory behind isolation was done with islands where the territory between islands is truly inhospitable, but what they are finding is the islands of forests where you've got younger forest in-between aren't that inhospitable for most creatures at least over the life span of forest management, where there won't be activity for at least 40 years.
- (Q) – Member - so rotation level will have an effect on species migration.
- (A) – yes, poplar vs. other (15 years vs. 60-80 yrs).
- (Q) – Member - so reforested areas and how they are reforested, compared with what was there before it was logged and what species will be important?
- (A) – yes.
- (Q) – Member - I remember sometime ago someone gave us a report on mountain goat and at that time there was a lot of stress on connectivity.
- (A) – that might be a good example of where for a specific animal and specific requirements where you need connectivity for winter and summer range. This specific makes sense.
- (Q) – Member noted - to my recollection, we wanted large areas (+500ha), but there weren't many of them there – the guys at Weyerhaeuser were going to look at 300ha in the vicinity of 200ha patch as long as there

was reasonable connectivity between them, they would count as 1. We were looking for 12-13 patches of that size.

(A) – that is not reflected in the indicator wording.

(Q) – Member noted that we will need to wordsmith it to say what we mean.

(A) – our suggestion is to concentrate on patch size not whether they are connected. If you want connectivity, look at the natural connectivity, the riparian network.

Facilitator – reminder 5 minutes to ferry.

Chair – thank you, very interesting and looking forward to further analysis.

(Q) – Member - with areas of retention – what is the recommendation for future?

(A) – the idea is the structure is for long term. The idea is it has to stay for the next rotation. If its long term, you can't come in 5 years. But you might leave short-term retention, leave 25% for short term and come back for 10% after greenup, but 15% should be for long term. At the next rotation we've left the option open in the definition, because in 50 years from now we're going to know a lot more than we know now and that we'd left the wrong patches etc. My guess is we'll leave the same areas because they'll have the same structure.

(A) – Member - strip retention has concerns

(B) – There might legitimate reasons for strips like cable yarding, but there will need to be a strategy for what becomes the longer term retention and what can remain standing.

Access

E100 (Alpha Lake) –

Member reported that a family started out camping the weekend here then on Saturday decided to retreat to the shelter of the A-branch cabin because of weather. There were 2 machines parked blocking the road. There was someone with the machines and the family considered asking person to move the machines, but decided that would be too much hassle, so they went home.

A-Br Cabin-

Member reported that on Sunday a party headed up to A-br cabin and was met by a machine parked on the road. The person swung the boom, so they could drive past, but were then told a pickup truck was blocking the road. They asked if the keys were in the truck, so they radioed ahead and they were able to move the truck.

Member asked Steve to review the signed off release sheet and where the breakdown in communication may have occurred, perhaps a review with the contractor of the access policy. There didn't seem a need for the

pickup to be parked in the middle of the road. It was asked if a copy of the signed sheet could be brought to show the members how it works.

ACTION – Steve will check into these two specific incidents.

Fairview Bay Trail Map –

PAWS has just completed this trail (map in front of you) and there is a grand opening this Saturday at 1:00pm – open invitation. Thanks to Weyerhaeuser for the maps and large map for trail entrance.

Erika Hein Presentation

Erika gave a summarized report on her exchange trip to Prince George, sponsored by Rotary, called “Adventures in Forestry”. It was an amazing trip, approx 30 people for 4 days; highlights were plywood making and the sawmills. She saw a whole other side to forestry for ex. Research. There wasn’t much talk about Certification as the group wasn’t that knowledgeable, so the presentations were kept more general. She thanked the CAG because her work with them, helped her to be selected to go.

She spoke with John Brink of Brink Forest Products and he offered to make his way to PR to make a presentation to the group if there was interest.

Company Updates – Stephen Chaplin (copy handed out)

1. Brascan Purchase of BC Coastal (Update)
 - All Stillwater employees received their offer letters on Friday, May 20th
 - Cascadia will develop their own structure
 - To date, there has been no official personnel or senior management team announcements
 - Cascadia is busy developing policies as they are a brand new company
 - Ray will be leaving to join Island Timberlands, not yet an official announcement.
 - Jeff Ternan is interim manager
2. Environment
 - GI 019 – On Thursday, May 12th we had a fire near Clover Lake. It burned approximately 4.5 ha of felled timber. It was an operational fire that is currently under investigation.
 - CSA – reminder for completed CSA 2007 standards surveys

Operational Information Map

New map was displayed – review at your leisure.

Current Activities in Phillips Arm/Paul Kutz

Camp is open and we are active now, heli operations essentially, working in the cutting permit approved blocks and there is approximately 1 to 1-1/2 month time frame

Falling – PH162A, B, C, D, E and PH134

(Q) – Chair asked what kind of retention

(A) – primarily group retention, in Phillips Arm in the habitat zone, its in the 15% retention level

Out of interest for the banding program because of primarily red cedar species, a week ago we sent in a crew who wraps or bands the tree and ratchets it tight so that when it is felled the damage is reduce. It helps to improve the value, there is a cost associated, but it is gained back.

Banding - PH134, PH163, PH502 and PH504

Paul has copies available for review. The AIA (Archeological Impact Assessment) is where the First Nations are walked through the blocks looking for cultural value and then they report back.

AIA's - PH172, PH136, PH502, PH163, PH705

(Q) – Member asked with the overlap of bands in the area, how do you choose which bands?

(A) – Baseline Archeological was hired to coordinate, 4 persons, representing 5 different bands.

(Q) – Member - did they find anything significant?

(A) – No, historically in Phillips they have found some. It is sometimes a judgment call.

Road Construction – Shirley Creek B-100 and some road upkeep to open roads after winter

(Q) –Member asked who the contractor is and how many employees

(A) – Olympic Forest Products, fallers (15), road construction crew, camp crew, Paul estimates 22 and once the heli crew moves in, a lot more.

Engineering – PH172

Action List Review

Action #1 – ongoing

Action #2 – Secretary has it; Facilitator will bring copies to the next meeting. Comment from Paul Kutz, he is going to EBM training and may have more info.

Action #3 – Surveys due tomorrow 2:00pm to Steve

Action #4 – ongoing

Action #5 – Not done

Action #6 – Steve will bring Whiskey2 report for next meeting

Action #7 – Facilitator will send a reminder email to Rudi

Action #8 – MCB has it on his computer, will be done within next day or two.

Action #9 – Not done

(Q) – Chair raised whether it was JCN or PB that said we should look at all the issues including VR and Forest Project and that we should meet with reps from Brascan/Cascadia – correct?

(A) – Facilitator says the decision was made that these were two separate issues, and that the letter would go forward asking them to look at that and that a separate letter would go requesting a meeting.

(Q) – Member's proposal was a letter for VR and Rudi jumped in as a good idea

(A) – Facilitator believes the issues were separate.

ACTION – review the tape from previous meeting to determine the group consensus.

Terms of Reference Committee – Member set an unattainable goal of end of June. The committee feels the 1st meeting in Sept would be better. Is that acceptable? Another member agrees. Consensus from the table was given.

Elections –

An elections presentation was emailed by member today, and he will contact everyone before June 22nd. Looking for volunteers/names for positions. Members would like to discuss the election structure. Member is suggesting a general format, whereby the survey the group, there will be three elected positions, a returning officer, ballots, the candidates will have two minutes to address questions. Contact Dave at dreambg1@shaw.ca or 604-485-2732. DR will run the election. JCN will be away and DR is an alternate, so we're looking for another primary volunteer.

EW/PB – DR is always here, so lets make DR the primary.

ACTION – chair to write a letter (email) to Andrew Pinch regarding a switch to the tourism alternate and next meeting will need group consensus.

Member asked for any comments as proposed. No comments. She also asked for non-committee member electoral officer suggestions.

Chair noted that during the meetings where the non-committee member electoral officer was required, that the agenda items are first, so they are not required to sit through the full meeting.

Next Meeting – June 8, 2005

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm

**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
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron - 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Member at large
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractors
14 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
Fran Ferguson	Alternate	Recreation
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
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Tony Smith	Primary	Education
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Resource – others		
Stephen Chaplin	Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser
Paul Kutz	Stillwater	Weyerhaeuser
Bill Beese	Nanaimo	Weyerhaeuser
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Lisa Kubany	Secretary	