

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
September 12, 2005
Minutes
Marine Inn

Attendance: refer to attached sheet
Quorum noted
6:05pm: 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.

Meetings are recorded

Facilitator requested that members speak up, so that voices can be heard on tape.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with additions.

Review of Minutes of June 22nd 2005

Minutes from June 22nd were reviewed and accepted. It was noted that minutes can be reviewed and amended at any time.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed.

1. Letter from Cascadia (Jeff Ternan) regarding new FSP and move to FRPA
2. Letter from Cascadia (Steve Chaplin) - Invitation to CAG to discuss development of a new FSP. Document available for review and comment
3. Letter to Hugh Sutcliffe – request for a meeting
4. Reply from Hugh Sutcliffe – Unable to meet with CAG – Jeff Ternan will represent the company
5. Letter to Ministry of Forests re mixed species management (maple coppices)
6. Reply from Al Shaw, Ministry of Forests – they will be pleased to discuss with mixed species management with CAG.
Meeting will be arranged.

ACTION – Facilitator to issue invitation to Ministry of Forests for October meeting

7. Invitation to participate to John Hackett, Forest Coordinator, Sliammon First Nation

Member requested that an invitation to participate be sent by the company to Sliammon.

ACTION – Cascadia to send an invitation to participate to Sliammon First Nation.

Action List

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

- CSA technical committee – Facilitator will compile information
- Letter re VR – on hold - more than VR involved. After FSP review – submission can be made to company and M0F.

Paul noted that there have been no changes regarding VR, and company has received no new directions.

Member noted that two items were mistakenly omitted from the Action list.

1. Access to Dianne Valley - Member will pursue the issue of access to Diane Valley and will prepare a report on the history of access with photos of the Diane Valley and Whiskey – Two crossing.
2. Trails- Members will go up to Diane Valley to show Weyerhaeuser where trails should be

These items will be returned to the Action list until completed

Access

- Member noted that a film crew is filming in Dianne Valley, filming climbers first ascent. There will be lots of photography for climbers' magazines, and good publicity for the area
- Member noted that access has been good this summer with no complaints
- Member reported that Wilderness Watch program has had no negative responses
- Member noted that tourists had trouble finding trail from Herondell – they loved the trail and canoe route
- Member noted that Khartoum Lake road is in very bad shape - only good for 4 wheel drive vehicles

Paul Kutz noted that the road has been laid out for next year and company will be building a new (Ministry funded) road next year.

Map Collection and Archives

Member has agreed to look after the map collection and archives.

Company Updates – Stephen Chaplin

Steve noted that Operational information was sent out by e-mail to members in July

There was no operational information for August.

Copies of current operational information (September 12) were provided.

Steve noted that Don Benn would like to come to CAG in October to give a presentation on visual updates. (a public participation requirement)

Recreation inventory /visual inventory standards have changed since 1998 standards.

ACTION – Arrange for Don Benn to be on agenda for October

Operational Information Map

Block 1

Current map was reviewed with information provided.

Current Activities

Harvesting – PD-201, PD-203H, OL-558, EL-668, ST-048, ST-008, LC-006, ST-149

Road Construction - None

Engineering – PD-166, PD-455, GL-110, GL-113, WL-926A, ST-331, ST-227, Rd Recce in Frogpond Lake area.

Salvage Areas – Chippewa, Lewis Lake @ 4 mile, UL-806, K Branch, Beaver Main

What's New on the Map

New Blocks: – GL-110, GL-113, PD-455, WL-926A

New Roads – ST-331 Future Roads

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – ST-008A

New Salvage Areas – Useless Lake Mainline

Map Updates

Logging Complete – PD-206, PD-208 conv, HO-403

Road Construction Complete – GI-100B

Engineered Blocks – PD-246, PL-001, PL-002, FH-027A, ST-144C, ST-155A

Engineered Roads – None

Question – In block ST-232 – is logging cutting across a tiny corner of the Sunshine Coast Trail?

Answer – (Steve) It could be a mapping error – will check.

ACTION – Check whether logging in ST-232 impacts SCT.

Question – Are any of the current operations near waters sheds?

Answer – ST-155A and ST-144C are within Haslam Lang watershed. There is a small piece near Jefferd Creek. BCTS has the rest. Trevor Edgely and Neil

Hughes have just finished in Jefferd Creek and could be contacted for more information if required.

Operational Information Map

Block 5 - Phillips Arm

Paul Kutz

Paul noted that the season has been wrapped up in Phillips Arm. Area was heli-logged and 80,000-85,000 cubic metres of timber were taken out.

Blocks logged were – PH-163, PH-162 ABCD, PH-134, PH-159 (completed) PH-502.

Next year blocks will be laid out in the fall - heli-blocks will be done again next year.

Question – What is the retention strategy for Block 5?

Answer – Same as before - Group retention – wild life tree requirements are 10% etc.

Saltery Bay Trail and shoreline

Member went for field trip to March Lake and Spring Lake Trail. Member also noted that the Saltery Bay Trail is now open to the public. BC Ferries have indicated that they may provide a bench.

Recreation – Paul Kutz

Paul noted plans for next year – Ministry funding will provide-

- Re-engineering of road to Khartoum Lake
- Re-engineering of road at end of Lois Lake
- Development of new campsites and upgrades at Nanton Lake (3-D construction)
- Culverts to be replaced by new log bridge
- Rubber culvert by fish creek will be replaced

Terms of Reference Update

Copies of proposed changes to Terms of Reference (updated to 2002 standards) were provided. Members were asked to review changes, send suggestions and comment before next meeting. Members asked for electronic copies of changes.

ACTION – Revised copies of changes to TOR be e-mailed to members for review and comment

Members of the sub-committee were thanked for the time spent on the Terms of Reference this summer.

Saltery Bay Trail – Map

Member asked whether map was provided for the Saltery Bay Ferry Terminal. Member will check.

Membership List Update

Members were asked to review membership list and to update address books with current e-mail addresses.

Break – 7:15pm-7:30pm

FSP Introduction

Stephen Chaplin

Copies of the draft FSP were provided for review. Members were asked to treat document as confidential. CAG was given first opportunity to view before public review period that will begin October 15th. Any comments can be sent to Stephen Chaplin or Steve Chambers. Greg Hemphill now has signing approval for FSP. Focus groups will meet in Nanaimo. Anticipated timelines are – submission – February 2006, approval - Summer 2006. Stillwater Pilot Project will still be in force until cancelled. Mall display for Stillwater Pilot Project annual audit will be held at Christmas. Transition to Cascadia requires legal language - on day new FSP is approved, Stillwater Pilot will cease. Government is aware of plans for new FSP. Everyone has to have an FSP by the end of 2006.

Question – How many native bands are involved in consultation process?

Answer – Approximately 34 altogether - company has to show attempts at consultation. Timeline of 2006 is doable, Pilot ends in 2007.

Question – Is there a glossary available?

Answer – Yes, included in document.

FSP Resources available at Cascadia office

Stephen will provide resource maps and information at Cascadia office. Meeting to focus on FSP will be held on September 26th, with information and resources available.

Overview of Landscape Unit Plans and LRMP's

It was noted that the Coast is broken up into different landscape unit plans. Some plans are complete; others are only in draft form, and “on hold”. Mid coast LRMP for Phillips was put forth in December 2003, nothing done yet. Sea to Sky LRMP is done – there is a website. New FSP covers many areas Block 1, Bunsters, Powell Daniels, Squarkes, Chapman, Powell, Lois and Sechelt.

Zoning concerns – goat polygons etc

Member noted that there are concerns about at polygons – plans are held up for years. Member suggested that CAG could write a letter to find out the status of LRMP's at this time.

ACTION – Send letter to government regarding current status of LRMP's.

Community Watersheds

Member asked about community watersheds. Steve noted that Powell Lake is not an official watershed. Stillwater plan includes Haslam Lang, Sliammon Lake, Jefferd Creek and Silver Creek. Sechelt includes Chapman and Dakota Creek.

Wildlife

In blocks 1 and 5, Cascadia will manage for Marbled Murrelet, three grizzly habitats and goats. It was noted that there are fifteen other smaller TFL's to be managed.

Recreation orders

Steve noted that recreation orders will be listed in the new FSP.

Question – Are there a small number of deer winter ranges in the Stillwater area?

Answer – There are no legal orders for objectives for deer.

Darryl Reynolds from Ministry of Environment will be protecting wildlife habitats. Government Action Regulations (GAR) will be used to protect wildlife.

Question – What is the real meaning of a Landscape Unit Plan?

Answer- Maps at office will show how area is broken up-government wants to have landscape unit plans in place.

Recreation section

Member noted that only four areas are included for Powell River, and there are many pages of consideration for other areas.

Steve noted that what government can comment on is what has legal objectives and orders. At focus meeting on September 26th, maps will be shown to show areas of trails and designated recreation sites, Lewis Lake, Nanton Lake etc. Boundaries were drawn outside recreation areas, but company has to manage for forest values. It was noted that the FSP has a list of areas that have “orders”.

Zoning

Member suggested that the Stillwater Pilot project should be considered in the new FSP and would like to wave a red flag regarding zoning.

Question – Is there anywhere in the FSP that relates to our zoning – old growth, habitat, recreation and riparian zones were all set by the community?

Answer – District Manager can make comments on legislated riparian zones

Member noted that if the riparian standards are the same as the pilot project, and a lot of the pilot project has gone into the new act, then protection is still there.

Steve noted that timber zones and recreation zones are still there and there will still be community values.

Member noted that the standards in the new coastal wide FSP are not the same as we have had for the last five years. Member will bring old maps showing green old growth patches that will soon disappear.

Steve noted that there will be changes - some better – e.g. FRPA has the 3-metre green-up rule. Old growth and wildlife tree patches are protected under FRPA.

Member noted that all values appear to benefit company and business, not the community. Further discussions are necessary regarding zoning.

Facilitator suggested that members should review the Stillwater Pilot Project and become familiar with it before next meeting on September 26th.

ACTION – Members to review Pilot project before September 26th FSP focus meeting.

Meeting schedules and venues

Upcoming meetings will be –

- September 26th – FSP focus meeting – Boardroom (15 minutes for ToR)
- October 1st – Indicator workshop – 9:00am- Boardroom
- October 3rd – Regular CAG meeting - Boardroom
- October 24th – Regular dinner meeting with Min For rep and possible new members
- Extra meeting for indicators if needed

It was noted that Cascadia will fund one dinner meeting a month – other meetings will be held in the boardroom to reduce costs. Suggestions for other venues were invited.

Public participation

Discussion about public participation in meetings-

Suggestion - Advertising in newspaper should state time for public – 7:00pm

Suggestion – Place ad in Wednesday before the Monday meeting

Suggestion – Ask newspaper to place ad in free section whenever possible

New Members

Members suggested two new possible persons to fill vacant seats. Member will bring them to the meeting on October 24th.

Member also noted that the wildcrafters seat is still vacant and asked members for suggestions on how to find someone to fill seat.

Terms of Reference – interim elections

Member noted that in the event of members leaving the group; interim elections will be held within 30 days. This item will be included in the draft of the new Terms of Reference.

Next meeting – FSP Focus meeting

September 26, 2005.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm

**Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group
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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron - Chair	Primary	Member at large
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Tony Smith – 2nd Vice-Chair	Primary	Education
Eagle Walz	Primary	Recreation
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment/Access
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt. (Regional)
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
David Gabelhouse	Alternate	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Dan Waslewski	Alternate	Citizens
13 Seats represented		
ABSENT		
Andy Davis	Alternate	Citizens
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt. (Municipal)
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
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
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	