

**CSA Community Advisory Group  
to Island Timberlands  
December 13, 2006  
Minutes  
Westview Pizza**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Meeting called to order  
Quorum noted

**Welcome and introductions**

Chair welcomed new member Dave Hodgins and stand-in recording secretary Davina Grundle. Members around the table introduced themselves.

**Safety Review**

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

**Code of Conduct**

Code of Conduct from Community Advisory Group was read and noted

**Review and Acceptance of Agenda**

Chair asked for approval of the agenda. Agenda was accepted with it being noted that Diane had to catch the 8:45 ferry.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes from the Island Timberland's portion of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted with one amendment.

**Action List**

Action #1 – Access Management Plan provided in draft form to CAG tonight  
Action #2 – Information provided in SFM Plan??? Remove!!!  
Action #4 – Suggested it would be a good speaker next year.  
Action #5 – Trails are in a draft of the SFMP and will work with Dave Hodgins and provide a better map. Remaining on the Action List  
Action #6 – 2008 plans to log the area. Residents would like the area near the swamp protected. Will leave on the Action List and Kraig will bring more information when it's available. Update in Jan 07  
Action #7 – There are 3 spots where the SCT will be impacted near the Lois dam. Plans are made to leave smaller trees but to log up to trail. Very short sections will be impacted by the harvest. Island will assist in rerouting the trail where needed. Plans are to log the block in March.  
Action #8 – SFM Plan sub-committee meeting did happen. Tonight's meeting will cover off the action item and it will be removed.

**Company Updates**

*Question* – Tell us about the blowdown you had in the windstorm

*Answer* – It affected Island’s operations immensely. Still looking to see what it looks like. Island knows that areas like Horseshoe Lake are bad. Campbell River was also hit hard. Lots of blowdown and slides all over.

*Question* – Is it the same on the Island?

*Answer* – Yes. All areas are very bad. With maximum soil saturation and the bad winds on top of it all it contributes to very unstable conditions. Snow conditions now will affect how quickly areas can be cleaned up. With all the damage harvest plans could change significantly for the next year.

*Question* – Will you leave the wood down?

*Answer* – Kraig replied the damage will be dealt with ASAP. Snow may hamper some clean up. It was noted that in Olsen’s Landing a bridge has been buried by a slide.

Kraig noted that there are 3 properties in the Duck Lake area that Island is ready to start falling in. One is near the Lang Creek Bridge. Island will be using a conservative approach when harvesting and looking at visuals. About a year ago letters were sent to users on the water system letting them know plans. To date there has only been one letter of feedback from concerned user. 150 m buffer to be left along the railway trestle.

*Question* – What effect will the harvesting have on bridge use at Duck Lake?

*Answer* – Kraig confirmed that the harvesting will not affect the bridge or hatchery use or access. Crown land trees are not being harvested. Kraig noted the site meets visual and retention objectives. Reserve patches will be staying and many small trees to stay.

*Question* – Does Island Timberlands recognize the IWMP for that area?

*Answer* – Yes. Island has every intention of following through with management respecting the IWMP. Wayne to bring map into room after break and will show plans then.

**Fibre Supply**

Sub-committee thanked Island for the meeting with the local business men. Committee reported that it was a great opportunity to open up communications. Draft proposal for local log sales handed out. It was drafted as a result of the meeting.

Facilitator pointed out that a document marked “draft” that it is expected to be kept at the table and is not for release or publication. Diane asked for input after the group has reviewed the document.

**Access Policy**

Current version of Island's access policy handed out but there is another under review at this time. This particular one written for Island's EMS.

Request that when the document is complete, it be posted on the CAG website

*Question* – Will there be a phone number for people to call regarding which areas are open?

*Answer* – At this point there isn't but Island is looking for something that will work for the near future.

Wayne noted that the operations are 5 days a week and it should be assumed the company is operating during those hours.

*Question* – Is there any hauling planned for 7 days / week?

*Answer* – Conditions may necessitate hauling on weekends

*Question* – Can hauling on weekends be on a hotline and will Island use pilot cars if there is weekend hauling?

*Answer* – It was stated that Island doesn't feel it's necessary unless falling across a road is happening. This may happen in Goat Lake. There won't be public use on Stevenson. Road when there is active harvesting. At Freda there may be a need for a pilot car for 2.5 miles. Diane Valley may need a short section.

*Question* – Can signs be place on the roads?

*Answer* – The company feels the signs are ignored anyway.

Member urged Island to do its due diligence and make sure that the public is aware of what their plans are. A hotline would be a great way to do it. CAG agreed that public notice was important

**SFM Plan and Data Set**

Diane presented the data set to go with the SFM Plan and explained how it was set up.

**Action - page 2 of the SFM Plan needs numbers regarding DFA size (Diane)**

Indicator 1 -

Action – Supply age class definition. Put the definitions in a glossary.

Indicator 2 – Need a retention policy as an appendix

Indicator 3 – Noted that there are no recovery programs happening in this area but if a recovery plan was needed it would be added to the data set when the data was

put together. Using the SARA list although not noted in the data set. SFM Plan could contain a link to the SARA list.

Indicator 4 – OK

Indicator 5 – Not in data set. In SFM Plan there is no + or – in acceptable variance in the data set. Will be changed to reflect intention.

Indicator 6 – Not in data set

Indicator 7 – Not in data set. Needs a + in the data set under acceptable variance.

Member suggested using different wording for the target to reflect a positive statement (e.g. 85%) Diane to work with Kevin on it

**\*\*Noted that where there is “no change” written for the forecast it should read “meet the target” in all cases\*\***

Indicator 8 – Forecast to be changed to “meet the target”

Indicator 9 - Forecast to be changed to “meet the target”. No data set

Indicator 10 – Acceptable Variance  $\pm$  5%. No data set

Indicator 11 – Forecast to be changed to “meet the target”

Indicator 12 – Member suggest that Acceptable Variance should be 0. Need to reword the forecast.

Facilitator noted that the members have been concerned that with a coastal SFM Plan that things like the 15% retention policy could be carried out only on the Island and Powell River could be clear cut. Diane stated that this was not the case or intention and the targets are area specific.

Indicator 13 - Forecast to be changed to “meet the target”

*Question* – Will the data set come back combined with the SFM Plan for the group to see?

*Answer* – Yes

Indicator 14 – Can’t forecast a catastrophic wind event but would be reflected in data set for that year. No data set

Indicator 15 – Needs to be the annual # No data set

Member brought up that the sub-committee felt that with a small DFA that the acceptable variance and target is very large. Suggests the target should be 0 and the acceptable variance  $\pm$  1. This would take this indicator out of the core set.

Diane felt this one may be reworded. CAG wanted this to be a local indicator

Indicator 16 – As is. Member noted this data is only as good as the spills that are being reported.

Indicator 17 – Acceptable variance needs a number. Member noted that there is contradictory wording between the Target and Acceptable variance.

**Action – Herbicide/Pesticide discussion to be on the next agenda. Need to reaffirm the Advisory Group’s opinion on use. (to be put on Jan agenda)**

Indicator 18 - Forecast to be changed to “meet the target”

Indicator 19 -OK

Indicator 20 – Members wanted to know who is measuring. Acceptable variance needs a number. Member concerned with lack of water monitoring in the area.

**Action – Ask Shelley H for a workshop on water management and measurables in the early New Year. Perhaps others can be invited if their interests affect or are affected by water quality/quantity in this area. (Diane)**

Indicator 21 – Check on sources and IWMPs done. Langley Lake should be Lang Creek?

**Action - Member to forward Thulin Lake IWMP to Kraig.**

Indicator 22 – Members suggest that the Indicator be written in a positive way. Target is 100%. Current status – all areas have been reforested within one year to date.

Indicator 23 – TSA should be DFA

Indicator 24 – Members suggested “The # of sites...”

Also suggested the target is greater than 95%

Acceptable variance  $\pm 5\%$  No data set

Indicator 25 – OK No data set

Indicator 26 – OK

Indicator 27 – Working on it. Agreed to leave as is for this year.

Indicator 28 – OK

Indicator 29 – OK

Facilitator noted that the value that has been identified at the table is even, stable employment from year to year. Company noted that they have to look at its place in the Global economy and judge its harvest levels that way. This indicator will be looked at again. Facilitator suggested that this may be an indicator that a note needs to go onto where community and company agree to disagree. Facilitator noted that true economic benefit is tough to measure. Member asked if there was a way to look at wording which reflects “contribution to the local employment base”

Diane asked for any comment via email from the subcommittee. Subcommittee noted that it could only make recommendations to the group and couldn’t pass its comments directly to the company without the group’s approval.

One sub-committee member stated that there were more places where wording was in question. Concerns regarding indicator 41 and confidentiality wording. Sub-committee found the wording in acceptable variance to feel offensive. Island will look at it.

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Indicator #35 was questioned and clarity was given that the map information may be in the form of a map or just information shared.

Diane said audit is done at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007 (April) providing everything is ready. Wants to do it right.

CAG will continue discussion this evening after Diane leaves in the hope to cover off most of the SFM Plan discussion this evening.

Indicator 30 - OK

Indicator 31 – Objective missing in SFM Plan

Indicator 32 – Members wondered what the reporting mechanism was for issues that need reporting.

Member noted that in order to have a discussion with Island about the trails a good map was needed.

**Action - Kraig and Wayne will look into getting a good map so that trails can be defined. (Cathy to let Diane know also)**

Indicator 33 – Acceptable variance to read none

Indicator 34 – Access Management Policy needs to be an appendix

More discussion needed on this indicator

Indicator 35 – More discussion needed

## **Minutes**

WFP's November 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and accepted.

## **Correspondence**

1. CSA letter – CSA technical committee has been invited to the Jan 26 conference in Courtenay
2. Cranberry Ratepayers letter – Chair to reply letting them know Kraig will forward the municipality's recommendations and suggesting they get in contact with WFP.
3. QMI response to complaints letter read
4. MOE letter regarding Plutonic letter was discussed. Noted that Plutonic is required to contract a forestry consultant to look at differing figures between Plutonic and others.

**Other Business**

Member wanted to know who was cleaning up the unused gravel pit which when a person is driving up the Stillwater Main logging road, is about 300 meters on the right, after crossing the bridge over Eagle River.

**Action – Cathy to ask WFP regarding this issue**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Jane Cameron – Chair</b>	Primary	Member at large
Kathy Kirk	Alternate	Member at Large
<b>Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair</b>	Primary	Recreation
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Dave Rees- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b>	Primary	Tourism
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
<b>Patrick Brabazon</b>	Primary	Local Governments
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
Brent Rothwell	Alternate	Contractor
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
<b>Wayne Borgfjord</b>	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Primary	Environment
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
<b>9 Seats represented</b>		
<b>Absent members</b>		
Ted Byng	Alternate	Local Governments
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
<b>Mark Hassett</b>	Primary	Local Business
<b>Doug Fuller</b>	Primary	DFA Worker
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Resource – others</b>		
<b>Diane Medves</b>	Island Timberlands	
<b>Kraig Urbanoski</b>	Island Timberlands	
<b>Wayne French</b>	Island Timberlands	
<b>Cathy Bartfai</b>	Facilitator	
<b>Davina Grundle</b>	Secretary	