

**CSA Community Advisory Group
to Island Timberlands**

September 13, 2006

Minutes

Town Centre Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:02pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Welcome and introductions

Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made:

1. Stuart Glen, Forester Stillwater Timberlands Western Forest Products, sharing the certification position with-
2. Paul Kutz, Forester, Stillwater Timberlands
3. Martin Buchanan, Forester from Campbell River office of Western Forest products. Martin has picked up the “Plutonic file” from Walt Cowlard
4. Don Turner, Powell River Regional District planner
5. Bill Waugh, Forester, Island Timberlands

Members introduced themselves around the table. Seats represented were: Local business, recreation, contractors, environment, local governments, DFA workers, tourism, forest dependent and member at large.

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.

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Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct from Community Advisory Group was posted and noted.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Chair asked for approval of the agenda. Agenda was accepted with time changes as some attendees had to leave early to catch the ferry.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from June 14th for both Western and island were reviewed and accepted with one amendment.

Island Timberlands

Bill Waugh

Operational Information Map

Bill provided a new map showing Island Timberlands operations on both Vancouver Island and in the Stillwater area. Areas shown in purple were those previously in the DFA, some that are in the DFA now, and some that were not in before.

Member noted that there are some Actions outstanding.

Retention policy

Question - Does Island Timberlands have a copy of the retention policy that was requested on June 5th?

Answer – Bill noted that it is available and can be e-mailed to the group.

ACTION – Retention policy to be e-mailed to members.

Bill noted that the retention policy applies on all OG and visually sensitive urban interface areas; there will be a minimum of 3.5% on all cutblocks - with a 7% target annually. Target is 7% across all holdings. DFA

Question – Does the 7% retention show on the map for Stillwater?

Answer – Don't think Stillwater wants to be 7%. Target is 7% across all holdings DFA is not contiguous and we can compartmentalize it.

For visually sensitive areas in Stillwater – Island will share information with the group.

Question – Would you agree that Riparian retention or buffers are probably going to be the most controversial?

Answer – Yes, agree. Sometimes we are exceeding the FP code. Site specific we will bring in experts. E.g. Eagle River. That was not at a legislative requirement to achieve 80% policy as per the SFM plan.

If in areas close to cutblocks, crown regs apply.

Question- When two cut blocks are close together, there is a visual issue

Answer – Yes

Question – Fiddlehead areas – there are ribbons for falling boundaries near Giovanni Creek and Lake. There is a hemlock and alder near the creek. Is Island planning to harvest there?

Answer – Bill will check

ACTION – Check on the status of Fiddlehead area – there are ribbons for falling boundaries near Giovanni Creek and Lake. There is a hemlock and alder near the creek.

Question – Will Island Timberlands be bringing information on cut blocks prior to harvesting, including riparian buffers etc.? Members would like to see plans ahead of time.

Answer – Yes- Bill Waugh noted that he didn't bring 2007 plans as they are not yet approved by the board of directors.

Question – Is there the flexibility to move ahead, as Horseshoe was moved ahead.

Answer – We will have a better idea in October.

Facilitator noted that is was challenging to communicate with a new company.

Action List

Action list was reviewed. Some items were complete and others were outstanding.

Fibre Sales Agreement

Question - Will Island have a written Fibre Sales agreement that is a separate document?

Answer – We can have a look at it and get back with answer.

ACTION – Look into a written Fibre sales agreement.

Opportunities for local businesses

Member noted that a meeting with local business and salvagers regarding supply should be held. (Alder, maple etc)

ACTION – Meeting to be set up with local millers – member will arrange a tour of local mills to meet with marketing guys on the same day.

It was noted that most can't meet until after 6:00pm.

Member asked about salvagers and noted that some good wood was going for firewood.

Bill Waugh noted that one person looks after the salvage operations. Mandate is to get higher value, but agreed that some was going for firewood.

Member noted that there is some wood that is dead and down, that some millers would be interested in.

Island has the opportunity to sell to whomever- a system has been developed on the Island. Different contractors are going into cutblocks and choosing wood, and

then the firewood cutters have a chance. This year, over here, the first guy that came along was a firewood cutter.

Access Plan

Bill noted that the company has open access to walk-on traffic but for ATV's, bikes and horses, company tries to keep some control. It was noted that there was a recent accident on the Island. Company is concerned with safety and liability. There have also been some fires this season. When there is a large group, there is a need to have an agreement. Mountain biking events take place on Island Timberlands land and liability is always an issue with people on Island Timberland's property.

Final draft of Island Timberland's Access Plan is still to be approved.

Question – If the Sunshine Coast trail went across Island's land, would an agreement be required? Not all hikers are with PRPAWs- is it ok for people to hike up there?

Answer – No agreement would be required.

Member noted that the public has always had free access. About a year and a half ago, "wilderness watch was organized, and there has been very little vandalism this year. Members would hate to see the public locked out.

Bill Waugh noted that he would not see that happening.

Facilitator asked about other certifications such as SFI. Bill noted that CSA suits the company at this time.

Question – What are the timelines for CSA?

Answer – Audit will take place December 11, 2006

Question – Will that be a Stillwater audit or a full region audit?

Answer- Full audit

Question – Who does audit?

Answer – QMI

Facilitator noted that the company needs to ask if audit includes CAG.

ACTION - Company needs to ask if QMI audit in December includes CAG.

Field Trip – Island Timberlands

Chair suggested that members may want to look at Horseshoe outblock. Members discussed whether an evening, afternoon or a Saturday would be the best time. Weekday afternoon, early in the week.

Chair noted that visi vests need to be worn.

Western agreed to help provide them.

Invitation to Sliammon

Bill Waugh noted that Island Timberlands is still waiting for a response. They will re-send an invitation to Chief Walter Paul.

ACTION - Re-send an invitation to Chief Walter Paul and the new council.

Indicators review

Copies of Island Timberlands draft indicators were provided.

Question regarding Indicator #26 – Clarification was required- harvesting is “mostly conventional”, this will be easy to report in SFM plan.

Question – Facilitator asked- when SFM plan is written, will Stillwater local information be written up?

Answer – Yes

Question – Indicator 21 – Which watersheds are in Island’s DFA and does the company work with CWAPs?

Answer – They are a small part – other companies update watershed every 3 years.

Chair noted that there are riparian concerns, and noted that Island Timberlands needs to bring the plans to the table before harvesting.

Question – Are there any research projects locally such as marbled murrelet and goshawk?

Answer – Island has a research agreement with Western.

Bill noted that there is funding for the ongoing research on herbicides for salmonberry.

Indicator #32 – Trails – it was noted that a response is still awaited from PRPAWS.

Indicator #33 – Recreation tourism – Member asked how can there be better communication if recreation and tourism sites are being affected.

Answer – Plans can be moved around. if concerns are brought forward to Island re: rec sites.

Question – Member asked for e-mail notice if blocks are moved forward.

Answer – Yes, we will communicate better in future. The Horseshoe Lake block was used as an example.

ACTION - e-mail notice to be sent to members if harvest plans change from what was presented to CAG

Indicator #38 – Harvesting where Sunshine Coast trail is impacted.

Question – Is prescription done first, and are buffers for the SCT the same as in the Stillwater FSP?

Paul Kutz noted that as a courtesy, when the Sunshine Coast Trail trespasses on a block, Western discusses with PRPAWs prior to cutting. The trail has been re-routed in the past. It was noted that in six years working with CAG, communications regarding the Sunshine Coast Trail have worked well.

Chair noted that Western is now putting the Sunshine Coast Trail on the operational information update as a line item.

Member noted that the SCT is a tourist attraction, not just for local users.

Paul Kutz noted that he has information available on the SCT that he can share with Island Timberlands. (GIS)

Chair noted that members should take home draft indicators for review. It was noted that community values are reflected in the document and that each member should make sure the document represents the values of his/her seat.

Question – Will SFM plan be for one year?

Answer – Yes

7:10pm - End of Island Timberlands' meeting

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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Ken Jackson – Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Governments
Ted Byng	Alternate	Local Governments
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Mark Hassett	Primary	Local Business
Andrew Pinch	Alternate	Tourism
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Brent Rothwell	Alternate	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
9 Seats represented		
Absent members		
Kathy Kirk	Alternate	Member at Large
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
Dave Rees- 2nd Vice Chair	Primary	Tourism
Jack McClinchey	Alternate	Recreation
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Stuart Glen	Western Forest Products Inc	
Paul Kutz	Western Forest Products Inc.	
Martin Buchanan	Western Forest Products Inc.	
Bill Waugh	Island Timberlands	
Guest		
Don Turner	Regional District of PR	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	