

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

June 23rd, 2004

Minutes

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Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:05pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Welcome

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Introductions

Chair welcomed and introduced new youth member, Erika Hein.

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was adopted as amended.

Safety Review

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

Review of Minutes

Minutes from June 9th were reviewed and adopted as circulated. Facilitator noted that the helilogging presentation by Stacy Cuzzocrea was attached to the minutes.

Facilitator notified new members that the minutes are recorded on tape and are archived for future reference.

Correspondence

Letter to School Board requesting the timely hiring of a forestry instructor. *Member noted that interviews have been held and the board is moving towards a decision in the near future. Member noted that Rod is not available for the position as suggested.*

Thank-you letters to last meetings' speakers.

Correspondence from Access seat to Paul Kutz regarding access concerns and follow up. *Member noted some concerns about road closure at*

mile 33.

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Windsor Lake 909

Comparison of Helilogging and Conventional Logging methods

– Doug Wainman

In response to request from CAG, Doug provided a handout showing a comparison of employment using two different logging methods in the WL-909 block (Windsor Lake).

Comparison showed all aspects of each method including road construction, and construction of heli-landing, bundling, grapple yarding, hoe chucking, booming and towing. In conclusion, the results were surprising – for heli-logging, more man-days are required to get the job done – (347 compared to 247.7 for conventional). Unfortunately it was also noted that only 167 of those man/days were local.

Question – What does this all mean?

Answer – Conventional logging will be used usually where a road can be built.

Comparison chart shows that technically there are more people employed when helicopter is used. Heli-logging is more expensive but stumpage charges are less than conventional. Heli-logging provides a better product for the mill and is more efficient, but provides very little compensation to the crown.

Comment – Out of town workers stay in hotels and eat at local restaurants

Member disagreed and noted that Eldred operation had a self-contained camp and workers did not come into town.

Facilitator thanked Doug for the information and Chair noted that the information provided would be a good baseline for discussions in the future.

Company Updates

Fire at Mowat Bay on weekend of June 19th.

Doug McCormick noted that there was a publicly caused fire on the TFL (cliffs by Mowat Bay). Good actions by firefighters and Weyerhaeuser staff prevented fire from becoming much more serious. The Sunshine Coast Trail was very useful for the crews to get to the fire.

Eco system based management system for Phillips Arm based on the LRMP. Three-hour session was held and Doug noted that licensees have agreed to implement EBM system voluntarily. Public concerns for red-listed species were discussed and member noted that the session was well attended by hourly staff and CAG member.

FSP Audit #4 for the Stillwater Pilot Project is complete and report was provided for members. Doug noted that it was a good, clean audit with only one technical non-compliance that will be addressed. Member also noted that Weyerhaeuser is doing a fine job. Some suggestions for improvement were noted in the UL-806 block

June 29 2004 Audit – Audit is planned for two blocks – one will be up Powell Lake by boat and one at Stillwater block ST-144. Two or three CAG members will attend.

Copies of survey from the mall were handed out – annual survey that took place with public feedback collected.

Amendments to FSP and regulations in the Pilot Project are planned. Amendments shouldn't affect CAG. Discussions on reduction of audits from 10 to 5 blocks per year. CAG members will be kept informed by e-mail if changes occur over the summer break.

Indicator Summary – final indicator summary report for 2003 was provided for members.

Stillwater division is still doing well and (profit) outlook is good. Operations are shutdown because of dry conditions and mills are running short of wood. There is not as much inventory this year.

Question - Member asked about fire at Mowat Bay that started on municipal land and noted that indicator should be reviewed. (Hectares burned on TFL)

ACTION – Review indicator regarding hectares burned on TFL (2004 Indicator # 14)

Access Hotline

Comment – Access information hotline is not updated – heli-logging is gone from Freda Creek area and hotline still not updated.

Answer – Apologies on behalf of Trevor Campbell, who is on holiday this week. Hotline will be updated as soon as possible.

Fire at Mowat Bay

Question – Regarding the fire at Mowat Bay, is it possible to educate the kids about the dangers of fire?

Answer – Firehall staff and forest service do put out educational information to schools and youth in the community. Campfire bans and notices are posted in the paper and also on the door at Weyerhaeuser office.

Suggestion – Maybe the kids responsible should help pack hoses to put fires out?

Member noted that some adults are also irresponsible and noted cigarette ends being thrown out of car windows.

Member for youth suggested that a night in jail may be the solution for kids who deliberately start fires with aerosol cans etc.

Member noted that the Mowat bay fire was started by a troubled thirteen-year-old youth.

Audit #4 – Stillwater Pilot Project – Final Report

Final report was provided.

Review of Action List

LRMP plan for Phillips Arm –

Doug noted that companies will abide by the LRMP even though it is not legal yet. Groups like CAG will look after the social end of things.

Old Growth sub-committee

Old growth sub-committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss future supply of old growth.

Exports to China and Japan

Member asked for more information on raw log exports to China and Japan. Member noted that 1.2 million cubic metres were exported according to news report. How much from Weyerhaeuser?

ACTION - Doug will research and provide information on exports by e-mail before July 15th.

Local Sales Report

Member noted that local sales report for the last six months was not provided.

ACTION – Doug will look into local sales report for the last six months

Question – Is salvage wood reported?

Answer – No, it's not counted – comes off stumpage. Old growth cedar and fir is going to salvage - we could put salvage on the list. It comes from contractors, not from the sort.

Man-days – WL-909

Question – Could the man-days report for WL-909 be posted on the website?

Answer – Will ask Doug Wainman

ACTION – Electronic Copy of heli/conventional (WL-909) comparison to be requested for minutes and website

Signature from Weyerhaeuser for Section 102 for S. Powell Divide

Member suggested that the Alpine Club and Weyerhaeuser could apply jointly for Section 102 and trails to Emma Lake

Doug noted that there is no appetite at present for pursuing any more recreational management agreements. Member should talk to Paul Kutz regarding Emma Lake trail.

Copy of agreement between Weyerhaeuser and the Ministry of Forests

Member made a second request for a copy of agreement. Doug noted that

the document between Weyerhaeuser and the government was available for reference only and would not be handed out. It was noted that it is not feasible to carry out some items in the agreement. (i.e. Removing spider-webs etc)

Question - Member asked why agreement was signed if items couldn't be carried out?

Answer - Funding can't be obtained without agreement

Doug noted that Weyerhaeuser would continue with the management of the Canoe route.

Field Trip

Discussion - Plans were made for field trip on July 19th. Members will meet at 8:30am at the Weyerhaeuser office and be back in town by 3:00pm. Husbands and wives are invited if room is available in vehicles.

Second field trip will be planned for the fall (early October) to the Southview Road area.

Sunshine Coast Trail re-route

Member noted that the re-route for the Sunshine Coast trail has been discussed. The preferred route would be the shorter route around the fringe of the old Fiddlehead Farm.

Terms of Reference

Copies of revised terms of reference were provided. Members discussed the addition of an appendix to include other organizations. Sub-committee will meet over the summer to work on appendix.

ACTION – Terms of reference sub-committee to meet to add appendix to terms of reference. Members decided to wait until September before accepting the revised Terms of Reference.

Facilitator noted that Ken Matthews of BC Timber Sales mentioned another advisory group that has branched out. Facilitator will research and get back to CAG with more information.

ACTION - Facilitator will research and get back to CAG with more information on other groups that have branched out.

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TM-300 1-metre green-up

Chair noted that 1-metre green up at TM-300 is being done for the first time. It was noted that members do not like the idea of only one-metre green-up and would prefer three-metres as the rule. Members have viewed what appear to be one-metre green-up patches from the lake on the forest tour.

Doug explained the one-metre green-up for new members. He stated that you could have two cutblocks side by side, and have one harvested a year or two later, as long as the total area was 40 hectares or less.

Break – 7:50pm – 8:06pm

PMP and NIT Discussion

Advertisement of NIT's

Member noted that indicator # 38 states – "*CAG presented annually with Stillwater Timberlands Weyerhaeuser's Notice of Intent to Treat concurrent to it being submitted to the Pest Control Board for comment and review*"

Chair noted that the advertisement has appeared in the paper.

It was noted that:

CAG needs to be advised of things that affect them

CAG needs to be advised if NIT's before they appear in the paper

In future, CAG needs to be advised in a timely manner.

Doug explained that technically there is no PMP yet as it has not been approved, but Weyerhaeuser was advised to put the advertisement in the paper anyway. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection have had the plan since January.

Member noted that in future CAG should be advised of NIT before advertising.

Members asked for copy of NIT to be posted on the website.

ACTION – Copy of NIT to be posted on CAG website.

Member noted that the indicator is a bit vague, and needs some work

ACTION – Re-word Indicator #38 regarding PMP and NIT's.

SFMP Summary Report of Objectives and Indicators for 2003

Copies of report were provided. Members were asked to review report over the summer break. Members agreed to review four indicators at each meeting beginning in September. It was noted that auditors have made reference to some indicators, and they should be reviewed.

Annual Report

Copies of chair's annual report were provided. It was noted that the group has lost a few members over the last year, but has gained some new high quality people who are prepared to work to make the process work. Chair thanked members for being co-operative and willing to work together. Group is moving ahead, setting goals and reaching goals, and helping to make forest practices in this area some of the best, leaving a legacy in the forest for others to enjoy in the future.

Nominations

Nominating committee asked for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair. No new nominations were received.

Eagle Walz was nominated to continue as Chair of the Community Advisory Group for another year

Ken Jackson was nominated to continue as Vice-Chair of the Community Advisory Group for another year

Suggestion for 2nd Vice Chair – Member suggested that addition of a position to be known as 2nd vice chair. It was suggested that this could be

an entry –level sort of training position for someone who was willing to step in at a later date. Members suggested writing the position into the Terms of Reference.

Members agreed that it would be a good idea.

ACTION – Members to write 2nd Vice-chair into the Terms of Reference

Seats not represented

Member noted that wildcrafters are not represented at the CAG table. Suggestion was made to try to fill the seat. Members agreed.

ACTION – Find someone to fill position representing wildcrafters.

Central Coast LRMP

Member noted that presentation about ecosystem-based management, a component of the Central Coast LRMP, had been shown to Stillwater. Five companies working in the central coast have committed to some measures of the Ecosystem based management. BC Timber Sales can't commit at this stage. It was noted that seven targets out of 65 were chosen to focus on.

Seral Stage representation

Variable retention

Commitment to protection of red listed ecosystems, as defined by CDC

Protection of small steep narrow streams (rare) for fish habitat

Protection of estuaries

Protection of swamps and gullies

Protection of high value fish habitat

Phillips Arms will be well protected.

Millennium Park Update

It was noted that a Joint Venture continues to meet. Norske is preparing to sell a large area of land between Willingdon Beach and Gibson's Beach. A joint venture is interested in buying it and would try to recoup cost of

acquiring the land through subdividing and reselling the land. Two options are being considered. Public fundraising has gone very well with almost \$75,000 raised so far. \$500,000 has been aimed for, but it may take some time to raise that amount.

Option #1 - Would establish the park as it's been proposed by the Millennium Park Committee and supported by the community.

Option # 2 –If Option #1 does not succeed in recouping costs of acquisition, then Willingdon Beach Trail area would be logged and become a residential housing development. There wouldn't be trees below or above the trail.

In conclusion the Joint Venture believes that Option #1 is achievable and that the Park will be established. An announcement is expected this summer.

Question – How will proposed road change affect the park?

Answer – It would be nice to have more park space below the highway, as the section of Highway 101 at Willingdon Beach is very busy and parking is a problem at present that will only become greater. Accommodation to existing trails crossing a new, fast highway would have to be made.

Concerns regarding watersheds

Member expressed concerns regarding the forest service taking care of watersheds. Logging around the Stillwater area could impact the watersheds and over 100 homes could be affected. It was noted that Forestry gave permission for a road alongside the creek (Jefferd Creek?).

Member suggested that Greg Hemphill should be consulted to explain the situation.

Member will talk to foresters involved.

ACTION – Find out more about water shed concerns in Stillwater area where road has been built alongside creek.

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm

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Attendance

CAG Members

Present

Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Fran Ferguson	Alternate	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Primary	Member at large
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
Tony Smith	Primary	Education
Paul Goodwin	Primary	Forest Dependent
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment/ Access
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Erika Hein	Primary	Youth
Paul Holbrook	Primary	Forest Dependent
Absent		
George Ferreira		Local Business
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Alternate	Local Business
John Passek	Primary	Motorized Recreation
Les Falk	Alternate	Local Govt –
Rory Maitland		Regional

Bill Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Patrick Brabazon	Alternate	Contractor
	Primary	Local Govt – Regional
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Kevin McKamey	Alternate	Contractor
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Jeff Mah	Primary	Local Govt - Municipal

13 seats represented

Guests

Doug Wainman

Others Production Weyerhaeuser

Doug McCormick Supervisor

Cathy Barfai

Facilitator

Pam Dowding Recording
Secretary