

**CSA Community Advisory Group
to Stillwater Forest Operation - Western Forest Products Inc.
April 11, 2007
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:04pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum noted

Welcome and introductions

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Steve Chaplin would be dropping in around 8:30pm.

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 posted. Facilitator reminded members of the code of conduct when reviewing and to respect other seats' community values.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Chair asked for approval of the agenda. Agenda was accepted with one addition.

Review of Minutes- March 14, 2007

Minutes from March 14th were reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed.

1. e-mail correspondence from Bill Waugh – Island Timberlands
CSA audit will be delayed
2. Island Timberlands cc'd to CAG re: Scotch Fir Point harvesting plans.
3. Letter to PRPAWSs – Sunshine Coast Trail update
4. Letter to Chris Roddan – Shearwater Services
5. Letter To Minister of Environment –Hon. Barry Penner
6. Letter to Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources,
Hon. Richard Neufeld
7. Letter from Sue Bonnyman – Project Assessment Manager –
Environmental Assessment Office - March 29 follow up from
March 14 meeting

8. Knight Piesold report – Quantitative analysis between Freda and McVey Transmission Alignment options
9. e-mail correspondence from Grig Cook Plutonic Power Corp. with attached above report – April 10
10. e-mail correspondence from Sue Bonnyman – Project Assessment Manager – Environmental Assessment Office March 16

Public Correspondence

1. Letter from PR Round Table addressed to WFP. (email copy received by the Chair)
Will be presented later in the meeting by Stuart.

Action List

The action list was reviewed and updated.

Action #1 – The updated Visual landscape inventory data and map has been provided to the Ministry of Forests.

Action #2 – Computer images of Canoe route, Toba Inlet and other areas of concern regarding the route of the transmission line have *not* yet been sent to CAG by Plutonic Power Corp or Knight Piesold Ltd.

Action #3 – no response to e-mails regarding firewood and salal (Island)

Action #4 – no response to e-mail regarding signage at Goat Lake Main /Tony Lake cutoff (Island)

Action #5 – Stuart noted that the road hotline number will be in the next Telus phone book.

Action #6 –Stuart has PowerPoint-Visual Assessment information to be presented after OIM.

All other actions completed.

Operational Information Map Update (TFL39 Block 1)

Stuart Glen

Map was posted and Stuart gave an update of harvesting, road construction, engineering, what's new on the map, and map updates:

Current Activities

Harvesting – CH-538, ST-259, WL-926A, GI-053, GI-054, GI-152, NA-911, NA-912
WL-910 (hauling of helicopter wood)
Scattered blowdown salvage operations ongoing.

Road Construction - GI-111, GI-152, PD-252, PD-456, ST-184, ST-324, ST-334, ST-335, UL-825

Engineering – GI-019B, GI-032, GI-069B, GI-113, LL-056B, NA-008B, NA-910B, ST-147, ST-159, ST-209, ST-223B, ST-224B, ST-226B, ST-822, TM-122B, TM-191B, TM-195B, TM-245, UL-801B, WL-043, WL-906B

What's New on the Map

New Blocks – ST-209

New Roads – None

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – PD-252, GI-152 (labeled as GI-053 on map), HE-517A, HE-518A

Note: No new blocks or roads are identified adjacent to the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Map Updates

Logging Complete – FH-027, PL-001, PL-002, ST-102A (conventional portion), BT-650, ST-008SS, PD-453A

Road Construction Complete – None

Engineered Blocks – None

Engineered Roads –None

Sunshine Coast Trail

ST-820 and ST-822: WFP has reviewed maps with PRPAWS. A field visit is now being planned.

ST-148 and ST-327: Last meeting these two blocks were included with the current engineering activities. The SCT is in the vicinity of these two blocks. Layout plans have now changed and fieldwork is not longer planned in these two blocks at this time.

ACTION – Chair to provide update to PRPAWS

Question – Block ST-331 was logged last year – what are the plans for blowdown in the block?

Answer – Plans are in place to salvage the blowdown.

Question – What's happening with the slide on the way to Khartoum Lake and on Rainbow Main?

Answer – Third lake road should be drivable next week and current plans are for a geotechnical and civil engineer to finalize remedial plans for Rainbow Main slide. Repairs will likely not be completed until July – drier weather. Member noted that the road is drivable even after washout. WFP noted that signage has been posted at the site – limiting traffic to < 5 tons.

Fiddlehead Visual Impact Assessment

Stuart gave a presentation about the visual impact assessment prepared for FH-027. It was noted that there was some blowdown along the ridge which has affected the initial visual design for the block.

ACTION – Provide copy of presentation for library of visual impact assessment on Fiddlehead block FH-027.

Public Correspondence

Letter from Powell River Round Table (PRRT) dated April 10, 2007 - sent to WFP regarding membership in CAG.

The letter was reviewed and discussed by the membership. Members noted that community values are well represented at the table. WFP will provide a written response to the letter.

ACTION – WFP will reply to letter received from the PRRT dated April 10, 2007.

Company Updates

1. Sunshine Coast Trail maintenance project has now been completed with the Sliammon First Nation with assistance from PRPAWS.
2. The six new campsites at Lois Lake and the upgrades to the existing campsites have been completed. The Sliammon FN also worked on this project.
3. WFP completed some tree planting with some local school children as part of the planting program this spring.
4. CSA and Chain of Custody audit is scheduled for April 17 to April 19.
5. CSA Auditor will meet with CAG on Wednesday April 18th 6-7pm.

Facilitator noted that Stillwater CAG was the first group to meet with auditors as a group. There is also an opportunity to meet on an individual basis.

Executive and WFP Review – March 15, 2007

The Chair provided an update on the reviews completed as part of the Terms of Reference.

1. A review of the facilitator and recording secretary roles was completed as required by the ToR. This will be discussed as part of the recommended changes to the ToR.

2. Review of the seats. Full and detailed review completed and seats and membership have the range of values well represented.

Recommended changes -Terms of Reference

1. Executive positions – presently says that positions are open to primary seat holders.

Suggestion that the terms of Reference be changed to state that the alternates can also sit on the executive.

Consensus was reached to change the Terms of Reference so as to allow any CAG member to stand for office. Further, there was consensus agreement to allow any member to vote in elections.

There were no notable objections in either decision.

It was noted that election of executive is by casting votes, and this is the only occasion when CAG members vote. All other decisions are achieved through gathering consensus.

2. *Suggestion* - Change to division of labour duties between facilitator and secretary.

Facilitator now has a full time job and agreement has been made with secretary to divide duties.

ACTION - New job descriptions for Facilitator and Recording Secretary will be brought back to the table at a later date.

Consensus was reached on this suggestion and there were no notable objections.

Members reached consensus on the above amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Annual Review – Chair

Chair provided annual year end report that is appended to these minutes.

Advisory Group Conference Review

In February, three members and facilitator attended the Advisory Group Conference with Stuart.

Members noted that it was useful to speak with other groups on the same issues that they all face. It was noted that the dealings with Island Timberland have not been easy and was reflected in the feelings of the other groups.

Member noted that Reynold Hert was a good speaker.

Facilitator noted that Tawney Lem, member of the Port Alberni group was absent. Michel deBellefeuille provided the CSA presentation in her place. It was noted that Tawney is on the technical committee for the new CSA standards, and is working hard on the First Nations component. New CSA standards will have core indicators and be more streamlined.

Facilitator noted that some of the other groups have a First Nations member as part of their groups.

Chair noted how different all the other groups are – one group meets only twice a year. Two members of that group are government employees with the MoE and MoFR .

The Chair for the Port Alberni group is the mayor. This group has experienced a lot of change with the loss of tenure.

Campbell River group has the same person for chair and facilitator. They have articles in the paper and a lot of their work is advertised though having a booth at their farmers market and through publication of a brochure annually.

CAG's chair report to the conference included comments about the "revival" of CAG, the end of the Pilot Project, our fibre supply agreement, road hot line, signage, 24/7 loop, recreation map, FIA money provided for recreation facilities, and the monthly Operational Information map and report.

Stan Coleman and Peter Kofoed were present and gave an update on the tenure losses associated with the government takeback of tenure.

Tenure loss examples:

The AAC at Stillwater has decreased approximately 25% due to the government takeback of tenure. There is still another approximately 50,000 cubic metres to be removed as part of the government takeback.

North Vancouver Island still has approximately 93% of the TFL.

Port Alberni has lost approximately 53% of the TFL which has required a lot of adjustment for the local CAG.

Question – In Powell River, of the 50,000 cubic metres that are still to go, what % is that of the original AAC?

Answer – Stuart noted that Indicator #28 provides the AAC updates and the AAC from 2005 to 2006 has decreased from 533,730 to 457,282. Losing another 50,000 cubic metres would reduce the AAC to approximately 408,000 cubic metres.

Question – Where did the takeback go?

Answer – Once government takes back the tenure they decide where to allocate it. I understand that the takeback is being allocated to BCTS and the Sliammon FN.

Question – Does any other group have a fibre sale agreement for local mills?

Answer – We don't think any other group has one. Others groups were interested to hear that CAG has worked with the company to achieve *fibre sale agreement* for local millers. Port Alberni is having a struggle to keep some of their timber for local mills.

Break - 7:20 – 7:32pm

Annual Review: 2006 SFMP Indicator Results, Review of VOITs, and Summary of Alternate Strategies Discussed During the Past Year.

Stuart provided a presentation and explained the 2006 indicator results. Members had copies of the VOITS (indicators) that were reviewed concurrently with the 2006 results review and discussion.

1. The % of each ecosystem type in each landscape unit of the DFA that is in each of the three seral states (early, mature, old).

Stillwater met the target for 2006.

Discussion: Stuart explained that the old-growth baseline has been updated in 2007 to reflect changes in the DFA boundary and the spatial defining of OGMAs from landscape unit planning. The Haslam LU is still not defined spatially. FSP has commitments for amount of old-growth to be retained. The trends were reviewed and discussed.

Stuart noted that the alternative strategies discussion which relates to this indicator will be reviewed at the end of the 2006 indicator review.

2. Stand level retention in all cutblocks as percent of total cutblock area, by Stewardship Zone.

Stillwater met the target for 2006.

Discussion: Results of the indicator were explained and the actual hectares of stand retention were compared to the hectares of area harvested.

This indicator was flagged for review and updating in 2007.

Stuart noted that the alternative strategies discussion which relates to this indicator will be reviewed at the end of the 2006 indicator review.

3. The % of species listed on the BC Government Category of Species at Risk list and species of special interest that occur on the DFA and that may be affected by forest management for which an effective habitat management plan exists and is implemented.

Stillwater met the target for 2006.

Stuart explained the areas reserved for Mountain Goat, Grizzly Bear, Coastal Tailed Frog, Marbled Murrelet, and Queen Charlotte Goshawk within the DFA.

Member noted that bullfrogs are now impacting natural species such as native frogs, baby ducks, snakes and trout. They are now in Nanton, Haslam, Giovanni, and Powell Lake.

Stuart noted that the alternative strategies discussion which relates to this indicator will be reviewed at the end of the 2006 indicator review.

4. **The annual % of stands declared FG that are more than 90% of one species.**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.
No stands declared FG in 2006 were dominated by only one species.
5. **The number of crop and competing trees by species in each stand declared FG.**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.
Natural stocking continues to augment planted areas contributing to genetic diversity.
6. **The 5 year rolling average % deviation by species of the species profile of the annual harvest from the species profile of the timber inventory.**
Stillwater met the variance for 2006.
Species harvest percentages were reviewed and it was noted that the proportion of Hw harvested in 2006 was higher than in previous years.
7. **Percent of Old-growth Management Areas (OGMAs) and Old Growth zones by netdown %'s, under special management within the DFA, compared to the DFA land base.**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.
The updated areas were reviewed to reflect the changes to the DFA.
This indicator was flagged for review and updating in 2007.
8. **The “equivalent harvest years” of AAR (area awaiting reforestation).**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.
The result was reviewed and AAR was explained that on average 1.3 years after harvest areas are regenerated.
9. **The % of net area reforested (NAR) that meets their free growing objectives.**
Stillwater met the variance for 2006.
The 2.5 ha SU where the FG deadline was extended due to impacts from elk was explained.
10. **The % of Wildlife Tree Retention (WTR) within each BEC Subzone.**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.
The WTR within each BEC subzone was reviewed. In all instances the WTR exceeds the required amount.
11. **The total ha burned annually through operationally-caused fires.**
Stillwater met the target for 2006.

Only one very small and minor fire – too small to measure – “spot fire”.

12. The % of the DFA that is impacted by disease or insect attack, which has the potential to become an epidemic, is identified and managed.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – no threats in 2006.

Stuart noted that there were no threats in 2006 that had the potential to become epidemic. WFP is actively salvaging blowdown from 2006 and incidence of Douglas Fir bark beetle will be monitored.

13. The annual area of windthrow along edges of recently harvested areas as a % of the total area harvested in that year.

Stillwater did not meet the target for 2006 – 11.7%.

As a result of the major windstorms between November 15 and December 31, 2006 there was substantial blowdown across the DFA. It was explained that only 45% of the blowdown in the DFA was associated with blocks logged in the last 2 years. This helps demonstrate the severity of the winds with blowdown occurring in areas where there was no recent logging and in some areas occurred in standing forest. Blowdown from operators adjacent to the DFA was also explained.

Stuart noted that the alternative strategies discussion which relates to this indicator will be reviewed at the end of the 2006 indicator review.

Question: Does this include blowdown in retention patches?

Answer: The results are based on a review of the mapped blowdown and includes all blowdown along the block boundaries and retention areas.

Question: If the WTR areas are being salvaged will this affect the recruitment of old-growth?

Answer: Some WTR areas are old-growth and some are second growth. Salvaging can only occur in WTR areas where there is more WTR identified than legally required. If salvage is required in a WTR to a level below the legal amount then the WTR can be moved. Therefore the amount of WTR legally required is maintained.

14. The annual number of slides that are post-1995 operations.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – natural events.

Stuart noted that 98% of the events were associated with the rain on snow weather event in November 2006.

15. The annual number of agency reportable and company recordable spills that are reported to PEP.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – zero agency reportable spills.

Stuart noted that there were two reportable and two recordable spills outside of the DFA.

16. Hectares of brushing by method and amount of herbicide used on the DFA.

Stillwater met the variance for 2006 – only used where more cost effective.

Stuart reviewed the hectares treated by method and amount of herbicide used. Facilitator noted that in 2006 there were further discussions around the table in regards to herbicide use and there was no real consensus about how the majority of the group feels. It was therefore noted that this indicator should be flagged for review in 2007.

This indicator was flagged for review and updating in 2007.

Question: Member asked about reforestation with alder now that there is an approved alder strategy in the FSP?

Answer: Stuart noted that this is an option and that there may be situations where this strategy is used. The total area that can be reforested to alder will be small compared to the total area reforested to conifer species annually.

Member noted that they had read some recent information that mentioned that solvents in some herbicides are toxic to fish.

ACTION – Member will find a copy of the article in regards to solvents in some herbicides may be toxic to fish.

17. The annual number of harvest openings in which soil disturbance exceeds the levels specified in the Silvicultural Prescription of the Site Plan.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – zero areas identified.

No areas were identified from post harvest inspections completed in 2006.

18. The annual % of productive forest in permanent access structures.

(Note: The data for this indicator was not available in time for the meeting – Stuart noted he would send the information out this week. Information was forwarded on Friday.)

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 1.6%.

The % of the DFA in Permanent Access Structures is 1.6% which is a decrease from 2005. This is due to the area of the DFA being removed as part of the government takeback being more heavily roaded than the remainder of the DFA on average.

ACTION - Stuart will e-mail results of GIS analysis regarding #18. The annual % of productive forest in permanent access structures

19. The annual number of non-conformance issues on water quality and quantity on streams in the DFA.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – no non conformances.

The field inspections completed by the MoF and other agencies was explained and that a significant number of inspections are completed each year. From all of these inspections there were no non-conformance issues identified.

Chair noted that member for Environment may want to review in 2007.

20. The % of Community Watersheds with Community Watershed Assessment Plans completed and updated (every 5 years).

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 100% of areas met regen delay.

An update on each of the CWAPs was provided and status of the Haslam Land IWMP discussions.

21. The annual % of harvested areas by year in the DFA where Regeneration Delay obligation is met.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 100% met.

Explanation of regeneration delay and requirements provided.

22. The Annual % of Long Run Sustained Yield (LRSY) harvested.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 - <100% of LRSY harvested.

LRSY has been reduced to reflect removal of the government takeback.

These estimates are based on analysis for Management Plan #8 (MP #8) and the LRSY may change when MP #9 is completed.

23. The annual % of areas found affected by unplanned site degradation and natural landslides that are rehabilitated.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

It was noted that seeding of the event on Rainbow Main is scheduled for seeding this spring.

24. The annual % of the total area of the forest cover in the DFA that is extracted and/or converted to other uses.

Stillwater met the target for 2006.

The target and variance for the indicator were discussed and it was noted that the target and variance for the indicator be discussed in 2007.

This indicator was flagged for review and updating in 2007.

25. The annual % of conventional and unconventional hectares harvested over a 5 year rolling average.

(Note: The data for this indicator was not available in time for the meeting – Stuart noted he would send the information out this week. Information was forwarded on Friday.)

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – within 30%.

Over the 5-year rolling average the conventional and unconventional hectares harvested is within 30% of the profile. The percentage of unconventional ha harvested in 2006 is lower than on average because the majority of the helicopter harvesting in 2006 was outside of the DFA.

ACTION - Stuart will e-mail results of GIS analysis regarding #25- The annual % of conventional and unconventional hectares harvested over a 5 year rolling average.

26. The total volume of timber sold by species to local entrepreneurs.

Stillwater met the variance for 2006- process is in place and works.

Discussion held among members in regards to availability of wood and utilization of various sorts and species by local mills. Overall the process is working and wood is being made available locally.

27. The annual number of research projects which the company has participated in and/or funded to support the development and implementation of new and alternative management practices to improve or maintain sustainable forestry in the DFA.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – WFP supporting wide range of research.

A number of these research projects were covered by Bill Beese's November presentation and field trip.

Stuart noted that the alternative strategies discussion which relates to this indicator will be reviewed at the end of the 2006 indicator review.

28. The annual % of harvesting of the AAC on the DFA over a five year rolling average.

Stillwater met the target for 2006.

In 2006, 89% of the AAC was harvested. The AAC reflects the government takeback to date.

29. The Annual Medical Incident Rate for Stillwater Forest Operations' crews.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – zero MIR.

Member noted that by the end of 2007, all contractors will have to be Safe Company certified. There was discussion about including contractors in the 2007 results.

It was noted that 2006 results reflect the Stillwater office staff. Member noted that there is a lot of safety work going on behind the scenes that other members may not be aware of. This may be a good topic to have discussion on some time.

30. The number of signs identified as needing repair, which are repaired on the DFA annually.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

Approximately 40 signs replaced or repaired – and Stuart briefly provided a summary.

31. The annual number of trails and routes to which access has been restricted during public hours, and issue's addressed.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

The temporary rerouting of the SCT for the harvesting of ST-331 was explained. Temporary rerouting completed after the summer use season.

32. The % of blocks that could affect a recreation/tourism facility in which protection measures are incorporated into operational/harvesting plans and maps.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

The Harvest Plan for ST-331 recognized the Sunshine Coast Trail and harvesting and road building avoided the time of the year when people may be using the trail.

33. The # of non-conformances with Access Management Plan annually.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

The results for 2006 were each reviewed.

34. The annual number of times the Operational Information Map (OIM) is reviewed with the CAG.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

The OIM was reviewed at all of the CAG meetings held with WFP.

35. The total annual kilometers of road access available for recreation by 2x4 and 4x4 category.

(Note: The data for this indicator was not available in time for the meeting – Stuart noted he would send the information out this week. Information was forwarded on Friday.)

Stillwater did not meet the target of this indicator for 2006.

The DFA decreased in 2006 due to the government tenure takeback. Therefore, there were fewer roads in the DFA resulting in > than a 10% decrease. If not for the loss of roads to government the road access in the DFA would have increased. A new baseline will be required for this indicator in 2007 once the remainder of the government takeback is completed.

This indicator is flagged for review and updating of the baseline in 2007.

ACTION - Stuart will e-mail results for #35 - The total annual kilometers of road access available for recreation by 2x4 and 4x4 categories.

36. Recreation inventory is updated every 5 years.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

The 2006 visual landscape and recreation features inventory was completed and submitted to the MoF.

37. The annual number of occurrences where harvesting impacts, or influences the Sunshine Coast Trail where a field or management review did not occur.

Stillwater met the target for 2006- zero occurrences

The selective harvesting of a portion of the SCT as part of ST-331 was field reviewed in 2005.

38. The annual number of meetings held with the community advisory group and the public at large.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 - 11 meetings

Eleven meetings plus sub-committee meetings held. A field trip was also held on November 8, 2006.

39. CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes and initiatives, prior to the general public.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – CAG informed

40. CSA certification is annually maintained.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – Certification maintained

41. The annual % of release packages that have been reviewed with and signed off by the contractor prior to release of that area.

Stillwater did not meet the target for 2006

The cover sheet for two release packages could not be located therefore reported as not meeting the target. Releases are however, completed for each block.

42. The annual % of harvested cutblocks for which a final inspection is done.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 83%

The four blocks which did not receive a final inspection were all logged later in the year and were snowed in upon completion.

43. The annual # of requested education events that Stillwater supports for CAG.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 7 completed

A total of seven information and education activities were completed in 2007. Members acknowledged appreciation for education provided.

44. The annual # of Employee Days Stillwater provides for forest education programs in the community.

Stillwater met the target for 2006 – 5 events

A total of five forest education events were provided by Stillwater employees in 2007. Events ranged from high school career days to Forest Tours.

45. Up-to-date Recreation Maps available.

Stillwater met the variance for 2006

Maps are available for sale now.

46. The annual % of participation by Stillwater on locally available and appropriate herbicide research projects.

Stillwater met the target for 2006

Funding into bio herbicides continues to be provided by WFP.

Alternate Strategies

The alternate strategy discussions are detailed in Section 2 – Alternate Strategies section of the SFMP. Alternate strategies reviewed and discussed at the meeting are for the following indicators:

Indicator #1:

(November 8, 2006) Up to date results and learning's from the Adaptive Management Program were reviewed with the CAG by Bill Beese – WFP Forest Ecologist. Some of these alternate harvest strategies were also reviewed in the field. The presentation and field trip included learning's and findings in relation to alternate harvest strategies and the research results discussed are relevant to Indicator #1.

- Structural Monitoring – effects of patch size. Different structural responses to different sizes of patches. A range of patch sizes are being retained across the DFA. Old forest and recruitment areas are being retained in a range of patch sizes from large OGMA areas to WTR areas associated with each block harvested.
- Species Monitoring – effects of patch size. Utilization of patches by different species varies with different patch sizes. A range of patch sizes are being retained across the DFA. Old forest and recruitment areas are being retained in a range of patch sizes from large OGMA areas to WTR areas associated with each block harvested.

Indicator #2

(November 8, 2006) Up to date results and learning's from the Adaptive Management Program were reviewed with the CAG by Bill Beese – WFP Forest Ecologist. Some of these alternate harvest strategies were also reviewed in the field. The presentation and field trip included learning's and findings in relation to alternate harvest strategies and the research results discussed are relevant to Indicator #2.

- Structural Monitoring – effects of patch size. Different structural responses to different sizes of patches. A range of patch sizes are being retained across the DFA. Old forest and recruitment areas are being retained in a range of patch sizes from large OGMA areas to WTR areas associated with each block harvested.
- Species Monitoring – effects of patch size. Utilization of patches by different species varies with different patch sizes. A range of patch sizes are being retained across the DFA. Old forest and recruitment areas are being retained in a range of patch sizes from large OGMA areas to WTR areas associated with each block harvested.

Indicator #3

(November 8, 2006) Up to date results and learning's from the Adaptive Management Program were reviewed with the CAG by Bill Beese – WFP Forest Ecologist. Some of these alternate harvest strategies were also reviewed in the field. The presentation and field trip included learning's and findings in relation to alternate harvest strategies and the research results discussed are relevant to indicator #3.

- Species Monitoring – effects of patch size. Utilization of patches by different species varies with different patch sizes. A range of patch sizes are being retained across the DFA. Old forest and recruitment areas are being retained in a range of patch sizes from large OGMA areas to WTR areas associated with each block harvested. A range of patch sizes therefore assists in providing habitat for a wide range of species across the landscape. Large reserve areas have been retained for Mountain Goats, Grizzly Bears, and Marbled Murrelet.

Indicator # 13

(November 8, 2006) Up to date results and learning's from the Adaptive Management Program were reviewed with the CAG by Bill Beese – WFP Forest Ecologist. Some of these alternate harvest strategies were also reviewed in the field. The presentation and field trip included learning's and findings in relation to alternate harvest strategies and the research results discussed are relevant to indicator #13.

- Windthrow monitoring results have identified:
 - Windthrow damage varies regionally
 - Important factors are: height, exposure, fetch, elevation, topography, rooting depth
 - Large patches have less than small patches

There are a range of layout options available when designing a cutblock and this information is utilized in the field design of cutblocks and in determining where to prescribe additional tree windfirming treatments to minimize the amount of windthrow in the DFA.

Indicator # 27

(November 8, 2006) Up to date results and learning's from the Adaptive Management Program were reviewed with the CAG by Bill Beese – WFP Forest Ecologist. The presentation included learning's and findings in relation to alternate harvest strategies some of which are relevant to indicator #27. As the adaptive management program has continued, various research programs were changed and some new ones have been added as more information and understanding have been gained.

Stuart noted that there are more alternate strategies to summarize and these will be included in the SFMP which will be emailed to CAG members. Other alternate strategies which have been discussed are the Plutonic transmission line alternate locations and the impact on the DFA as well as the information provided on herbicide use and timing of treatments.

ACTION - Stuart noted that there are more alternate strategies to add and will e-mail to CAG members as part of the updated SFMP to be sent out.

SFMP Final Report

Stuart noted that a copy of the final report reviewed tonight will be sent out to members.

ACTION – e-mail copy of final SFMP report will be sent out to members. Members may pick up a printed copy at the office.

Elections

Member noted that he had canvassed the group and two people were willing to have their names stand for election. Jane and Ken have volunteered to stand for one more year as Chair and Vice Chair. It was noted that the vitality of the group depends on the participation of members. It was suggested that since other members are too busy to take a position for a whole year, others could step up and offer specific expertise to the executive as required. It was suggested that this arrangement could also be put into the Terms of Reference. Chair and Vice Chair were elected by acclamation. Thank yous and congratulations were given.

ACTION – ToR subcommittee to discuss how members may assist executive with expertise and make recommendations to CAG.

Charge for road use by Island Timberlands

Member noted that a road use charge of 50 cents a cubic metre is being charged by Island for hauling across their private roads on the way to the sort.

Members asked whether this was the usual practice. Other members noted that they had paid road use agreement charges in the past to other companies.

ACTION – Ask for clarification from Island re: road use policies and charges.

Next Meeting – April 18, 2007

CSA Audit - Western Boardroom - 6:00 -7:00pm

May 2007 Meeting – maybe a Field trip - more info to follow by e-mail

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm

**CSA Community Advisory Group to Stillwater Timberlands
Western Forest Products Inc.
April 11, 2007
Attendance**

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

Appendix I

Chair's Year End Report April 11 2007

The past 12 months have been an exciting time in CAG's history as we began with a new emphasis on CSA certification, and with several new members at the table. Further, our seats now were representing values, not organizations and we each had to adjust our approach leaving behind singular, parochial attitudes and instead, considering issues in a wider and more inclusive perspective.

In April Island Timberlands and BCTS were guests. In May, Don Benn came and talked about the results of the 5 year review of recreation features, and visuals.

In June, there were other changes; that was our last meeting with Steve Chaplin as our champion as he was moving to a new position in Campbell River. Jeff Ternan talked to us about the company change, from Cascadia to Western Forest Products.

September brought us a new champion, Stuart Glen, and his initiation was our meeting with Plutonic Power and Knight Piesold.

November brought us Bill Beese and the great snail hunt field trip, followed by his presentation on research projects in the DFA.

In January Rudi, always a welcome speaker, brought us his annual silviculture report, and Stuart brought us up to date on the effects of our wild winter weather.

Then later in January, some CAG members attended the Public Advisory Group conference held in Courtenay. In the morning there were guest speakers, including Reynold Hert, Stan Coleman and Peter Kofoed and Bill Beese; in the afternoon each Advisory Group gave a report. We'll hear more about the conference later tonight. Just now, I'd like to thank Stuart and Michel de Bellefeuille for getting the conference underway; it had been a few years since the last one, and they are always interesting.

March brought the Environmental Assessment Office people to our table and so we closed off our year with another very interesting meeting.

With reference to other issues, on two occasions in the past year we've confronted the problem of openness. We've had frank and thorough discussions and adjusted our Terms of Reference to reflect our decisions. I would recommend that this discussion be continued annually, at least.

In March, the executive reviewed of the roles of facilitator and recorder as required by the ToR, but this time the review was done in especial detail because our facilitator now has full time employment and has had to cut back the amount of her time dedicated to the facilitation work. Pam and Cathy are now testing out new roles and those changes will be evaluated in June to see if a good balance has been struck. Until then, Cathy and Pam's work is not entirely in accordance with the ToR. Later, our group will need to consider changes to the Terms to reflect new job descriptions.

The executive has also reviewed the balance of the group, as required by the ToR. We had a very intensive look at the values currently represented at our table and concluded that the group had achieved an acceptable balance. Therefore we have no recommendations for change.

The executive would like to bring to your attention our concern that we have not built executive succession into our group. The continued vitality of any group is dependent upon many people

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taking responsibility for the welfare of the group. We need people to step forward and volunteer for an executive position, or other extra involvement.

All in all, I think we've had an excellent year. We've kept the CSA process front and centre and haven't been diverted. We've come together as a strong, thoughtful group and we work well together.

The next year presents new challenges...in addition to working with Stillwater, we'll work with Island to try to find agreement on an SFM Plan, and we expect that we'll talk with BCTS once their land base has been established.

I think we need to have more fun next year, more field trips and I know we'll continue to keep on learning.

My thanks go to Ken and Dave, who have worked with me this past year and made my work easier.

Thanks to Pam and Cathy for providing the logistical help we need to keep us functioning well. And last but not least, thanks to Stuart. Although Stuart had experience working with another Advisory Group, he and CAG had to learn to work together. He's become a great champion for us, and Stuart, we thank you for all your work with us and for us.

Jane Cameron
April 11 2007