

**CSA Community Advisory Group
to Island Timberlands
November 14th
Minutes
Westview Pizza**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum noted

Welcome and introductions

Chair welcomed everyone.

Safety Review

Facilitator noted 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 noted.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with the addition of item regarding the review of photos showing the destruction recent storm had on Duck Lake area and moving the Firewood item up to follow the Access Policy item.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from the Island Timberland's September 9th meeting and WFP October 10th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Communication with the Public

Copies of recent correspondence were provided and reviewed.

- October and November PRPAWS letters
- Thank you letter sent to Rick Jeffery for his contribution to October 10th meeting.

Action List

Action #1 – Copy of list and more info on species at risk – Done

Action #2 – Appendix “A” (Powell River Trails) needs to be revised for Island Timberlands – [Done](#)

Action#3 – [Presentation](#) on water management during a meeting provided by IT – May happen next meeting.

Action #4 – IT will provide a copy of the Retention Policy to CAG - Done

Action #5 – CAG/IT to return to discussion regarding core indicator #1 – Done

Action #6 – IT to confirm Duck Lake kilometers – Ongoing

Action #7 – Group to decide if the Sunshine Coast Trail belongs with this indicator – Group feels that it belongs with another SCT indicator

Action #8 – CAG/IT to return to discussion regarding core indicator #9 – Postponed until speaker comes.

Action #9 – CAG/IT to investigate the indicators from other PAGs for section 3.2 Water Quality - Ongoing

Action#10 – CAG/IT to return to discussion regarding core indicators 12 and 13. – Postponed until speaker comes.

Action #11 – Follow up e-mail to Island re: firewood and salal permits – Makenzie to come back to next meeting with better idea regarding firewood and salal permits than IT currently uses.

Action #12 – Ask for clarification for Island re: road use policies and charges – goes with access policy

Operational Information - review and updates

Wayne said not much had changed – working near the dry land sort and will be there for a couple more weeks. Also working on a couple of blocks at [Theodosia](#). Next will be the block near Lois Lake, but that won't be until January. Then IT has a couple months hiatus before starting up again in March. It is just a matter of trying to balance the 2nd growth operations between here and other areas.

Engineering Active

Nothing Active

Road Construction Complete

291450 – Powell Daniels

181453-Theodosia

Road Construction Active

Nothing Active

Road Construction Planned Next in 2008

894157 – GL127

894158 – ST911

884103 – Duck Lake

892350 – ST654

894355 – GL1134

891252 – ST450

Logging Complete

882352 – Duck Lake

181350 – Theodosia

894150 - Freda Crk

893450 - Tony Lake

Blowdown Recovery Areas

894350W – 2006 Logging (Horseshoe Creek)

894310W – 2006 Logging (TM-191P) – GL 1100

892306W – 2006 Logging (TM-230) – ST 800

891251W - 4.5 mile Stillwater Main

894157W – Tin Hat Junction and 9.5 mile Stillwater Main

Logging Active

181451 – Theodosia

181453 – Theodosia

793250 – Stillwater Sort below Highway

793452 – Lois Dam

Logging Planned Next

882350 – Myrtle Creek

794150 – Scotch Fir Point Rd

Question: What will you take this year?

30,000 for the rest of this year and 180,000 for 2008.

Question: What will the 2007 total be?

We will probably be close to our target of 180,000.

Question: How much will be coming from Sechelt next year out of the 180,000?

That depends on how a couple of areas that have political issues, but probably about 20,000.

Question: Are you in Chapman Creek, too?

No.

Company Updates

Makenzie said that IT has not yet settled with the union and is working under a letter of understanding. We got that in place right after FIR and it is based on our original agreement. We are working on a new collective agreement now while we work.

Question: Have you surveyed any of your blocks for blow down in the last little while?

Not recently. We've heard rumours that we might have some after Monday's storm, but we haven't had a look yet. We've logged all of the blow down from the storms last year.

Duck Lake Photos

CAG member presented photos taken following Monday November 12th storm of Duck Lake area. Photos showed extensive blow down from a number of areas near Duck Lake and the fish hatchery. The member expressed concern about wind tunnels blowing the rest of the standing timber in the area down. The photos included blow down on IT, WFP, and PR Community Forests lands. The member pointed out that they were not concerned as to which forest company had logged the areas, but that perhaps the three companies cutting in the area should be working together on the big picture rather than just focusing on their individual plans. They recommended a more conservative approach.

Access Policy

IT provided copy of IT's Access Management Policy. Makenzie pointed out that the policy is under review and that she is involved but not spearheading it. She asked CAG for any feedback on the current policy that she can take back.

Question: How much time do we have?

We can leave until the next meeting, but if there is anything urgent you can contact me.

Comment: The ATV club had a problem with being told they had to have ICBC insurance and that their existing much less expensive insurance wasn't good enough.

Makenzie and Wayne are not aware of this. It is not on the access policy. CAG thought that perhaps it was on the application form.

IT asks that the public follow the five key principles: no removal of any material without permit, no garbage dumping, safety awareness, no fires, and no camping unless pre-arranged in designated areas.

IT expressed concern regarding unregulated activities such as salal picking, mushroom picking and cedar bough gathering as it is growing in some areas and IT feels that they will have to keep an eye on it as people may not be taking care not to damage trees.

Firewood

CAG member expressed concern regarding firewood permit process adopted by IT. Prior to IT's tenure and on other logged land individuals have been able to have access to firewood after the logging is complete. IT gave a permit to one contractor to harvest the firewood on their land, but nobody has ever seen him. People are just helping themselves and complaining that they can't get a permit. Member felt issuing permits for a limited amount of firewood to individuals would go a long way in improving IT's image in the community. Makenzie pointed out that the fact that IT does not have an office in Powell River makes it difficult for them to provide permits and suggested that perhaps they could go into partnership with a community group and have the group administer permits for them and split the profits with IT. Member said that if IT considers this a money making venture they have lost, and the residents of Powell River have lost. CAG members asked that Makenzie come back to the next meeting with more ideas.

Draft SFMP

Makenzie said she would like it noted that IT's Retention Policy is an internal document and although they are happy to share it with CAG the company would prefer that it not be shared with the general public.

Indicator #1

Values – The diversity of habitat across the DFA and the variety of structure at the stand level

CAG was given a copy of IT's retention policy and Wayne pointed out that more timber is retained when visuals, sites of special significance, or close proximity to

urban areas are involved. This is not noted on the indicator, but is part of the policy.

Each block is assessed to determine whether or not it met the indicators target.

Question: How would you discover that a block is high profile?

We identify them ourselves. We have a pretty good idea what areas are sensitive.

Comment: Wouldn't you say the entry to the canoe route is high profile? What happened there?

I know. I reviewed that one with Makenzie today before we had a meeting today about another block to show her this is not what we want to do.

Question: Do you use local people to identify sites of special significance?

No. We do it ourselves. We can pretty much tell when you drive by a place like the canoe route versus somewhere like out at Okeover. We have been active in the community for some time and have a pretty good idea on sensitive areas.

Planners have “yellow flag” blocks. We go around to see all the neighbours before we cut and if they are not home we leave them a letter that includes our contact information.

Question: Can we work that into an indicator that can be tracked and measured which will give us some comfort that this is being done?

Makenzie said she doesn't see why not and Jill suggested we could add details to the existing indicator #PR44 – OI Map review discussions.

Question: Are we content with an indicator that references a policy that is unavailable to the public?

The following text was added to the Strategy section of the Appendix 2 of the SFMP to clarify the summary of the Retention Policy for Indicator #1

“Under the Retention Policy, cutblock retention is a minimum of 3.5% for all cutblocks, or minimum 7% if there are visual values, proximity to urban areas, or old growth timber. There is no upper limit to the level of retention that can be implemented.”

CAG members felt they could accept Indicator #1 with the above text added to Appendix 2.

Indicator #'s 9, 12, 13, and 15 will be left until IT's Timber Supply Analyst comes to speak as he will cover the topic of sustainable harvest rate.

Indicator #2 – Forest Management practices do not pose a threat to forest-associated species in the DFA.

IT shared its species at risk list. Species at risk lists of the species listed for this area in schedule C that are known to occur. All of the website sources are listed. They are the ones that IT is required to manage for under the current regulations.

Question: Who identifies your plant communities?

The planners. IT has two training packages. One for rare plants and one for threatened and endangered species that they review every year.

Question: Say you had a plant community and you had three examples of it in one cut block. Would you feel it was enough to leave one of them and cut the other two?

If it was on the list we'd leave all three.

Indicator #14 – Limit permanent conversion of forested area and cover to other uses.

Target was changed for <5%.

Accepted by CAG.

Indicator #16 – DFA is safest in BC

Question: Why would any variance be acceptable when we are talking about workers' safety?

No, we need to recognize that we aren't there yet and implementing safe company policies.

Comment: Variance should be zero, but you'll just be outside the variance.

But then auditors will have an audit finding (non-conformance).

Makenzie suggests we set the target at this years benchmark and work to reduce from there.

Comment: Let's make sure that CSA meshes with "Safe Company"

"Safe Companies" is a high level certification process which makes sure systems are in place. It won't dictate variance from target.

Question: Can we make a three year plan that eventually gets to zero?

Jillene changed the variance as follows:

"Benchmark 2007, continual improvement every year thereafter"

CAG accepts indicator with changes.

Indicator #17 – Maintain public access to Island Timberlands’ private lands.

Question: How do you measure public access?

Comment: WFP measures complaints

Question: Should we take it out of core policies as it’s a bigger deal on the Island and not a big deal here?

But we might be able to come up with something. Then again, maybe we can’t measure it over here. See if you can brainstorm some ideas.

Comment: Thank you. That was a very productive meeting.

Next CAG meeting – December 12th with WFP

Next IT meeting – January 9th

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

**CSA Community Advisory Group to Stillwater Timberlands
Island Timberlands
November 14th, 2007
Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Governments
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Nancy Hollmann	Alternate	Tourism
Mark Hassett	Primary	Local Business
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
7 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Kathy Kirk	Alternate	Member at Large
Brent Rothwell	Alternate	Contractor
Ted Byng	Alternate	Local Governments
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Makenzie Leine	Island Timberlands	
Wayne French.	Island Timberlands	
Jillene West	Zimmermann Forest Products Ltd.	
Valerie Thompson	Secretary/Facilitator	