

**CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
March 12, 2008
Minutes
Town Centre Hotel**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Meeting called to order
Quorum noted

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 for Community Advisory Group was reviewed

Welcome and introductions

Chair welcomed everyone and introduced Martin Buchanan, Regional Forester for Western Forest Products and guest speaker Rudi van Zwaaij from Western Forest Products.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted as amended.

Guest Speaker - Rudi van Zwaaij – Silviculture Review

See attached PowerPoint presentation.

This years plan:

Reforestation: ST-259 and ST-258A, two areas near Spring Lake, Pickles Point, CH538, Goat Island, Billy Goat and Shermans.

Brushing and Weeding: Concentration of areas near the lower part of the claim, near Lois

Herbicides: Pickles, Narrows, Shermans, Billy Goat, Powell, Daniels – herbicide program will be about half the size of last years program. The focus will be on Maple coppices. Potentially a little bit of foliar spray near Billy Goat. Rudi said he will apply for it and use it only if needed. There will be no herbicides closer to town.

Aerial Fertilization: Under FIA. 300 – 400 ha identified to be aerial fertilized by the end of March.

Question: Is that spray fertilization?

No. It's pellets just like you would use on your lawn. It dissolves after one day. It is straight nitrogen.

Question: Are there any potential issues with streams?

Big streams are buffered. Small streams are not. There are absolutely no issues with impact from the fertilizer. As soon as the fertilizer hits the soil it binds to it and sticks there. The only fertilizer that gets into the streams is what actually falls in. If it is wet out the fertilizer dissolves within two hours.

The fertilizer is sample tested for heavy metals.

Question: What is the age of the stands that you are fertilizing?

30 – 50 years of age to give them a final boost in the last 10 – 20 years. We may hit some of the stands again in the future.

Question: What are you trying to increase?

Diameter – volume. The government does studies on models. Net present values over time. We plug these stands into the model and prove that these stands are suitable for aerial fertilization.

Question: Will you test the stands?

We won't actually test each site. The government has research areas where they do the testing.

Question: How do you prove that it worked?

Because it fits the government model. What they predict is the net benefit of fertilization on a certain site, on a certain fir leading component, certain site productivity, and a certain density of stems per hectare on the site will have a certain net present value.

The models are based on research.

Question: So this stand was free to grow quite some time ago and now you are fertilizing. Do you ever do this kind of fertilizing on stands that haven't reach free to grow yet?

Yes, we have. This is the fourth or fifth time that I am doing aerial fertilization here at Stillwater. One of the early areas I did back in 1990 was 200 hectares at Stillwater flats. It was a nutrient deficient stand with heavy salal competition and was severely broadcast burned in 1968. It really had no organic material on the ground so the stand was not able to get crown closure over the brush, it had poor needle length and poor crown – you could see right through them. We did some sampling of the foliage and soil. We've now fertilized this stand three times and it is a wonderful rich green forest that is now growing very rapidly.

Guest Speaker - Martin Buchanan - Transmission Line Corridor Update and Future Projects

Received confirmation from WorkSafe BC that there have been no further meetings regarding line height between BC Hydro and WorkSafe. Martin has asked Plutonic Power for all of their calculated heights for all of their crossings and he is still waiting for that. Plutonic had an amendment to their transmission line and Martin had an interesting response regarding this from Phillip Morris. He asked Martin to get back to him in two weeks if Plutonic hadn't contacted him. Martin had a conversation with Mack Bell of Plutonic when he called looking for information. One of the things that disturbed Martin is that WFP was never notified of their applications. As far as communications go, applications get picked up in the newspaper or in this case Steve Waghorn, MOFR told Phillip Morris, ILMB, he should contact Martin .

Question: Could you please briefly explain the amendment?

Plutonic has applied on their line to have a wider area along the corridor they have chosen because apparently they are having alignment issues. Martin's concern is that they have cleared a bunch of one area and now they want to go higher up the hill. If the line is cleared too wide, who is going to reforest it if it is not used? He doesn't have any answers yet, but hopefully he will hear something back.

Martin is waiting to hear from Jacqueline Cavill, ILMB, who is the contact for the Hawkeye project. He is waiting for an update. Martin had a meeting with Hawkeye. It was very general. They said they were going to be talking to Plutonic about running power down their line. He doesn't know where that is at. Grig Cook also mentioned at one point that he would be talking to them.

Question: Is that the No Name Creek up in the Eldred?

Hawkeye has proposed projects in the Eldred, Jim Brown, and Daniels.

We are still having an issue with government not directly referring these applications to us as a license holder. We just have to keep watching the papers. This is an issue everywhere.

Question: I've been trying to get information from Plutonic about Freda Creek. There certainly is still interest and they have been doing water monitoring for a year or more, but they are not ready to say whether or not they are going ahead on it or not. I guess that will make another big cut through the TFL.

Potentially, unless they can be persuaded to hook directly to the line adjacent to the Freda generating station. That would cost money.

Martin had a meeting with a couple other licensees and minister Bell on Monday. It was quite a good meeting, but there are a lot of people competing for the same land base. He

told him that some of our most productive land that the government would like to see us practice intensive forestry on is the same land that the people with the transmission lines want.

Question: Would you like the Regional Board to copy you whenever they get referrals for IPP projects?

If the proposed projects are in the TFL that would be much appreciated. Then they would know that they aren't missing them. On the Island there are lots of small projects. They have to keep watching the paper and even then they are not sure if the project is in their area or not because the mapping is so poor. The government doesn't seem to want to contact the affected licensees directly. Martin just heard the other day that the Ministry of Forest's coordinator for the region may be gone at the end of the fiscal year. There is a teleconference on Friday in which he will be presenting to the CFPA working group perhaps they will find out for sure at that time.

Comment: The Regional Board of PR and the Sunshine Coast Regional District and one or two regional districts from Vancouver Island expressed in interest in meeting with the Mines Minister. The Premier sent them a letter stating that he wants the Mines Minister to meet with the regional districts. The member learned yesterday that the relationship between Plutonic and Hawkeye is not good. Plutonic is now double staking Hawkeye's sites.

Comment: Plutonic applied for 33 miles of pre-existing logging road to be made private domain. It was never publicized. It was passed at the Lands Ministry and Hayes and some others that had interest in that area were notified after the fact that it was now private domain and nobody can come in unless they have permission through Plutonic. Hayes is now in a legal fight with the Ministry.

Comment: Would you like me to get the planner to copy you when we get referrals at the Regional District?

That would be appreciated.

ACTION: member to put process in place to get pertinent information to Martin

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from the Island Timberlands February 13th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed.

- Letter to PRPAWS
- Copy of letter from PR Salmon Society to Colin Palmer
- Letter to PR Salmon Society
- Letter of Resignation from member

- Emails to Sliammon and Sechelt First Nations

Operational Information and Company Update - review and updates

BC Timber Sales has sent a request to FIA for funds for the operation of the PR Salmon Society's water monitoring system. It looks like it will go through.

Current Activities

Harvesting – LL-067, LL-068, PD-242, PD-248, PD-252, PD-411, PD-414, PD-456, ST-205, ST-209, ST-184, TM-218, TM-242

Road Construction

BT-668, GI-057, GL-636, PD-414, ST-147, TM-222, ST-233

Comment: Member met an individual up Duck Main who was angry because he couldn't travel anywhere without finding a road closed or needing to get out of the way of a logging truck. Member is concerned that there will eventually be a public backlash against the logging companies as so much access to the forests is cut off. There is no public consultation.

Comment: Roads need to be closed because of safety issues.

Comment: We don't have a problem with that, but people are finding out after the fact.

We've tried to be upfront.

Comment: WFP has been really upfront. There's no issues there with WFP. I got feedback from Results Based Forestry that it is not their mandate to consult with the public.

Comment: That's not true.

Comment: I wouldn't have known if I hadn't gone to their website and sent an email requesting information.

Comment: I went to their office and got a map and they showed me their cutblocks and when they were going to shut down. They were quite open.

Comment: I just wanted to let you know. The individual was going to start writing letters on campaign.

Comment: Thanks. I will take that back.

Question: When is Spring Lake road going to be graded so that there is another access road?

It's graded almost to the turnoff for Lewis Lake. It will be finished pretty quick.

Engineering

BT-668, CH-019, GI-029, GI-057, GI-114, GI-116, NA-912, PD-413,

What's New on the Map

New Blocks

GI-057 (new patch added), PD-413 (new patch added), ST-310

New Roads

GI-114, ST-310

Cutting Permit Approved Areas

None

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

Map Updates

Logging Complete

None

Road Construction Complete

PD-248, PD-411, ST-227, ST-340, TM-245

Engineered Blocks

BT-668, CH-019, PD-413, GI-114

Engineered Roads

None

Comment: WFP and Community Forests completed a joint project of tree pruning around the fish hatchery. WFP paid for one day and Community Forests paid for a second day for a four man crew to wind firm around the hatchery.

It looks really sharp. WFP is very happy with it.

Question: Is there a reason why you didn't take the blowdown downstream?

It is in the reserve zone of Lang Creek and there could be some legal implications.

Company Updates

QMI has been purchased by another company. The CSA audit is likely to be near the end of April. If any member is interested to come along we can try and facilitate it. It will depend if we are up the lake again.

Question: Where can the funding that you get from FIA for upkeep on the canoe route be used?

It has to be within the TFL and on crown land.

Comment: There is a campsite on Powell Lake that has tables and outhouses that are falling apart. Where could funding come from to maintain it?

The Ministry of Tourism Sports and Arts may be an option.

ACTION: chair to pass on contact information to member

Sustainable Forest Management Plan – Annual Review of Indicator Results - 2007

Indicator 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).

- An item of note is that in general a significant portion of the forest landbase shifted from early to mature age class stands. The amount of old-growth in deficit also got smaller.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- In the timber zone - 19% of the area harvested was retained in retention areas – almost double the minimum requirement.
- In the habitat zone – 21% of the area harvested was retained in retention areas.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

ACTION: Options for modifying this indicator will be explored further after the audit. Discussions held at the March meeting regarding the WFP Forest Strategy which is designed to conserve biological diversity on the companies tenures. Plan is to leave the indicator for now until additional time is available to work on a revised indicator.

Indicator 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 has finalized the location of the habitat management areas for the Coastal Tailed Frog and Queen Charlotte Goshawk within TFL 39 Block 1.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 4: The annual % of stands declared FG that are more than 90% of one species.

- Both stands which were >90% of one species were managed as pure Fd stands as they are dry sites unsuited for either Cw or Hw.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 5: The number of crop and competing trees by species in each stand declared FG.

- In 30 out of 32 stands, or 93.7% of the time, the number of trees by species at free growing is greater than the number of trees planted. Looking at it on an area basis, 95.8% of the SU area had more trees by species at free growing. Overall, in most areas there are a fair number of natural trees seeding in, which complement the planted trees.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 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.

- The species profile was harvested in the DFA.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 7: Percent of Old-Growth Management Areas (OGMA's) and Old Growth zones by netdown %'s, under special management within the DFA, compared to the DFA land base.

- There is no change in the information from 2006 to 2007. A GIS analysis was completed confirming that there has been no change in the OGMAs being managed or harvesting in the OG Zones listed above.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 8: The "equivalent harvest years" of AAR (area awaiting reforestation)

- AAR = 1.14 years. Therefore regeneration is occurring promptly after harvest.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 9: The % of Net Area Reforested (NAR) that meets their free growing objectives.

- 100% of NAR due for free growing in 2007 met the free growing objectives. A total of 203.1 ha's was declared free growing in 2007.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 10: The % of Wildlife Tree Retention (WTR) within each BEC Subzone.

- All WTR requirements met.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 11: The total ha burned annually through operationally – caused fires.

- There were no operational fires in 2007
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 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.

- No known threats emerged in 2007 that have the potential to become epidemic.
- Major wind storms occurred between November 15 and December 31, 2006 that resulted in substantial blowdown. In 2007 a massive blowdown salvage program took place to capture the economic value of the timber and reduce the host material for the Douglas bark beetle. We have not observed any Douglas-fir bark beetle outbreaks this year and will continue to monitor.
- In 2007 we noticed leader clipping on Douglas fir in several plantations, specifically on Goat Island and in the Horseshoe Valley. The MOF was contacted and will try to identify the cause, which is unknown at this time. This clipping can result in forked stems. Some plantations had over 75% of the leaders clipped and this is definitely a concern.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- Very little blowdown occurred over the fall and winter of 2007/2008. The minor blowdown that has occurred has either been released or is being released for salvage.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- Zero slides reported in 2007.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- There were no reportable spills within the DFA in 2007.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- Comment: it should be noted that the advisory group no longer supports the use zero herbicides in the DFA. – most members are comfortable with herbicide use if manual brushing is not safe or effective.

ACTION: Stuart to bring back new wording for group for this indicator.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- Block 1 results for 2007 is zero. During post harvest inspections in 2007 we did not encounter any openings in which the soil disturbance limits specified in the site plans have been exceeded.

- Higher than average soil disturbance exists in most blowdown salvage blocks due to the nature of upturned soil by the windfall. A higher soil disturbance limit was built into the site plans for these blocks as this was anticipated.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- A significant road infrastructure is available for recreational use.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

ACTION: Stuart to work out an estimate for how many hectares to add to this for the roads being constructed by Plutonic Power for access to the transmission line.

Indicator 19: Water quality and quantity is maintained or improved.

- The Ministry of Forests identified a minor 0.02 ha infringement of a riparian area in 2007. There was no impact on the stream from the infringement. WFP and the MOFR identified a boulder infringement into a fish stream from road construction. The boulder has subsequently been removed. There was no material impact to water quality or quantity from the boulder being in the stream. The total number of inspections is detailed in the table below.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- The fall 2007 meeting for the Haslam Lang IWMP is scheduled for 2008 and the latest information regarding updating the IWMP will be known at that time.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- All regeneration delay requirements met.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 22: The annual % of Long Run Sustained Yield (LRSY) harvested.

- The LRSY will decline again in the 2008 indicator results to reflect the final phase of the BCTS takeback. The 2007 SFMP indicator results do not reflect the final phase of the BCTS takeback.
- Government has changed the cut control to scaled volumes instead of billing volumes. This causes a one time shift in the numbers due to the timing of information being available and SFMP reporting. Therefore, the 2006 number has been increased from 408,000 to 434,884. Before the change the difference would simply have been captured in the 2007 SFMP reporting of volume harvested.
- In 2007, only 66% of the long run sustained yield harvest amount was actually harvested.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 23: The annual % of area found affected by unplanned site degradation and natural landslides that are rehabilitated

- The three minor slumps (0.02ha) were rehabilitated.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- Land is in the process of being converted from forest use to use as a transmission line corridor. The final impact isn't yet known. Current estimates are approximately 514ha for the actual footprint which will be much higher if the transmission line is not located in order to minimize impact to isolating timber and appropriate line heights are not designed.

- Stillwater met the variance of this indicator.

ACTION: Members would like to reduce this target from 5% to 0.5%. Stuart to look at options for modifying the indicator.

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

- 91% of the conventional ha available for harvest and 44% of the helicopter ha available for harvest was completed. Helicopter ha are lower because majority of helicopter program in 2007 was outside of the DFA.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- A total of 13,586 m³ of timber was sold locally.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

Indicator 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.

- Final annual review of research projects was being compiled at the time of the CAG review however a significant number of research projects continued in 2007.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- The AAC for the DFA reflects removal of BCTS takeback to date. A further reduction will be required in the 2008 SFMP indicator results for the final BCTS takeback.
- Government has changed the cut control to scaled volumes instead of billing volumes. This causes a one time shift in the numbers due to the timing of information being available and SFMP reporting. Therefore, the 2006 number has been increased from 408,000 to 434,884. Before the change the difference would simply have been captured in the 2007 SFMP reporting of volume harvested.
- In 2007, 80% of the AAC was harvested.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 29: The Annual Medical Incident Rate for Stillwater Forest Operation's crew.

- Actual MIR = 0.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- The updating and replacement of signs was completed as planned in early 2007. Options for updating some of the canoe route signage is being explored for 2008.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- Access was restricted on a portion of the SCT in November 2007 for road building into ST-822 for safety reasons. The trail was temporarily rerouted and road building completed after the summer season to minimize any inconvenience. No complaints were received from the public.
- Access was restricted to the Lewis Lake campsite over the winter/spring due to road building and harvesting adjacent for ST-335. The road hotline was updated as well as signage posted.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- ST-335 – The HP recognized the adjacent recreation area and implemented the following prescriptions:
 1. Posted signage and updated the road hotline while operations were active in the area. There were some closures during road construction for blasting activities.
 2. Windfirming of the cutblock boundary adjacent the recreation area is prescribed.
 3. VIA assessment completed of the cutblock from the lake.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 33: The # of non-conformances with Access management Plan annually.

- Road hotline was updated 16 times in 2007 with industrial road information.
- The phone number for the road hotline is published on the main switchboard, on the recreation maps, on the CAG website, and numerous ads ran in the Powell River Peak advertising the road hotline.
- No complaints were received of logging equipment blocking access on roads during the weekend.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator.

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

- The OIM was reviewed with the Advisory Group at all regularly scheduled meetings 100% of the time.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

ACTION: Stuart to have link to OIM on WFP added to CAG website. DONE.

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

**Some roads were reclassified in 2005 resulting in a change to some of the categories.

- Significant amount of road network available for recreation access.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 36: Recreation inventory is updated every 5 years

- The 2006 visual landscape and recreation features inventory was completed and has been recommended for approval and to be included in Management Plan #9.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- Numerous meetings and a field review were completed with PRPAWS regarding the design of ST-822 cutblock and roads. WFP recommended to PRPAWS the option of relocating a section of the SCT as the risk of windthrow would be less, less road construction would be required, and harvesting would be more efficient. The final layout incorporates the input provided by PRPAWS for the area.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 38: The annual Number of meetings held with the Community Advisory Group and the public at large.

- 10 meetings held with the advisory group and numerous meetings and correspondence held with local groups and individuals.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 39: CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives, prior to release to the general public 100% of the time.

- There were no exceptions noted in the 2007 Advisory Groups (AG) minutes. The advisory group was informed of all changes 100% of the time.
- Notice of intent to treat, WFP press releases, FSP Major Amendment, transmission lines, Hiring of a new facilitator/secretary, Design of a new cagstw.org website, Release of FPB report on WFP FSP, OIM updates during the summer break, Western Forest Strategy, Company updates each meeting
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 40: Certification is annually maintained.

- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- 100% of release packages reviewed and signed.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- There were 17 completed cutblocks for a total of 325 hectares logged (not including partially logged blocks). 16 out of the 17 blocks (94%), or 309 ha out of 325 ha's (95%) by area, received a final harvest inspection. The one block that did not receive a final harvest inspection was completed late in the year and was snowed in upon completion. (GI-152)
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

1. January 10, 07 – Silviculture update – Rudi VanZwaaij
 2. January 26, 07 – PAG Workshop in Courtney
 3. March 14, 2007 – Sue Bonneyman, Project Assessment Manager and Derek Griffin, Project Assessment Director – Ministry of Environment
 4. May 9, 07 – CAG Field Trip
 5. June 13, 07 – Marv Clark – Feric. Research update. Tour of forestry operations in Chile.
 6. December 12, 2007 – Mark Anderson, Operations Manager – C&E
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

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

- For National Forestry Week on September 22, 2007, Stuart and Rudi organized a public woods tour of our operations.
- Rudi gave a 1.5 hour lecture to 40 members of the Saltspring Naturalist Society.
- Rudi took the grade 7 class from Grief Point to plant trees at Lang Creek Hatchery.
- A number of forest professionals at the Stillwater Forest Operation wrote a letter to the Honourable Rich Coleman encouraging him to reconsider canceling the BCIT forestry program.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 45: Up-to-date Recreation Maps available.

- Recreation maps continue to be available for the public 100% of the time.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 46: Support research into the efficacy, safety and efficiency of non-

herbicide methods of brush control.

- The annual % of participation by Stillwater on locally available and appropriate herbicide research projects is greater than 75%. We continue to be a partner with the Canadian Forestry Service in a research project at Stillwater into the use of bio-herbicides and provided funding towards this in 2007. This is being explored as a potential guest speaker opportunity for 2008.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 47: The % of Operational Plans and Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) made available to the First Nations for their input.

- In 2007 Stillwater carried out information exchange with the Sliammon First Nation, Sechelt First Nation, and Klahoose First Nation. Operational Information Map information continues to be couriered on a monthly basis. TUS and AIA fieldwalks are also completed jointly with the First Nations. The information sharing requirements outlined in the WFP Forest Stewardship Plan were all completed in 2007. Information sharing was also completed specific to the FSP Major Amendment #4 completed due to transmission line construction within TFL 39 Block 1. The CAG sends out meeting CSA meeting agendas and minutes to the First Nations.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Indicator 48: The annual number of known Culturally Modified trees which are accidentally harvested in the DFA.

- In 2007 there were no known CMT's accidentally harvested within our cut blocks.
- Stillwater met the target of this indicator

Nominating Committee

The chair and two vice chairs need to be filled.

Absent member to be asked if they would like to head nominating committee.

ACTION: chair to look for volunteers for nominating committee

Annual Seat Review

Annual seat review completed. Overall there is a good balance of seats. At this time a temporary member at large seat needs to be filled as well as a contractor seat. Some discussion regarding options of moving members to different seats to open seats to bring in new members.

ACTION: members to hold another sub-committee meeting to monitor progress on filling seats

Chair's Year End Review

Due to time constraints, the chair agreed to circulate the Report by email as well it will be appended to the minutes.

Next CAG meeting – April 9th with IT

Next WFP meeting – May 14th, 2008

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
Western Forest Products
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Attendance**

Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Local Business
Jane Cameron	Primary	Member at Large
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Ron Fuller	Alternate	DFA Worker
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Ted Byng	Alternate	Local Governments
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
6 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Dave Rees	Primary	Tourism
Nancy Hollmann	Alternate	Tourism
Mark Hassett	Primary	Local Business
Kathy Kirk	Alternate	Member at Large
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Stuart Glen	Western Forest Products	
Rudi van Zwaaij	Western Forest Products	
Martin Buchanan	Western Forest Products	
Valerie Thompson	Secretary/Facilitator	

Chair's Year End Report March 12 2008

This year we've moved the Chair's report forward a month so that you will have it as we close off this year of CAG, and in April, we will begin a new year.

All in all, we've had a very busy and interesting year along with significant changes.

We have had seven regular meetings with Western Forest Products in the past year as well as three additional meetings, one for audit purposes, and two with an independent power producer.

Since the fall we have also been meeting on a regular basis with Island Timberlands.

We have not met with BCTS this past year and my latest information from BCTS is that they still intend to pursue CSA certification, but have delayed another year. They intend to take 2008 to pursue SFI certification, and then will turn their attention to CSA.

We have given careful attention to improving our communications with others. We have established a routine of inviting Sliammon First Nation and Sechelt Indian Government District to attend each meeting. Along with the invitation, an agenda is sent. As well, as our minutes are approved they are sent to each First Nation. We have for many years had ongoing communication with Sliammon but now have extended our invitations etc. to Sechelt as well.

We have also concentrated on better communication with other groups. For instance we have invited Friends of Eagle River, and other groups, to bring concerns forward. One of the Friends did come to talk to us and to Island Timberlands, although he did so on his own behalf, not representing any particular group.

We have sent about 15 letters to PRPAWS in the last year, updating operation information from both Island Timberlands, and Western Forest Products. Each letter includes an invitation to bring us concerns or information, but to date we have not had a response.

Our website was not operating well for several months due to business problems of the host. WFP and Island agreed to fund a new website for CAG. After a transition period of several months, we have a new, current site. Thanks especially to Stuart for persevering through all the problems and complaints. Val is now able to do our website updating and that's a big benefit to us. The new site is contributing to our ability to communicate with others.

We have paid careful attention to our seat representation. One change we've made has been to move a sitting member to Tourism vacating an environment seat. That vacancy has been filled by a new member who is a retired forester and

biologist, and who has intimate knowledge of our forested lands.

We also have had a change in the regional board local government seat. One director has left CAG after a number of years of membership and his place has been taken by another director. Strategically this is a logical move as many of the contentious Island Timberland logging issues with associated community interface are geographically located in the electoral area represented by the new member. Our lines of communication with the Powell River Regional District continue to be strong.

This year's seat review was begun on March 7. Five CAG members were joined by Stuart in initiating the review. We need to fill one seat following a resignation, and another seat for a year when the member is on sabbatical. The review concluded that we have several options including the possibility having a teacher fill in for the sabbatical. There was an interest to have someone at the table that represents labour, giving an employee perspective. We'll be bringing suggestions to the table in the near future..

We considered a water seat, but decided for now to concentrate on filling the two vacancies. Overall the group felt that our representation was broad based and felt that we had an acceptable balance.

A big change for us was the resignation of both our facilitator and our recorder. Our facilitator found that with full time employment her life became too busy for an additional part-time position with CAG. It certainly was a loss for CAG as she had been with us since CAG's inception.

Our recorder resigned with regret as she was moving to Victoria. She too had been with us since CAG's inception and left a big role to fill.

We are most fortunate to have Val now with us, doing both the recorder and facilitator duties. It's not so easy to fulfill both simultaneously, but Val has really taken the job in hand and is ably managing the recording, communications, and facilitation for us.

Stuart, our WFP champion has been great in lining up speakers including Marv Clark from FERIC, Rick Jeffries from Coast Forest Products Association, Mark Anderson from MOFR, Bill Beese, WFP forest ecologist, Martin Buchanan, WFP regional forester, and of course Rudi VanZwaaij, Stillwater, with his ever popular annual silviculture report..

In May, our meeting was an excellent field trip. Thanks to Stuart, Mark Hasset and Chris Hallsor for helping make it so successful.

After a hiatus of several months, we began again to meet with Island Timberlands in September. Makenzie Leine came to us as the new Island Timberlands Manager of sustainability and Community Affairs. We also met Jillene West who is retained by Island Timberlands to work towards registration with CSA. Jill is meeting with public advisory groups in Powell River, Campbell River, and Port Alberni working towards an SFMP for Island Timberlands entire DFA. We have had three meetings with Island and at our last meeting our speaker was Ken Epps,

Island Timberlands Forest Management Analyst.

Looking ahead to the next year, I think independent power projects will continue to be part of our conversations about the WFP DFA. Last year we had two meetings with Plutonic Power, in June and August of 2007. While there was consideration of the viewsapes from the Canoe route, many other concerns we expressed have not been addressed. The transmission corridor now intrudes into a number of OGMAs, and also a significant Wildlife Tree Patch.

Hawkeye, a new company in town is looking at projects in Toba, and at Jim Brown Creek, as well as the Eldred.

Plutonic Power is intending to pursue investigations to develop a project on Freda Creek.

Apparently the water measurement studies have proved the viability of the project and PPC intends to submit Freda, along with 18 Bute projects and 3 Toba projects to BC Hydro in 2008. Plutonic Power also continues to consider developing a large number of projects at the head of Knight as well as Bute. It is not apparent yet if that power will be brought to Saltery Bay through the TFL.

Each of these projects brings benefits to certain people, including First Nations, and the provincial government. As well there is some local employment and other community benefits in the short term. Each project also brings a permanent reduction in the forested crown land, a reduction in required OGMA, a reduction in the DFA, a reduction of the most productive forested land, and higher operating costs to the licensee.

Most if not all of the new possible generating sites are not large enough to trigger an environmental assessment by the EAO. The projects will therefore be assessed under a different standard as determined by the Integrated Land Management Bureau.

Certainly CAG is going to need to give careful attention to future projects and consider how they affect forest management as defined by our SFMP.

My thanks go to Ken who has soldiered on for CAG as our Vice Chair.

And again thanks to Stuart and Makenzie for their support of CAG, for their time and efforts on behalf of our group, and their commitment to making sustainable forest management a reality.

Jane Cameron
Chair