

Minutes

**CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
November 10th
Minutes
Western Forest Products Boardroom**

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 group.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from October 13th Western Forest Products meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- Dave Rees resignation email
- Letter to PRPAWS
- Letter to Regional District
- Email regarding Parks and Greenspace Plan

Terms of Reference Review for 2010

Group was asked to consider whether any changes were needed for the Terms of Reference. No changes were suggested.

Operational Information Update

Current Activities

Harvesting

HE-521, OL-625, OL-747, ST-154, ST-244, ST-245, ST-246, ST-247, TH-500, TH-501

Road Construction

ST-020, ST-027, ST-287, ST-035, UL-810, WL-907

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Engineering

CH-402, CH-404, ST-148, ST-232, UL-805, UL-807, UL-836, WL-952, WL-954

What's New on the Map

New Blocks

PD-462 (additional area added), UL-813 (previously part of UL-810)

New Roads

None

Cutting Permit Approved Areas

None

Note: There are no new blocks and roads located along the Sunshine Coast Trail. UL-813 is formerly part of UL-810 and is being harvested once UL810 is greened-up as a windthrow management strategy along the SCT.

Map Updates

Logging Complete

OL-554, OL-544

Road Construction Complete

GI-059, PD-458, TM-223, UL-809

Engineered Blocks

PD-460, PD-464, TM-111, WL-907

Engineered Roads

TM-111, WL-907

Some funding has come available to Frank Ullmann for work on the canoe route. WFP is working with him to put some new fire pits in and update signs. It is in the preliminary stages at this point.

Question: Under what authority was the Sunshine Coast Trail established?

In the beginning it was just there, but now it comes under Section 56 of FRPA.

Question: I was wondering if it was like the mountain bike trails in Mount Elphinstone.

Trails can come under Section 56 or 57, but there are lots of trails that are just built.

Comment: We are having trouble with a trail that crosses Lang Creek watershed area. We are having to try all kinds of things to stop horses and quads from crossing on a trail that shouldn't be there in the first place.

Section 56 are ILMB trails and there are agreements for maintenance. Section 57 just makes it legal for a trail to be there.

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Question: Is there some organization that can advertise that people shouldn't just go out and build trails?

There isn't an ILMB or MoF anymore. They combined to make MNRO.

Douglas Fir Bark Beetle Update.

Rudi is planning where to put the bait trees.

SFMP Z809-08 Updated Indicators

Stuart continued the discussion which he began at the last meeting regarding changes to SFMP. Last meeting he distributed an the Indicator Table of Contents on which he noted which old indicators matched up with the new 2008 standard core indicators as well as his first draft of the new core indicators that WFP has to have under the new standard. If the existing indicator matched up perfectly with a new core indicator Stuart used it, he modified some similar indicators, and if there was nothing similar he developed a new indicator. The group continued on with Indicator 2.1.1.

Element 2.1.1 represents ecosystem condition and productivity. He was able to slot existing indicator 8 into Indicator 2.1.1. The group was comfortable with this.

There was a second indicator numbered 2.1.1 that Stuart felt could be discarded as the first indicator 2.1.1 covered the objective. The group agreed.

Element 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity has two core indicators. The indicator 2.2.1 deals with additions and deletions to the forest area and is consistent with the existing indicator #17. The group was comfortable with the adjustments Stuart made to indicator #17 to include tracking additions and deletions to the land base.

Question: What is happening with Freda Creek?

Comment: The City of Powell River is looking at developing Freda Creek. It is the business plan on the City website. Plutonic is basically handing it over to the City. The City is expecting to get 1¼ million dollars revenue each year which is not enough for Plutonic.

The indicator 2.2.2, regarding the proportion of the calculated long-term sustainable harvest level that is actually harvested, is consistent the indicator #27. The group agreed with this.

Criterion 3 has two elements. Element #3.1 deals with soil quality and quantity. Indicator 3.1.1 is the level of soil disturbance and it matches up with previous indicator #16.

Question: What percentage of WFP logging is done by machine versus a faller?

ACTION: Stuart to find out how much of harvest is processed by machine versus fallers.

Indicator 3.1.2 level of downed woody debris is a new core indicator. WFP measures how much material is left on the ground after they have finished logging because they have to pay for material left behind. The Provincial Log Residue and Waste Manual has listed how much material can be left on the ground before a company has to start paying. In second growth stands the number is 10 cubic metres per hectare. Stuart used this number as the target for this indicator. Some concern was expressed regarding the amount of fibre left on the ground. The indicator is attempting to make sure enough fibre

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is left on the ground to decompose and fertilize future forests. Group decided that the variance should be zero.

Indicator 3.2.1 proportion of watershed or water management areas with recent stand replacing disturbance has data consistence with the previous indicator #19. Stuart decided to use community watersheds for this indicator because of their importance.

Question: What if there are three different organizations operating in a watershed?

In the past we have shared data. We are not currently working in these areas.

Question: Does Community Forests have the same type of criteria?

This is a CSA Standard.

Question: Yes, but they must have to meet some type of criteria.

ACTION: Stuart to speak to Chris Laing at Community Forests and see what they are currently doing.

CWAPs are no longer legally required and I don't know what kind of assessments they make.

Question: Should there be something that addresses watersheds in general? I don't see anything that looks after fish.

Question: Should there be an additional indicator for fish?

There are all of the prescription requirements for fish streams that we follow. The Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP) is monitoring the management of fish streams. This may make a good guest speaker presentation in the 2011.

Group decided to keep this indicator and learn more about the FREP monitoring of fish streams.

Element #4 refers to carbon uptake and storage. Indicator 4.1.1 net carbon uptake is a new core indicator. The net carbon uptake is the difference between carbon released and captured. This indicator calculates the amount of carbon that the DFA absorbs (or releases) from the atmosphere every year. The target is that the net annual carbon uptake on the DFA is positive on a five year rolling average. Short lived products, fuel consumed and debris burned is subtracted from the carbon uptake from growing stock to calculate net carbon uptake. Long term storage such as lumber used for construction is not subtracted as this material traps carbon for the long term.

Question: Do we know what portion of this DFA's fibre goes into long term fibre storage?

They've used the factor of 40% going into long term, but I will check on that number which I believe comes from a recognized average.

ACTION: Stuart to confirm what percent of fibre goes into long term carbon storage.

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Stuart suggested that a very interesting guest speaker would be for Shannon Janzen to come and explain her latest work on carbon.

Group agrees that this indicator works. The other two indicators under this element are repeats of different elements in the standard. The data sets from old indicators #17 and 20 are consistent with these indicators.

Additional meeting called for November 24th to continue discussion of indicators.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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Name	Position	Member Seat
PRESENT		
Jane Cameron – Chair	Primary	Member at large
Bill Maitland	Primary	Local Business
Barry Miller	Primary	Environment
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Tourism
Andy Payne	Alternate	Member at large
George Illes	Alternate	Environment
Paul Goodwin	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Read English	Alternate	Local Business
Ken Jackson	Primary	Recreation
6 Seats represented		
ABSENT MEMBERS		
Doug Fuller	Primary	DFA Worker
Colin Palmer	Primary	Local Governments
Dave Formosa	Alternate	Local Governments
Wayne Borgfjord	Primary	Forest Dependent
Mark Hassett	Alternate	Contractor
Dave Hodgins	Alternate	Recreation
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Russ Parsons	Alternate	DFA Worker
PRESENT		
Resource – others		
Stuart Glen	WFP	
Valerie Thompson	Secretary/Facilitator	