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**CSA Community Advisory Group  
To Western Forest Products  
December 8th  
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.

**Correspondence**

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- Letter to PRPAWS

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes from October 13<sup>th</sup> Western Forest Products meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Action Items**

Item #1 Stuart to find out how much of harvest is processed by machine vs. faller?

Ongoing

Item #2 Stuart to speak to Chris Laing at Community Forests to find out what they are currently doing regarding the amount of recent stand level disturbance in the community watershed?

Community Forests are completing a calculation regarding the amount of watershed that has recent stand level disturbance. On average this is around 30% but may be higher or lower in some sub-basins. Below a certain tree height the trees are not considered to be functioning hydrologically and this is the area included as having recent stand level disturbance.

Item #3 Stuart to confirm what percent of fibre goes into long-term carbon storage.

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The indicator uses a factor of 40%. That is based on research papers. This is the average of all of the research papers. Someone also asked why large woody debris was not included in the calculation and the reason is it is essentially doing what happens in the forest naturally. Burning releases the carbon much faster than what happens naturally. WFP does much less burning each year.

### **Terms of Reference**

A couple of meetings ago the group was asked to review and put forward any suggestions for amendments to the terms of reference. Nobody had any suggestions so the TOR will have the date revised and be accepted for another year.

### **Operational Information Update**

#### **Current Activities**

Harvesting – HE-521, LL-057, OL-625, OL-747, ST-245, ST-247, TH-500, TH-501

Road Construction – ST-020, ST-027, ST-035, ST-287, UL-810, WL-907

Engineering – CH-402, CH-404, ST-032, ST-039, ST-148, ST-232, UL-836, WL-952, WL-954

#### **What's New on the Map**

New Blocks – FH-040, ST-039

New Roads – ST-039

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – None

Note: There are no new blocks and roads located along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

#### **Map Updates**

Logging Complete – ST-154, ST-244, ST-246

Road Construction Complete – GI-059, PD-458, TM-223, UL-809

Engineered Blocks – TM-112 (name change to TM-111)

Engineered Roads – TM-111, WL-907

#### **SFMP Z809-08**

Stuart prepared a draft SFMP for the group including additions and changes from the previous two meetings. He included new indicators from CSA Z809-08 and the left over indicators that he thought the group would want to keep from CSA Z809-02 after converting them to be consistent with the new standard.

The strategies and forecast for each indicator was also reviewed and discussed specific to each indicator in this final review through the plan. The strategies outlined in the plan reflect the chosen strategy for each indicator.

Chair asked that those left over indicators that the group dealt with at the last meeting be reviewed.

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Indicator 4 was the annual % of stands declared FG that are more than 90% of one species. This indicator was consistently met. Group decided to drop this indicator.

Indicator 9 is the % of Net Area Reforested (NAR) that meets their free growing objectives. There is another indicator that speaks to 100% of harvested areas being reforested. It is a legal requirement to meet FG and WFP has been reporting 100% consistently. Group decided to drop this indicator.

Indicator 10 is the % of Wildlife Tree Retention Area (WTRA) within each BEC Subzone. This information is captured in new indicator 1.1.4. Group decided to drop this indicator.

Stuart put indicators 11, 12, and 13 together as they all dealt with natural factors that are in play in a forest.

Indicator 14 is a man made issue in the forest and group would like to keep it.

Indicator 15 is hectares of brushing by method and amount of herbicide on the DFA. This indicator will be kept, but the wording will be changed.

Indicator 18 is the annual number of non-conformance issues on water quality and quantity on streams in the DFA. This indicator will be kept.

Indicator 21 is the annual % of Long Run Sustained Yield (LRSY) harvested. Group decided to drop this indicator.

Indicator 22 is the annual number of landslides and the % of these landslides where site rehabilitation is completed. Group wishes to drop this indicator.

Indicator 24 is the annual % of conventional and unconventional hectares harvested over a five year rolling average. Group decided to drop this indicator.

Indicator 35 is the recreation inventory is updated every five years. Stuart said it is difficult to redo the visual inventory every five years. Group felt it was important to keep an indicator such as this as so many people in the community are concerned about recreation in the DFA. It is unlikely that visual quality objectives in the DFA would change over a five year period. Wording could be changed to review and update if necessary recreational information on the DFA on the recreation map and a table with changes could be kept with indicator 44 which deals with the recreation map. Group agreed.

Indicator 36 is the annual number of occurrences where harvesting impacts, or influences the Sunshine Coast Trail where a field or management review did not occur. It will be kept.

Indicator 38 is CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives, prior to release to the general public 100% of the time. This information is released to CAG at the time it is released to the general public as that is when Stuart is informed. The group would like to keep this indicator.

Indicator 41 is the annual % of harvested cutblocks for which a final inspection is done. This is something that WFP does all the time as part of the wildfire act. Group is most interested in the number

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of hectares harvested. Stuart is to add the hectares harvested to another indicator and this indicator will be dropped.

The auditors have audited the new SFMP up at North Vancouver Island. The auditors reminded everybody that they need to look at their strategies and forecasts. The strategies and forecasts were reviewed for each indicator as the plan was reviewed.

Stuart went through the minutes and his memory and made the changes to his draft of the new SFMP and provided the group with this new draft.

There were no changes to Indicator 1.1.1.

Indicator 1.1.2 will need a bunch of GIS work but can be done.

No changes to Indicator 1.1.3.

The variance for Indicator 1.1.4 will be changed to + or – 25%.

The variance for Indicator 1.2.1 was changed from None to -2% and minor changes were made to the objective and target to clarify. The change was made to the variance due to fluctuation due to spatial issues with map base, scale or natural disturbances.

The variance for Indicator 1.2.2 was changed to a variance of -5% because some limited harvesting is allowed on the areas covered by the indicator.

Indicator 1.2.3 remained the same.

The changes that were suggested for Indicator 1.3.1 were made. The target was changed to 0% genetically modified organisms to keep the indicator simple.

Some wording was simplified for Indicator 1.4.1 and no changes were made to Indicator 1.4.2.

Stuart made two Indicators 2.1.1. The group selected one and the other was discarded.

Indicator 2.1.2 is a new indicator combining old indicator 11, 12, and 13. Elk damage will also be added to this indicator. This indicator highlights management strategies implemented.

Indicator 2.2.1 remained the same, but the history will be corrected to show the dataset is consistent with indicator 17 not 7.

Indicator 2.2.2 is unchanged.

Indicator 2.2.3 covers herbicide use

*Comment: my concern with herbicide use is about how it is applied. What I've seen lately is inoculation which I think is a wise method.*

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Alder is general girdled manually if it is big enough. Maple coppices near creeks have all but one stalk cut back which makes the maples just grow up from the one stalk. Away from creeks maple coppices are given a little spray. Also in really brushy areas some spray may be used. It is site specific. Group was happy with the wording of this indicator.

Indicators 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 had no changes.

Indicator 3.2.1 had some wording changed to clarify and group also thought the target should include 'or 30%' in the wording for the target. The variance was changed to None.

Indicator 4.1.1 had no changes.

Indicator 5.1.1 needs the amount 10000 cubic metres changed to 14000 on the header on one of the tables to match the amount 14000 in the body of the indicator. Group asked to report firewood and debris separately.

The variance for Indicator 5.2.1 was changed to None.

No changes to Indicator 5.2.2, Indicator 5.2.3 or Indicator 5.2.4.

Indicator 5.2.5 was incorrectly numbered and will be corrected.

Indicators 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, and 6.2.1 remained the same.

Cooperation with the ATV Club to be added to the evidence of cooperation with other forest dependent organizations for Indicator 6.3.1.

No changes to Indicators 6.3.2 or 6.3.3.

Indicator 6.4.1 will be changed from survey results to auditor meeting with CAG and the variance will be changed to None.

Indicator 6.4.2 and 6.4.3 were unchanged.

**ACTION:** Stuart to create annual invitation letter to FNs.

Indicator 6.5.1 remains the same.

Indicator 6.5.2 will have the recreation inventory added. Old Indicators 14 and 18 need a new indicator created.

**ACTION:** Stuart to create indicators for indicators 14 and 18 as well as add recreation inventory to Indicator 6.5.2.

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### **Guest speaker topics for 2011**

Invasive species, carbon cap, hydrology and forest stewardship were suggested as interesting topics for 2011. Blake from MoF could speak to invasive species and forest stewardship. Eric Blaney from Sliammon does an interesting presentation on Sliammon history. Brian Carson would be a good speaker on hydrology.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Jane Cameron – Chair</b>	Primary	Member at large
<b>Bill Maitland</b>	Primary	Local Business
<b>Nancy Hollmann</b>	Primary	Tourism
<b>George Illes</b>	Alternate	Environment
<b>Colin Palmer</b>	Primary	Local Governments
<b>Dave Hodgins</b>	Alternate	Recreation
<b>Paul Goodwin</b>	Alternate	Forest Dependent
<b>Read English</b>	Alternate	Local Business
<b>Ken Jackson</b>	Primary	Recreation
<b>Mark Hassett</b>	Alternate	Contractor
<b>7 Seats represented</b>		
<b>ABSENT MEMBERS</b>		
<b>Andy Payne</b>	Alternate	Member at large
<b>Dave Formosa</b>	Alternate	Local Governments
<b>Rory Maitland</b>	Primary	Contractor
<b>Russ Parsons</b>	Alternate	DFA Worker
<b>Doug Fuller</b>	Primary	DFA Worker
<b>Barry Miller</b>	Primary	Environment
<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>Resource – others</b>		
<b>Stuart Glen</b>	WFP	
<b>Valerie Thompson</b>	Secretary/Facilitator	