

**CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
April 11, 2012
Western Forest Products Boardroom**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00 pm: 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 with the following addition: Concerns regarding signage.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Emails inviting First Nations to meetings
- Letter to PRPAWS
- Email re: correspondence with Abby McLennan
- Norm Facey letter to Lars Hawkes and David Moore re: SCT

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes reviewed and accepted by email prior to meeting.

2011 Silviculture Review – Rudi van Zwaaij, Area Forester

Statistics

Harvest Area: 660 hectares (630 hectares planned for 2012)

Harvest Volume: 520,000 cubic metres (510,000 cubic metres planned for 2012)

AAR: 885 hectares (800 hectares for 2012)

Declared Free Growing: 550 hectares (650 hectares should be declared Free Growing for 2012)

Approximately 5200 hectares being managed

Planted: 576 hectares (760 hectares to be planted in 2012)

Brushed: 318 hectares (335 hectares to be brushed in 2012)

Surveyed: 3050 hectares (3000 hectares to be surveyed in 2012)

2011 Planting

Spring: 457 hectares, 433,000 seedlings – 80% Fdc, 19.5% Cw, and 0.5% Ba

Summer: 119 hectares, 111,000 seedlings – 64% Fdc, 18% Cw, and 18% Yc

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(Summer planting takes place in higher elevations than spring planting)

Total: 576 hectares, 544,000 seedlings, 200,000 fertilized. Some stock had root disease. They only accepted 180,000 of the 400,000 seedlings and even then they had some root disease.

Question: Would the nursery be held responsible for the bad stock?

No. We either accept or reject stock. We have a stock coordinator that selects stock on behalf of all WFP timberlands operations. He reports on how the stock is coming, so they knew very early that they needed to pick up the missing 120,000 seedlings on the open market.

2012 Planting Plan

Spring: 560 hectares, 550,000 seedlings – 73% Fdc, 27% Cw

Summer: 200 hectares, 170,000 seedlings – 57% Fdc, 35% CW, and 8% Yc

Total: 760 hectares, 720,000 seedlings, 300,000 fertilized

Question: What is the fenced off area on Goat Main around 12 mile?

There are two areas that have been established this spring by the Lake Cowichan research station. They are areas set up to research climate change. One is in cutblock ST-216 on Third Lake Road and the other is at 11.5 mile on the Goat Main. There will be signage going up.

2011 Brushing

Girdling: 159 hectares

Manual: 102 hectares

Herbicide Individual trees: 50 hectares

Ground Foliar: 7 hectares

Total: 318 hectares

2012 Brushing Plan

Girdling: 120 hectares

Manual: 65 hectares

Herbicide Individual trees: 150 hectares

Ground Foliar: 0 hectares

Total: 335 hectares

All herbicide is used from a backpack and administered right to the stem of the tree. It is necessary for areas of very dense hardwoods.

Question: What do you do around fish bearing streams when you have to use herbicide?

Fish streams and other streams are treated the same. All creeks (even dry creeks) have a minimum 10 meter pesticide free zone. WFP actually goes 12 metres just to be sure. It is all done during the dry season of July and August.

Question: Why don't you leave the maple standing? Can't you use it?

We can't declare an area Free Growing if there is a lot of hardwood standing. Maple is not rated as a commercial species.

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Rudi showed photos of fertilized and unfertilized trees to show how well the seedlings do with fertilizer 'tea bags' planted with the seedling about 5 cm from the tree. They only fertilize if they feel the site needs it because of the high cost of fertilizer.

Question: Is there no help from the government for fertilizer?

The nurseries are working on several options including slow release fertilizer. It is cheaper if it is done at the nursery. It is a very delicate thing.

Bark Beetle Update

The Bark Beetle outbreak was triggered by the December 2006 'Stanley Park' storm. Infestation peaked in 2010. WFP developed a bark beetle strategy which included: 80 truck loads of trees set out strategically to trap beetles in the spring of 2011 – trees were hauled after beetles had burrowed in the fall, and where it wasn't feasible to put trap trees, over 100 pheromone traps were installed. There were indications in 2011 that bark beetle population has crashed. Douglas Fir Pole beetle has now moved in as secondary attacker. Pole beetles do not kill the whole tree like bark beetles, but do damage the leader and tops of trees.

Canoe Route Upgrade 2011 and 2012

- Jessica McKierahan is the new Recreation Officer for the Ministry.
- Wheelable work has started on the canoe route – last year the focus was on new kiosks, signs, tables, and fire pits. Wheelable portages are this year's focus.

Other Notable Information

- The biofuel project is on hold. Catalyst has ample supply of hog and is not taking local biofuel from WFP cutblocks at this time.
- 13 cutblocks were windfirmed in 2011
- September 17, 2012 WFP is hosting the Chief Forester's Tour

Operational Information Map Review

Current Activities

Harvesting

FH-040, NA-912, NA-920, NA-930, NA-935, ST-029, ST-265, UL-810, UL-811, WL-027, WL-040, WL-907, WL-913

Road Construction

LL-026, ST-024, ST-272, ST-235, TM-243, UL-814, Powell Main rehab.

Engineering

ST-327, TM-186, UL-827, UL-890, WL-345, WL-944, PD-164, PD-287

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What's New on the Map

New Blocks

ST-264 (shape change), ST-294, ST-298, UL-816, UL-817, UL-818, UL-820, UL-827

New Roads

ST-294, ST-298, UL-816, UL-818, UL-820, UL-827

Cutting Permit Approved Areas

LL-017, ST-038, ST-256, UL-805, UL-812, WL-040, WL-913, WL-952, WL-954

Future block UL-817 is in proximity to the SCT to the east of Lewis Lake.

Logging Complete

ST-148, ST-232, TM-223

Road Construction Complete

LL-017, LL-029, UL-805, WL-040

Engineered Blocks

None

Engineered Roads

None

Company Update

The auditor has offered a conference call to CAG members in May.

ACTION: Val to email CAG members to confirm interest in May 22nd or 24th afternoon meeting with auditor.

SFMP – 2011 Indicator Results

Results for the second half of the indicators. The first half was reviewed during the last CAG meeting.

Indicator 1.1.1 Ecosystem Area by Type – the target of this indicator is that the old seral stage of each ecosystem type (BEC) in each landscape unit of the DFA is within 95% the levels recommended in the Biodiversity Guidebook [September 1995] or approved Landscape Unit Plans for the DFA by the year 2218. This indicator is trending the right way.

Indicator 1.1.2 Ecosystem Diversity – the target of this indicator is that the forest area (ha) by leading species composition remains within 5% of the baseline on a 5 year rolling average by species. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 1.2.1 Degree of habitat protection for focal species, including species at risk – the target for this indicator is the amount of area (ha) of habitat protected for selected focal species remains the same or increase year after year. (Selected focal species are mountain goat, grizzly bear, coastal tailed frog, marbled murrelet, and Queen Charlotte goshawk). The target was met for 2011.

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Indicator 1.2.2 Degree of suitable habitat in the long term for focal species, including species at risk – the target for this indicator is the amount (in ha) of potentially suitable habitat available within WHA, UWR, and OGMA remains the same or increases over each 5 year period. (Selected focal species are mountain goats, grizzly bears, and marbled murrelets). The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 1.4.1 Proportion of identified sites with implemented management strategies – the target for this indicator is 100% of identified sites have implemented management strategies. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 2.2.1 Additions & deletions to the forest area – the target for this indicator is

1) The % of productive forest deleted due to permanent access structures is < 7% of the DFA.

2) Report any other deletions to the DFA.

3) Report any additions to the DFA

The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris – the target for this indicator is the annual level of dispersed downed woody debris is on average > 10m³ha. The target was met for 2011.

Question: Is there a minimum that you have to leave?

Yes. We've started to check to see if we have left enough. In the past concerns were generally raised that we were leaving too much - so this is new. It is not an issue in old growth stands. It is more of an issue on second growth stands particularly if biofuel has been taken.

Indicator 5.1.1 Quantity and quality of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services produced in the DFA – the target for this indicator is to achieve a positive company EBITDA while providing for a range of other timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services from the DFA. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 5.2.1 Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability – the target for this indicator is the level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability and the local economy is greater than ten projects annually. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.2.1 Evidence of understanding and use of Aboriginal knowledge through the engagement of willing Aboriginal communities, using a process that identifies and manages culturally important resources and values – the target for this indicator is that field walks are completed with First Nations of all areas harvested annually where deemed necessary by Western and the First Nation. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.3.1 Cooperation with forest-dependent groups to strengthen and diversify the local economy – the target for this indicator is co-operation is demonstrated annually with other forest-dependent businesses, forest users, and the local community to strengthen and diversify the local economy. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.3.2 Cooperation with workers to improve safety standards and procedures – the target for this indicator is the number of initiatives implemented annually to improve and enhance safety

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standards, procedures, and outcomes in all DFA-related workplaces and affected communities is ≥ 2 . The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.3.3 Worker safety program implementation and review – the target for this indicator is that Safe Company certification is maintained annually by WFP and its contractors working on the DFA. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.4.2 Capacity development and meaningful participation – the target for this indicator is the annual number of meetings held with the Stillwater CAG and public at large is ≥ 10 . The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.4.3 Capacity development and participation for Aboriginal communities – the target for this indicator is participation in the forest management process is demonstrated annually with First Nations. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.4.4 CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives in a timely manner – the target for this indicator is that CAG is informed of corporate policy program changes and initiatives in a timely manner 100% of the time. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.5.1 Educational outreach – the target for this indicator is the annual number of people reached through educational outreach is 50 or more. The target was met for 2011.

Indicator 6.5.2 Availability of information on issues of concern to the public – the target for this indicator is recreation Maps for the DFA and safety road hotline are available 100% of the time. The target was met for 2011

Terms of Reference

Vice-chair requested that members think about whether any changes need to be made to the Terms of Reference and let him know. A meeting will be set up to discuss any changes and the suggestions will be brought to the group for the September meeting.

Election

Jane Cameron was elected as Chair, Ken Jackson as Vice-Chair, and Dave Hodgins as 2nd Vice-Chair.

Signs

A member expressed concern regarding signage that is misleading or old on logging roads. These signs make people stop paying attention to signs that should be obeyed. Stuart said WFP has made an effort to ensure consistent signage is out there and to ensure signs get removed when logging is completed. For some reason, signage is an item that is challenging. Stuart said he would pass the concern on to his colleagues. Stuart asked members to call WFP if they see a sign up that should be taken down as the best way to be address this is with actual specifics.

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May Meeting

The group decided to have a field trip for the May meeting and the date is to be decided later.

Action Items

<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>When</i>
ACTION #1 - Find out if group members want to meet with Auditor May 22 or 24th	Val Thompson	Apr 11/12	

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**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
Western Forest Products
February 8 April 11th Attendance**

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