

Minutes

CSA Community Advisory Group To Western Forest Products March 13, 2013 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 members..

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

- Letters to PRPAWS
- Emails to FNs
- Falling at Goat Main email
- Beaver Lake portage trail closure email
- Rick Jeffery Thank you
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Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes reviewed and accepted.

Operational Information Map Review

Current Activities

Harvesting – CH-400, CH-402, LL-017, LL-026, LL-029, ST-024, ST-038 (snow), ST-235, ST-255 (snow), TM-243, UL-815 (snow), WL-345, WL-944, WL-950 (snow)

Road Construction – BT-664, FH-035, GL-657, ST-296, ST-327, ST-329, WL-914

Engineering – BT-915, CH-018, LL-012, TM-123, TM-246, TM-254, UL-819

What's New on the Map

New Blocks – None

New Roads – None

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Cutting Permit Approved Areas – UL-890, WL-345, WL-944

There are no new blocks or roads planned along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Logging Complete – None

Road Construction Complete – LL-010

Engineered Blocks – GL-021, GL-022, GL-026, TM-256, TM-258

Engineered Roads – GL-021, GL-022, GL-026, TM-256, TM-258

WFP is putting a lot of hours into the helicopter plan right now. It is very complex to get everything lined up. They have not done heli logging for a long time. It is likely that the helicopter logging will begin in July.

Question: Do the helicopters come from the Island.

Stuart said they have not selected all of the helicopters yet, but for sure the air crane will come from the Island because of the old growth wood. They are going to pre-pole all of their conventional grapple yarding at the head of the lake first. This will even be complex as for example, they have to work out whether they can get the poles around the corners of all of the old roads in the area.

Question: Is it all going to be single stem or will some be bundles?

The heli will be conventional heli logging and will depend on the weight. There is some good sized wood in the old-growth heli-blocks at Powell Daniels.

Question: Is the wood old growth or second growth?

The poles are all second growth and the heli is old growth. WFP needs to figure out how to heli second growth in a cost effective way.

Company Update

WFP posted their end of year's results.

SFMP – 2012 Indicator Results

Indicator 1.1.1 Ecosystem area by type

Target: 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.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.1.2 Forest area by species composition

Target: The forest area (ha) by leading species composition remains within 5% of the baseline on a 5 year rolling average by species.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

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Indicator 1.1.3 Forest area by seral stage

Target: The % of productive forest area in the older age classes (81+/120+) is at least the level recommended in the biodiversity guidebook [September 1995].

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.1.4 Degree of within-stand structural retention

Target: The retention silviculture system is represented across the DFA according to the targets listed in the Western Forest Strategy (see below) on a five year rolling average.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.2.1 Degree of habitat protection for focal species, including species at risk

Target: 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).

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.2.2 Degree of suitable habitat in the long term for focal species, including species at risk

Target: 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).

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.2.3 Proportion of regeneration comprised of native tree species

Target: The proportion of regeneration comprised of native tree species is 100%.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.3.1 Percentage of the trees planted annually that are GMOs

Target: The percent of the trees planted annually that are genetically modified organisms is 0%.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.4.1 Proportion of identified sites with implemented management strategies

Target: 100% of identified sites have implemented management strategies.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 1.4.2 Protection of identified sacred and culturally important sites with implemented management strategies

Target: The proportion of sacred and culturally important sites identified each year with implemented management strategies is 100%.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 2.1.1 Reforestation success

Target: The equivalent harvest years of area awaiting reforestation (AAR) annually is > 3 years.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 2.1.2 Proportion of identified biotic and abiotic factors (fire, wind, insects, and wildlife) with implemented management strategies

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Target: Proportion of identified biotic and abiotic factors (fire, wind, insects, and, wildlife) with implemented management strategies is 100%.
SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 2.2.1 Additions & deletions to the forest area

Target:

- 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.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 2.2.2 Proportion of the calculated long-term sustainable harvest level that is actually harvested

Target: The harvest level is within 25% of the long-term sustainable harvest level (DFA AAC contribution) over a five year rolling average.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 2.2.3 Amount of area treated with herbicides

Target: The amount of area where herbicide is used for brush control on the DFA is \leq 25% of the total area brushed annually.

SFO Did not meet the target for 2012.

This is the only indicator that was not met for this year. Half of the brushing was done with herbicides in 2012. The variance says that it should be less than 40%. The blocks that were set for brushing in 2012 had a lot of maple coppices and small alder and cherry. The best way to treat maple coppices is to use a little herbicide on each coppice when they are very small. This way they are done forever. If you cut them they will double. It is not foliar spray - it is a little site specific treatment. The other areas had dense young cherry or alder stands. With alder sometimes you can do them manually. It depends on the density of the alder. If the alder is not too dense the fir trees can coexist with the alders until they are big enough to girdle. If you get a more dense young stand the alders will shade the fir trees if you let them get big enough to girdle and the fir will not make it. You could cut the alders but they will come back twice as thick. It just happened that the blocks that needed treatment in 2012 were these type of blocks.

Question: What is the forecast for this year?

Rudi was not able to tell Stuart as he is still working on his plans.

Question: How far back from creeks were you?

There is a 10 metre herbicide free zone. Treatment is also always done during dry weather.

The group talked about putting this indicator on a five year rolling average as all of the other years are well under the limit or adding hard numbers as well as a percentage as some years would have had similar herbicide usage but have much smaller percentage of herbicide because the amount of brushing those years was much greater overall.

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Indicator 3.1.1 Level of soil disturbance

Target: The annual number of harvest openings in which soil disturbance exceeds the levels specified in the Site Plan is zero.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris

Target: The annual level of dispersed downed woody debris is on average > 10m/ha.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 3.2.1 Proportion of watershed or water management areas with recent stand replacing disturbance

Target: The proportion of community watershed water management areas with recent stand level disturbance is less than 30% or other limit that may specified in a detailed Community Watershed Assessment Plan.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 3.2.2 The annual number of Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) reportable spills

Target: The annual number of PEP reportable spills on the DFA is zero.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 3.2.3 The annual number of non-conformance issues on water quality and quantity on streams in the DFA.

Target: The annual number of non-conformance issues on water quality and quantity on streams in the DFA is zero.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 4.1.1 Net carbon uptake

Target: The net annual carbon uptake on the DFA is positive on a five year rolling average.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 5.1.1 Quantity and quality of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services produced in the DFA

Target: Achieve a positive company EBITDA while providing for a range of other timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services from the DFA.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Local logs sales were 388 cubic metres for 2012.

Question: Why were local log sales down from previous years?

Stuart was not sure, but the number does not include Goat Lake.

Comment: The number does not include Goat Lake because there was an agreement that existed with Goat Lake long before CSA that has been grandfathered.

Comment: They have allocated 14,000 cubic metres per year to go to local sales not including waste sales.

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Question: I have heard from two people that they have had problems buying logs at the sort. Who do they contact?

Action: Stuart to find out more details on local sales and will confirm who the current contact is for purchasing logs.

Indicator 5.2.1 Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability

Target: Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability and the local economy is greater than ten projects annually.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 5.2.2 Level of investment in training and skills development

Target: Prior to the commencement of harvesting activities, all employees are trained in the safety and environmental requirements specific to the area they will be working in.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 5.2.3 Level of direct and indirect employment

Target: Level of direct and indirect employment is relatively stable varying by less than 25% from year to year.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 5.2.4 Level of Aboriginal participation in the forest economy

Target: A number of Aboriginal economic opportunities are in effect in and around the DFA.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 5.2.5 The % of reviews or field walks completed where harvesting is planned along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

Target: The % reviews or field walks completed where harvesting is planned along the Sunshine Coast Trail is 100%.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.1.1 Evidence of good understanding of the nature of Aboriginal title and rights

Target: All planning staff has training relating to aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights for First Nations relating to the DFA.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.1.2 Efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans by Aboriginal communities

Target: First Nation comment and input is encouraged and facilitated through sharing of all Operational Information Maps, Forest Stewardship Plans, and Management Plans.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.1.3 Level of management and/or protection of areas where culturally important practices and activities (hunting, fishing, gathering) occur

Target: Annually request current information regarding potentially affected cultural heritage resources from First Nations and the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

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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

Target: Field walks are completed with First Nations of all areas harvested annually where deemed necessary by Western and the First Nation.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.3.1 Cooperation with forest-dependent groups to strengthen and diversify the local economy

Target: Co-operation is demonstrated annually with other forest-dependent businesses, forest users, and the local community to strengthen and diversify the local economy.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.3.2 Cooperation with workers to improve safety standards and procedures

Target: The number of initiatives implemented annually to improve and enhance safety standards, procedures, and outcomes in all DFA-related workplaces and affected communities is ≥ 2 .

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.3.3 Worker safety program implementation and review

Target: Safe Company certification is maintained annually by WFP and its contractors working on the DFA.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.4.1 Level satisfaction with the public participation process

Target: Participant satisfaction demonstrates an overall positive result during the CAG CSA auditor meetings.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Comment: Technically we are in conformance, but we need to look at the target and we will do that in a couple of months.

Action: Stuart to try to set up an early evening phone meeting with Nate in April.

Indicator 6.4.2 Capacity development and meaningful participation

Target: The annual number of meetings held with the Stillwater CAG and public at large is ≥ 10 .

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.4.3 Capacity development and participation for Aboriginal communities

Target: Participation in the forest management process is demonstrated annually with First Nations.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.4.4 CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives in a timely manner.

Target: CAG is informed of corporate policy program changes and initiatives in a timely manner 100% of the time.

SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.5.1 Educational outreach

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Target: The annual number of people reached through educational outreach is 50 or more.
SFO Met the target for 2012.

Indicator 6.5.2 Availability of information on issues of concern to the public

Target: Recreation Maps for the DFA and safety road hotline are available 100% of the time.
SFO Met the target for 2012.

Seat Review

All seats filled with the exception of First Nations. Group continues to invite and hope for First Nation participation.

Comment: It would be nice to have student involvement.

Question: What about a senior Junior Forest Warden?

Action: Member to look out for a Junior Forest Warden.

Adjourned 9:00 pm

Action Items

| <i>Ongoing</i> | <i>Who</i> | <i>Meeting</i> | When |
|---|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Set up evening meeting or evening phone call with Nate in April. | Stuart | March 13 | |
| Stuart to find out more details on local sales and will confirm who the current contact is for purchasing logs. | Stuart | March 13 | |
| Find a Junior Forest Warden to fill student seat | Andy | March 13 | |

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group
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March 13th Attendance**

| Name | Position | Member Seat |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| PRESENT | | |
| Jane Cameron – Chair | Primary | Member at large |
| Dave Hodgins | Alternate | Recreation |
| Wayne Brewer | Alternate | Tourism |
| Debbie Dee | Alternate | Local Governments |
| Colin Palmer | Primary | Local Governments |

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| Bill Maitland | Primary | Local Business |
| Rory Maitland | Primary | Contractor |
| George Illes | Alternate | Environment |
| Ken Jackson | Primary | Recreation |
| Mark Hassett | Alternate | Contractor |
| Andy Payne | Alternate | Member at large |
| Read English | Alternate | Local Business |
| Russ Parsons | Alternate | DFA Worker |
| Rob Stewart | Primary | Forest Dependent |
| Paul Goodwin | Alternate | Forest Dependent |
| 10 Seats represented | | |
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| ABSENT MEMBERS | | |
| Laura van Diemen | Alternate | Member at large |
| Barry Miller | Primary | Environment |
| Doug Fuller | Primary | DFA Worker |
| Nancy Hollmann | Primary | Tourism |
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| PRESENT | | |
| Resource – others | | |
| Stuart Glen | WFP | |
| Valerie Thompson | Facilitator/Secretary | |
| Fred Westarp | WFP | |