

Minutes  
**CSA Community Advisory Group**  
**To Western Forest Products**  
**March 12, 2014**  
**Western Forest Products Boardroom**

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00 pm: Meeting called to order  
Quorum met.

**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.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes were unavailable and will be emailed out to be reviewed.

**Correspondence**

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

Letter to PRPAWS

Emails to First Nations

Emails thanking Rudi vanZwaaij, Andrea Rietman, and Bryce Bancroft

MAMU letter

**Operational Information Map Review**

**Current Activities**

**Harvesting** – BT-649, BT-658, BT-659, BT-664, BT-665, BT-656, BT-667, BT-668, BT-669, FH-035, GL-660, LL-010, LL-012, PD-168, PD-421, PD-460 (**PD currently inactive**), ST-030, ST-070, TM-123, TM-246, TM-256, TM-258, TM-259, UL-817, UL-827, UL-828, UL-838 (snow)

**Road Construction** – CH-018, CH-042, GI-061, ST-026, ST-030, TM-254, TM-260, UL-819

**Engineering** – FH-041, ST-075, ST-111, ST-820, WL-346

**What's New on the Map**

**New Blocks** – PD-209, ST-075, ST-109, ST-110, ST-106, ST-119, ST-120 (originally ST-108), LL-048 (originally part of LL-038), GL-647 (was part of GL-657), UL-842, WL-346

**New Roads** – PD-209, ST-075, UL-842, WL-346,

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**Cutting Permit Approved Areas** – EL-800, EL-693, GI-131, GL-660, VC-002, TM-246, UL-817, ST-026, ST-070, TM-123

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

**Logging Complete** – LL-010, TM-258, TM-259

**Road Construction Complete** – LL-038

**Engineered Blocks** – GI-064

**Engineered Roads** – GI-064

Question: We have been concerned that you would not be able to get logs from under the powerlines for the new run-of-the-river projects. You just mentioned Toba Montrose. Have the issues been resolved with Worksafe? Is it less of a worry?

All of the issues still exist. In this case there are a few spots that the logs can be skidded under the powerline to get to Stillwater Main rather than having to move them up the hill which would be more expensive. They are going to do an onsite with Toba tomorrow and write up a safety plan to take them underneath.

### **Company Updates**

The Horseshoe Lake debris will be cleaned up this spring. The thought process leans towards booming the debris. It is still being worked on and the plan is to do it in April.

Comment: PREI has the water rights to the lake. It is their dam and the work they did seems to have raised the lake and floated the wood. I hope they come through with some money for this project because it isn't really WFP's problem.

WFP will be sitting down with Paul Tataryn from Recreation Sites and Trails BC next week to come up with a plan for the Canoe Route for this year.

### **SFMP – 2013 Indicator Results**

Stuart updated the alternate strategy section to include details from the guest speakers during 2013.

#### **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 2013.

#### **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 2013.

#### **Indicator 1.1.3 Forest area by seral stage**

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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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

*Question: If we want the habitat to stay the same for the previous two indicators why do we allow a 2% and 5% variance?*

In our SFM Plan there is a data section. The data section states that the variance is meant to help account for fluctuations due to special issues. For example map base for scale, natural disturbance factors, inaccuracies of modeling and inability to predict quality of habitat.

*Question: How much of the suitable habitat is loggable?*

I don't know the exact amount. This is suitable habitat for Marbled Murrelet that currently sits in our wildlife habitat areas, ungulate winter ranges and OGMAs. The OGMAs are not loggable. We do sometimes amend an OGMA if there is a good reason and when we do we always check our Marbled Murrelet inventory to make sure we are not logging habitat that we shouldn't be. A lot of the time when the OGMA is moved it will be moved to better Murrelet habitat. The ungulate winter ranges have a limited amount of harvesting allowed. These winter ranges are ingenious because instead of trying to figure out exactly where it should be and leaving a smaller area we have left larger areas that then have a limited harvesting opportunity. This allows on the ground decision making about where the best place to harvest is using a biologist to help make sure there is no impact on the goats.

*Question: How do all of the players communicate to make sure you don't all rush in at the same year and log the same wood in the same area?*

The government has put out what they call a section 7 notice. It says that by district a certain amount of Marbled Murrelet habitat has to be retained. That means it has to be addressed in your FSP. Each FSP has to meet the total number. Each company has to meet the number based on their proportion of the number in their landbase. MFLNRO ensures that the sum of the parts equals the whole. Stillwater said that they will respect and stay out of the polygons that they identified during the pilot project.

### **Indicator 1.2.3** Proportion of regeneration comprised of native tree species

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Target: The proportion of regeneration comprised of native tree species is 100%.  
SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

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

Target: Proportion of identified biotic and abiotic factors (fire, wind, insects, and, wildlife) with implemented management strategies is 100%.  
SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 third party applications with the potential to impact the available DFA landbase or deletions to the DFA.
- 3) Report any additions to the DFA.

SFO met the target for 2013.

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

Target: The 10 year average harvest level does not exceed 10% of the total AAC authorized for two five year cut control periods.

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 <= 25% of the total area brushed annually.

SFO did not meet the target for 2013. The variance for the indicator was met. A total of 28% of the brushing completed used herbicides. The focus of this treatment was to control maple coppices, dense alder, and cherry.

### **Indicator 3.1.1** Level of soil disturbance

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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 2013.

### **Indicator 3.1.2** Level of downed woody debris

Target: The annual level of dispersed downed woody debris is on average  $> 10\text{m}^3/\text{ha}$ .

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 be specified in a detailed Community Watershed Assessment Plan.

SFO met the target for 2013.

*Question: Do you have any idea what percentage is left in the woodlots that are not yours?*

The 10.3% number that we are reported is based on everybody. This is a coordinated number.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

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

Target 1: Achieve a positive company EBITDA while providing for a range of other timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services from the DFA. Target 2: Report the annual total value of goods and services spent in the Community.

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

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### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **Indicator 5.2.5** The % of reviews or field walks completed where harvesting is planned consistent with the approved Management Principles along the Sunshine Coast Trail.

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

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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  $\geq 2$ .

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **Indicator 6.3.3** Worker safety program implementation and review

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

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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  $\geq 10$ .

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **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 2013.

### **Indicator 6.5.1** Educational outreach

Target: The annual number of people reached through educational outreach is 50 or more.

SFO met the target for 2013.

### **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 2013.

*Question: Would it be possible to publish the hotline number on the new recreation maps cover?*

Yes. It will be there. I have provided a write-up for Tourism Powell River to use on their new recreation map regarding safety in the working forest and it includes the road hotline number.

### **CSC Summer Workshop**

The CSC Summer Workshop is in Powell River this June. Stuart extended an invitation to any CAG members that wish to attend.

### **Membership Review**

The executive committee is very happy with how the seats have been represented and the balance is good.

### **Action List Items**

#### **Action Items**

<i>Ongoing</i>	Who	Meeting	When
Speak to Shannon Janzen about Indicator 5.1.1 and 5.2.1	Stuart	Dec 13	Done. April 2014

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Adjourned 9:00 pm

**Stillwater CSA Community Advisory Group  
Western Forest Products  
March 12th Attendance**

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