

CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
April 10, 2017
Western Forest Products Boardroom

Attendance

Present

Jane Cameron - Chair
Dave Hodgins
Wayne Brewer
Read English
George Illes
Ben Berukoff
Joseph McLean
Paul Goodwin
Rory Maitland
Darwyn Koch - WFP
Val Thompson – Facilitator/Secretary

Absent

Doug Fuller
Mark Hassett
Mark Anderson
Karen Skadsheim
Barry Miller
Colin Palmer
Andy Payne
Russ Parsons
Bill Maitland

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.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed group.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed
Letters to PRPAWS
Emails to First Nations
Emails regarding Stillwater Main closure

Operational Information Map Update

Current Activities

Harvesting – PD-464, PD-530, UL-830, UL-844, WL-346, BT-915, ST-040, GI-118, TM-261, LL-040, ST-281, ST-286

Road Construction – WL-948, PL-004, ST-333, PD-466, ST-082, ST-286

Engineering – EL-671, EL-681, EL-358, EL-679, EL-360, EL-684, ST-085, ST-409, CH-553, CH-305, CH-032, CH-030, ST-088, UL-842, PL-003, ST-041

What's New on the Map

New Blocks – ST-337, ST-051, ST-354, ST-069

New Roads – N/A

Cutting Permit Approved Areas – LL-046, ST-067, ST-249, ST-087, GI-018, GI-080

Logging Complete – TM-183, GI-115, PD-463, PD-262, UL-821

Road Construction Complete – TM-264, GI-080, ST-067, ST-358

Engineered Blocks and Roads – LL-041, ST-113, PD-288

Sunshine Coast Trail

FH-044 Trail safety detour – A foot bridge spanning the ditch line has been installed. Falling will start sometime later in April. The contractor will be instructed to start on areas where the new SCT has been re-located in the SMZ.

ST-333 road construction: Two separate meetings with Eagle Waltz to discuss ST-333 – March 1st and again on April 3rd. The result of the April 3rd meeting was as follows: Kevin Giles, Eagle Waltz, and Darwyn Koch attended the meeting. Eagle proposed that we put retention area along the trail. We told him that we will not be doing that in this case. People hiking the SCT need to also see that this is the TFL...a working forest which includes cutblocks. We are placing a Special Management Zone (SMZ) with partial harvesting adjacent to the trail. Eagle then proposed a bigger SMZ. He says that 10 meters is not enough. We pointed out that the SMZ may be only 10 meters at some points, but there are many other points along the trail where the SMZ is considerably more. On average we have more than 10 meters. Eagle would want 20 meters minimum. Kevin said he would take another look at the SMZ widths tomorrow. The result of Kevin's field visit to the block was that the SMZ was increased in some areas so that a minimum of 20 meters partial cutting zone was established.

ST-249 Block Harvesting: Two separate meetings with Eagle Waltz to discuss ST-333 – March 1st and again on April 3rd. The result of the April 3rd meeting was as follows: Falling will start likely by the middle of April. The contractor will be instructed to first harvest areas where the SCT resides. The trail at the OGMA through the SMZ and down the steep hill will be brushed out and constructed after this area of the block is harvested. WFP will brush the trail out and cut the large logs on the ground. PRPAWS will grub out the new trail. The trail relocation from FC 91 to 94 will also be completed once this area of the block is harvested. The detour will be put in place similar to when the road was constructed.

Fires/Slides/Spills (YTD):

No new fires. Pile burning has been suspended till the fall.

New Spill: Boom boat sinking on March 7th, 2017. It was first discovered at 8AM that morning. By 10AM the boom boat was out of the water and on the deck of the sort yard. By the afternoon the majority of the spilled diesel was cleaned up. The site was monitored for the remainder of the week and it was determined that approximately 60 litres of diesel spilled into the water and the majority of this was contained and removed using absorbent materials.

No New Slides

Safety Stats (YTD):

Stillwater Timberlands as of Feb 28, 2017:

#of incidents = 0. TIR 0.00

#of recordable incidents = 0. MIR = 0.00.

#of lost time cases = 0. LTR = 0.00

#of lost time days = 0. SR = 0.00

Stillwater Contractors as of Feb 28, 2017:

#of incidents = 1. TIR 7.58

#of recordable incidents = 0. MIR = 0.00.

#of lost time cases = 0. LTR = 0.00

#of lost time days = 160. SR = 1213

TIR = Total Incident Rate

MIR = Medical Incident Rate

LTR = Lost Time Frequency Rate

SR = Lost Time Severity Rate

Harvesting Stats (YTD):

As of March 31st, 2017 the total amount harvested from the TFL (YTD) is 77,415 m3.

Chair's Report

Here are some of the highlights of our past year, a year which saw our Community Advisory Group completing 16 years of public participation within the Z809 Canadian standard for sustainable forest management

All PAG conference in Pt McNeill

Several CAG members were able to travel to Port McNeill in September 2016 to attend the Western sponsored All PAG conference. We joined with members of groups in Pt. McNeill, Woss, Port Alberni and Campbell River for 2 days of learning and networking. Our speakers, from the company president to the railroad buffs were all excellent. We also had opportunities to learn from each other. Our field trip offered us a good look at bush sorts, karst formations, and of course the last logging railroad in North America.

Thanks to Will Sloan, Annemarie Koch, and Jon Flintloft and the many other Western folks who ensured that we travelled safely, learned a lot, and had time for fun and getting to know one another.

New Go-To Guy

In September we had our first meeting with our new go-to WFP guy, Darwyn Koch, bidding a fond farewell to Stuart who was with us for 10 years. Change is often difficult for all, but change offers opportunity for new challenges and successes. We welcomed Darwyn and have learned over the past few months to work together with lots of goodwill and respect. We look forward to the coming years with Darwyn.

Speakers

We've had some amazing speakers over the past 12 months. Learning about various sustainable forest management techniques and specifics are necessary for us, enabling us to offer informed advice to the company. Colin Koszman, a hometown fellow, now with F P Innovations, spoke about research in the coastal forest industry. Who can forget Eveline Stoking and her baggies of crawling ambrosia beetles? Mark Sloan, First Nations advisor for the Sunshine coast Resource District gave us an informative update on how the government works with Sechelt and the Tla' Amin nations. Stuart Glen paid us visit in December to talk about WFP LEAN Initiatives. Stuart's enthusiasm for his new job came through in his excellent presentation. John Bunning offered us detailed insight into the world of visuals. We all gained a new respect for this very complicated process which is done for the benefit our community and our visitors.

Field Trip

In June we went on our annual field trip this time with Walt Cowlard. We looked at stream crossings, road construction, bridge building, and culverts of all kinds, even ones the members walked through, a unique experience for most of us. Thanks to Paul for hosting our lunch at his float cabin and to Walt for organizing a great field trip.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank CAG for the opportunity to act as your chair. It's not a job I could do alone and I want to thank Val for her help and for her amazing minutes. Thank you Darwyn for stepping up to work with CAG. And last but certainly not least my enduring thanks to Dave and Wayne who work with me, put up with all my foibles, and have been indispensable to the continuing work of our group.

- Jane

Election

Chair, Jane Cameron, 1st Vice Chair, Dave Hodgins and 2nd Vice Chair, Wayne Brewer were nominated and elected.

Membership

Discussion regarding consideration of a different format for membership putting more emphasis on interests continued from the previous meeting. The group came to consensus that this would be a good direction for membership. Members will choose a minimum of three interests from a list provided (or any other relevant interest they wish). There will no longer be primary or alternate seats. Quorum would be 75% of the average number of people from all of the regular meetings from the previous year. A number of changes will be made to the Terms of Reference to accommodate this change.

2016 SFMP Indicator Reporting Review

Indicator 1.1.1 Ecosystem area by type
SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.1.2 Forest area by species composition
SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.1.3 Forest area by seral stage
SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.1.4 Degree of within-stand structural retention

SFO met the variance for 2016. This indicator is based on a 5 year rolling average. Where possible in 2017, SFO will design blocks to meet the retention targets. The exception to this will be on steep blocks prescribed for cable harvesting.

Question: What are you doing about not meeting the target?

From now on 100% of the blocks will be using the retention system.

Indicator 1.2.1 Degree of habitat protection for selected focal species including species at risk
SFO Met 2016 Target

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

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.2.3 Proportion of regeneration comprised of native tree species

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.3.1 The percentage of the trees planted annually that are genetically modified organisms

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.4.1 Proportion of identified sites with implemented management strategies

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 1.4.2 Protection of identified sacred and culturally important sites

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 2.1.1 Reforestation success

SFO Met 2016 Target

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

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 2.2.1 Additions and deletions to the forest area

SFO Met 2016 Target

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

Trending towards Target over 10 year period

Indicator 2.2.3 The amount of area where herbicide is used for brush control on the DFA

SFO met the variance for 2016. A total of 23% of the brushing completed in 2016 used herbicides, which is below the average. The five year rolling average is at 32%, still above the target because of 2 years of higher use. We anticipate that in 2017 the five year rolling average will start trending back towards the target as we will see high use years 2012 (50%) and 2013 (41%) drop off the list.

Indicator 3.1.1 Level of soil disturbance

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris

SFO Met 2016 Target

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

SFO Met 2016 Target

Indicator 3.2.2 The annual number of Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) reportable spills
SFO met the variance for 2016. The target for this indicator is zero reportable spills with a variance of one. Both reportable and minor spills are focus areas for 2017 with contractor training, re-enforcement of reporting and clean up requirements, as well as follow up on blocks and roads during periodic inspections.

Adjourned 8:45 pm

Action List Items

Action Items	Who	When