

**CSA Community Advisory Group**  
To Western Forest Products  
May 2, 2018  
Western Forest Products Boardroom

**Attendance**

**Present**

Jane Cameron - Chair

George Illes

Paul Goodwin

Doug Fuller

Colin Palmer

Barry Miller

Ben Berukoff

Mark Anderson

Joseph McLean

Tom Koleszar

Wayne Brewer

Darwyn Koch - WFP

Val Thompson – Facilitator/Secretary

**Absent**

Russ Parsons

Karen Skadsheim

Mark Hassett

Andy Payne

Dave Hodgins

Bill Maitland

Rory 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**

No minutes to accept

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair welcomed group.

### **SFMP Review**

Darwyn spoke to Nancy regarding herbicide use. She has planned less herbicide use for this year. The CAG field trip this year will include some blocks treated with herbicide. They will look at the problem species such as cherry and maple that traditionally need to be treated with herbicides.

*Comment: We were concerned because the budget last year didn't allow her to complete her brushing blocks which made the year heavier on herbicide blocks.*

It wasn't that she didn't have enough money planned for the brushing blocks, it was because her planting over ran by about \$200,000. This was because of the root rot in the Douglas fir plantation and because the price of stock keeps going up. Replanting the areas effected by the root rot 2 or 3 years after is pretty high.

*Question: Was there no reimbursement by the company that provided that stock?*

No. It is really hard to prove their stock was the issue once it is all planted.

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

SFO met the target for 2017. Twenty-six of the 28 conventional blocks harvested in 2017 had a post-harvest inspection completed and no soil disturbance issues were identified. Post-harvests were not completed on 2 conventional blocks harvested in 2017 prior to snowfall; these will be assessed in 2017.

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

SFO met the target for 2017.

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

SFO met the target for 2017. Based on the the 2015 analysis of the Haslam Lang Watershed (LANG10 sub basin) the ECA was updated to 16.88%. There has been no harvesting in the Jefferd Creek Watershed in 2017. An analysis was recently completed on the Jefferd Creek Watershed in 2017 indicating that the current ECA is at 11.9%.

**Indicator 3.2.2 Proportion of forest management activities, consistent with prescriptions to protect identified water features.**

SFO met the target for 2017. No determined non-conformances regarding water quality issues were identified in 2017.

**Indicator 3.2.3 The annual number of EMBC reportable spills**

SFO met the variance for 2017. The target for this indicator is zero reportable spills with a variance of one.

**Indicator 4.1.1 Net carbon uptake**

SFO met the target for 2017. The net carbon uptake is low due to the larger than normal amount of back log burning completed in the fall of 2017.

**Indicator 4.1.2 Reforestation success**

Repeat of Indicator 2.1.1

**Indicator 4.2.1 Additions & deletions to the forest area**

Repeat of Indicator 2.1.3

**Indicator 5.1.1 Documentation of the diversity of timber and non-timber resources, including products and services produced in the DFA**

SFO met the target for 2017. In 2017 a new Cedar research trial was established on ST-079 located up A-Branch.

The total value of salaries/benefits and contractor payments in 2017 is \$31,365,564.

*Question: How much does the local paper mill pay out in salaries and hourly each year?*

*Comment: \$46,000,000 according to our local Minister of Finance.*

**Indicator 5.1.2 Evidence of open and respectful communications with forest dependent businesses, forest users and local communities to integrate non-timber resources into forest management planning. When significant disagreement occurs, efforts towards conflict resolution are documented.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**Indicator 5.2.1 Level of participation and support in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability.**

SFO met the target for 2017. A total of 21 projects were undertaken in 2017.

**Indicator 5.2.2 Level of participation and support in training and skills development.**

SFO met the target for 2017. All 29 blocks released had a formal review completed with the contractor.

**Indicator 5.2.3 Level of direct and indirect employment.**

SFO met the target for 2017. There is a 15% drop in man-years of employment due to operational shutdowns in the first quarter of the year and prolonged fire weather shutdowns in the summer months. The Stillwater dryland sort provided an additional 33 man-years of direct employment which are not included in the table above.

**Indicator 5.2.4 CAG is informed of corporate policy, program changes, and initiatives in a timely manner.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**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.**

SFO met the target for 2017. A total of 4 blocks were reviewed with PRPAWS in 2017.

**Indicator 5.2.6 Number of people reached through educational outreach.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**Indicator 6.1.1 Level of participant satisfaction with the public participation process.**

SFO met the target for 2017. A formal updated survey of the membership was completed in November of 2017. A follow up meeting to the survey results was completed in February of 2018 with a number of opportunities for improvement discussed.

**Indicator 6.1.2 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation in general.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**Indicator 6.1.3 Availability of summary information on issues of concern to the public.**

SFO met the target for 2017. Operational Information Maps were updated on 12 occasions throughout the year as well as social media sites were updated 39 times throughout the year for road and safety updates.

**Indicator 6.2.1 Evidence of cooperation with DFA related workers to improve and enhance safety standards, procedures, and outcomes in all DFA-related workplaces and affected communities.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**Indicator 6.2.2 Evidence that a worker safety program has been implemented and is periodically reviewed and improved.**

SFO did not meet the target or variance for 2017. Although smaller 1 person contractors are not required to maintain SAFE Company Certification, we have a few of these types of contractors working in the DFA. For this reason we do not meet this indicator.

**Indicator 6.2.3 Evidence that the organization has co-operated with other forest-dependent businesses, forest users, and the local community to strengthen and diversify the local economy.**

SFO met the target for 2017.

**Indicator 7.1.1 Evidence of good understanding of the nature of Aboriginal title and rights.**

SFO met the target for 2017. Discussions and field walks with First Nations continued in 2017 which helps facilitate good relationships and ongoing communication. WFP participated in all stages of the Tla'amin's Reconciliation Journey.

**Indicator 7.1.2 Evidence of ongoing open and respectful communications with Aboriginal communities to foster meaningful engagement, and consideration of the information gained about their Aboriginal title and rights through this process. Where there is communicated disagreement regarding the organization's forest management activities, this evidence would include documentation of efforts towards conflict resolution.**

SFO met the targets for 2017.

**Indicator 7.2.1 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation for Aboriginal individuals, communities, and forest based companies.**

SFO met the target for 2017. In 2018 we will continue to work with and help develop the capacity of Tla'amin's Forestry contractor.

**Indicator 7.2.2 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**

SFO met the target for 2017. All of the blocks harvested in 2017 had either a TUS or PFR completed prior to harvesting utilizing the expertise of the Tla'amin and Sechelt First Nations. Where overlap areas exist between the 2 First Nations both TUS and PAFRs were completed.

**Indicator 7.2.3 Level of management and/or protection of areas where culturally important practices and activities occur**

SFO met the target for 2017.

Adjourned: 8:00pm

**Action List Items**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Where are Goat Lakes local sales reported	Darwyn Koch	May 2, 2018