

CSA Community Advisory Group
To Western Forest Products
September 19, 2018
Western Forest Products Boardroom

Attendance

Present

Jane Cameron - Chair

Wayne Brewer

George Illes

Joseph McLean

Bill Maitland

Colin Palmer

Barry Miller

Ben Berukoff

Karen Skadsheim

Tom Koleszar

Will Sloan - WFP

Darwyn Koch - WFP

Val Thompson – Facilitator/Secretary

Absent

Russ Parsons

Rory Maitland

Mark Anderson

Mark Hassett

Paul Goodwin

Andy Payne

Dave Hodgins

Doug Fuller

6:15 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 accepted.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair introduced guest speaker Will Sloan and welcomed group.

Correspondence

Copies of recent correspondence was provided and reviewed

Emails to First Nations

Letter to PRPAWS

Company Update

Darwyn announced Stillwater Division recently hired a new RFT.

Will Sloan spoke about a letter sent to the CAG announcing Canfor will no longer be maintaining their CSA certification.

Question: What will WFP's response to this be?

Will said they don't know what their response will be at this point. The CSA user group (the companies that are CSA certified) are having a call tomorrow morning to discuss what the future of CSA will look like now that Canfor is dropping out. They will have discussions with PEFC International to find out what the impacts to the viability of the standard are. WFP has committed to Price Waterhouse to do at least one more CSA audit. The Port Alberni operation will be audited to the new standard next spring.

The area CSA certified will decrease from 40,700,000 ha at the beginning of 2017 to just 16,000,000 ha and the remaining CSA certified companies do not know how this will impact them. They are looking to determine possible consequences including whether this will impact the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification's (PEFC) recognition of the CSA Z809 standard. Shannon's letter and Will Sloan assured the group of their ongoing commitment to continuing to work with our public advisory groups. They feel that these groups have played an integral role in continuously improving their forest management approach.

They are creating a plan in the Campbell River office very similar to the CSA standard with values, objectives, indicators and targets. There will be things that can be reported on and receive input from public processes. The terms of reference will have to change and the plan right now is to invite a core group of public advisory group members from all five groups to flesh out what the plan will look like going forward. They will likely invite 2 or 3 people from the Powell River CAG to most likely Campbell River to participate.

Comment: I would like to back up what Will is saying. I spoke to Shannon last week and she is absolutely committed to keeping the group. As will said there will be a core group created that will discuss focus and structure of meetings (if it is going to change which would be unlikely). There will be a lot of thought given and consideration given to individual groups. I found this reassuring.

Will said also individual values that apply to each of the defined forest areas will be considered. They could get rid of core indicators that have no value and add key indicators that are important to individual groups and have them incorporated into the master plan.

Comment: I spoke to members from the North Island and they are concerned about keeping their local indicators.

Will said absolutely and that under the SFI program indicators can be added.

Question: How do SFI indicators compare with the Council of Canadian Forest Ministers criteria and indicators upon which CSA was based?

Good question. I can't answer because I have never done the comparison. Off the top of my head I would think there will be some overlap.

Question: Did Canfor share the reasons why they are leaving the standard?

No.

Question: Will they be on your CSA user group call?

I don't know. They are invited. They are actually still CSA certified right now.

Question: At an earlier meeting where we discussed CSA and SFI it was mentioned that Canfor might be considering dropping out so it seems like they have been considering it for quite a while.

Will said he could make some educated guesses why they are leaving. It is costly to run two different system. They are running SFI in the US operations and some of their Canadian operations. It is costly to maintain to separate certifications. As more companies drop out the standard becomes less saleable to the customers.

Question: Which is the more rigorous standard?

CSA.

Question: Then why would we default to the lower standard?

We will leave it when the standard is no longer viable. Shannon asked what it would take to be the last company standing with CSA. She is strongly committed to it. She likes how it is set up and how the advisory process works and she is also concerned about the lack of competition when you only have two standards to pick from; FSC and SFI (neither one has public input).

Operational Information Map Update

New blocks on the Map

New Blocks

New blocks – HE-527, HE529, HE-530, CH-041, and GI-225

Current Activities

Harvesting – GI-134, ST-069, PD-466, PD-212, ST-391, UL-842, GI-141, ST-095, ST-096, ST-350, ST-025, ST-055, ST-348, ST-344, and GI-158.

Road Construction – ST-060, ST-347, PD-528 (postponed), ST-289, ST-076, PD-541, GL-031, GI-072, GI-012, and GI-138.

Sunshine Coast Trail

No activity at this time.

Fires/Slides/Spills (YTD):

No new Fires.

No new spills

No new slides.

Safety Stats (YTD):

In August there were no new recordable incidents. MIR is now 4.7 for the year.

Harvesting Stats (YTD):

As of August 30, 2018 the total amount harvested from the TFL (YTD) is 302,417 m³. The budget target was 285,820 m³.

Indicator Action Item List

Indicator 5.2.5 – the auditor suggested we consider incorporating costs into this indicator by quantifying relevant Sunshine Coast Trail in-kind and contractor costs. The indicator statement for 5.2.5 is The % of reviews or field walks completed where harvesting is planned consistent with the approved Management Principles along the Sunshine Coast Trail. Considering the suggestion Darwyn added bullet 5. For all project work related to the management of the Sunshine Coast Trail, the total In-kind and Contractor costs are estimated at \$XX,XXX.XX. (the amount will be calculated) to the review summary The group agreed this would be a good addition.

Indicator 6.2.3 – 6.3.1 has now been changed to 6.2.3 under the new Z809-16 Plan. The auditor suggested we incorporate links to related indicators into the PDF version of the SFMP and Annual Report. For example, provide a link to other indicators when reporting data is shared between indicators (special forest products reporting in 2 locations within the SFMP). The indicator statement for 6.2.3 is 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. This indicator points to at least 5 other indicators and the group is considering assessing and streamlining these indicators. It made more sense to make one note with hot links rather insert many links so Darwyn included the following note:

Also see Indicators:

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

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

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

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

The group agreed.

Indicator 6.2.2 – the auditors said the indicator as written didn't work because it suggested all contractors need to be safe certified although dependent contractors actually do not. These would be individuals working for WFP on their own and going to the worksites accompanied by WFP employees. Darwyn is looking at changing the wording of the indicator to reflect what really takes place with contractors as these are good practices. Independent contractors do still need to be safe company certified. The group decided to defer a decision on this indicator until Darwyn brings back a definition of independent and dependent contractors

ACTION: Darwyn to bring back definitions of independent and dependent contractors for next meeting.

Indicator 6.1.1 - 6.4.1 has now been changed to 6.1.1 under the new Z809-16 Plan. The auditor said to review indicator 6.1.1 with CAG. Need to either define "periodic" or change to annual. The indicator statement is level of participant satisfaction with the public participation process. The group decided to biennial with a variance of +/- 2 months.

Indicator 5.2.6 - 6.5.1 has now been changed to 5.2.6 under the new Z809-16 Plan. The auditor said to review indicator 5.2.6 with CAG. Propose that the number of opportunities might be a better measure than the number of people. The indicator statement said number of people reached through educational outreach. Darwyn proposed we change the statement to number of opportunities for educational outreach with a target of at least 10 and a variance of -2. The group agreed.

Indicator 6.1.3 - 6.5.2 has now been changed to 6.1.3 under the new Z809-16 Plan. The auditor said to review indicator 6.1.3 with CAG. Consider changing the target to reflect the OIM rather than the recreational map as WFP does not have control over the recreational map. The indicator statement said availability of summary information on issues of concern to the public. The target was Recreation Maps for the DFA and road information hotline are available all of the time. The target was changed to Operational Information Maps for the DFA and road information website and social media internet sites are available all of the time. The group discussed what constituted the website being available 100% of the time and decided Darwyn should ask Zack what he thought. The target was changed to say all instead of 100% to address this. The group agreed to this change.

ACTION: Talk to Zack regarding website uptime.

Review of discussion topics for upcoming meetings

The following were some suggestions that include some CSA discussion topics:

- Hydrological impacts from disturbance.
- Water quality and quantity in watersheds supplying domestic water.
- Role of forest ecosystems and their management in the global carbon cycle.
- The significant vulnerabilities for community sustainability linked to forest and timber supply conditions over time.
- Wildfire specialist.

Question: We had a Douglas fir bark beetle outbreak and test logs were put out. Who in WFP managed that?

Walt.

Comment: Ask Walt to come in and speak about that.

Will asked if the group wanted to know what happened with wildfires on the North Island this summer and the group wished to hear about it. On the night of August 11th and 12th there was a significant weather event that went between Gold River and Port Alice. There was a lot of lightening and the company ended up tracking 84 fires ranging in size from single snag up to 1700 hectares. They are looking at roughly 3700 to 4000 hectares of WFP tenure burnt. Darwyn said several of their staff and a lot of their contractors (because they were off for fire season) were on the fires. A couple of their Ops planners in the MOF or fire centres coordinating. They put in a 200 man fire camp at Woss and WFP was asked to be in control of 4 of the fires. One was the Kim Creek fire where they had 46000 cubic metres of felled and bucked on the ground just below the fire and the crews were able to keep the fire out.

9 people will be required to meet quorum at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:00pm

Action List Items

Action Items	Who	When
Bring back definitions of independent and dependent contractors for next meeting.	Darwyn	September 19/18
Talk to Zack regarding website uptime	Darwyn	September 19/18

