

Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, January 24, 2008

Civic Centre (Room 205-6), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs
Jocelyn Cambell
Pirie Elliot
Virginia Karr

David King
Sandra Kinsey
Esther Perry
Ken Pickering

Lee Sexsmith
Len Shankel

Steering Committee:

Chair: Cecil Gray – Lakeland
Alena Terry – Carrier
Janine Gervais – Canfor
Tim Sproule – BCTS
Ralph Hausot – Winton Global

Advisors & Observers:

Bruce Bradley – Canfor
Rhonda Thibault - ILMB

Facilitator: Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.)

Scribe: Loni Spletzer (Tesera Systems Inc.)

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Welcome by chair of Steering Committee.
 - b. Reviewed evaluation results for October 18, 2007 PAG meeting.
2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda accepted as written.
3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG adopted October 18, 2007 PAG minutes as revised:
 - a. Add CWD to Field Tour Summary (Section 4d)
 - b. Remove quotation mark in Section 2
 - c. Fix typo in Section 8d
4. Results of Old Forest Quality Subcommittee – Updated Old Forest Indicator with Quality Strategy: - Janine Gervais

- a. See handout
- b. Review of recommendations for updating Old Forest Indicator with Quality Strategy
 - i. PAG Subcommittee had four (4) meetings Nov 23/06, Dec 7/06, Mar 29/07, Nov 15/07.
 - ii. PAG reviewed how FIA funds were initiated for this project and the management strategies developed.
 - iii. PAG reviewed background on the Old Forest Quality Predictive Model. A large map was posted showing Old Forest Quality Ranks for the PG Forest District (Good to Best Old Forest Quality)
 - iv. Licensee Steering Committee recommendation that Old Forest Quality Strategy be incorporated into Indicator #1 Old Forest Indicator
 - A. Licensees and BCTS will implement the old forest quality model as a tool in operational planning.
 - B. Annually monitor and report out on the areas of Good to Best Old Forest Quality Rankings by NDU merged BEC in the Prince George Forest District.
 - C. To revisit the model periodically when improved inventory data sets are available specifically to update intrinsic indicators and rankings. (3 points under management strategy for

Rationale: This should be viewed as a new strategy rather than an indicator.
- c. Discussion of recommendations for updating Old Forest Indicator with Quality Strategy
 - i. Concern that some PAG Representatives not in agreement with categories of better/best quality using multiple species.
 - ii. In an effort to improve on the model results, adjustments could be made to what information is collected by Field Crews.
 - iii. PAG suggestion to use plateau versus mountain and wet versus dry climate as alternate ways to improve the resolution of the model.
 - iv. A comparison of high value stands to current model could be made to see if they are compatible.
 - v. PAG express concern over old forest value weighting.
 - vi. PAG express concern around implementation and accountability to the public,
 - vii. PAG express concern about proceeding with model and then dealing with irrevocable actions.
 - viii. This is a new strategy that has never been applied before. The model is just a tool and licensees are not yet at the stage of locking in to fixed numbers. This tool needs to be tested.
 - ix. PAG express concern around adopting the model as-is.
 - x. There are 2 choices: adopting and moving forward with model which has been worked on for the past 1.5 years or striking completely with unknown consequences.

- xi. PAG requested a presentation in 1 year (outside of annual report) on how the model is working.
 - See Actions
 - xii. PAG Representatives requested large scale (1:50,000) maps of Old Forest Quality Maps in the McGregor and Anzac areas
 - See Actions
- d. General Agreement (with 2 dissensions) of PAG Representatives on updating Old Forest Indicator with Quality Strategy:
- i. Indicator 1.1.A.a.1 changed to “The amount of old forest by NDU/ merged BEC within the DFA.”; Target: Targets set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”; Variance: 0%; Comment: Landscape Biodiversity Order (LBO) for the PGTSA can be found at the following website:ftp://ftpprg.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/requests/Oct2004_PG%20TSA_Biodiversity_OrderReport back annually on the current status of the objective (tables and maps showing locations of old forest and old interior forest areas). Representatives of the public who want to provide input on high quality old forest should inform the respective licensee for documentation. Implement Management Strategy for Old Forest Quality A. Licensees and BCTS will implement the old forest quality model as a tool in operational planning. B. Annually monitor and report out on the areas of Good to Best Old Forest Quality Rankings by NDU merged BEC in the Prince George Forest District. C. To revisit the model periodically when improved inventory data sets are available specifically to update intrinsic indicators and rankings.
 - Dissension #1: not in agreement with the model.
 - Dissension #2: not in agreement with the model. I think it could be used to high grade.
5. New Draft SFMP 2007 - review summary of changes - Cecil Grey:
- a. See handouts
 - b. Review of summary of changes:
 - i. The indicator numbering system has been simplified.
 - ii. PAG noted that there was a percentage missing at the bottom of Table 4.
 - iii. PAG requested information on proposed Category A blocks in NDU's A4, A24, A25
 - See Actions
 - iv. PAG discussion regarding communication between licensees and trap line owners. It was noted that it is the responsibility of trappers to notify licensees if the trap lines have changed hands.

- v. PAG requested a map of watersheds showing which are above the Peak Flow Index Threshold.
 - See Actions
 - vi. Concern over the new numbering system: Licensees clarified that any additions to text on Indicators will be added to back of report and the new system should be easier to work with.
 - c. PAG representatives to let the PAG facilitator know if you would like either a digital or hardcopy version of the revised SFM Plan.
6. Indicator 29 - Percent of watersheds with Peak Flow Index calculations completed
- a. Discussion and Comments on dropping Indicator 29 - Percent of watersheds with Peak Flow Index calculations completed
 - i. This indicator is now redundant and has now been replaced by 3 new indicators.
 - Indicator # 56 - Percent of active Watersheds requiring a risk assessment that have a risk assessment completed
 - Indicator # 57 - High Risk Watersheds assessed by a qualified professional
 - Indicator # 58 - Operations in High Risk Watersheds consistent with recommendations made by the qualified professional
 - b. Consensus of PAG Representatives on dropping Indicator 29 (Peak Flow Index) target, variance, and comments.
7. Continuous Improvement Matrix – Review Current Matrix – Tim Sproule
- a. Discussion on Review and Refinement to the Continuous Improvement Matrix
 - i. Licensees have completed all 3 sub-elements of Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #1
 - ii. PAG representatives discussed the purpose of the Continuous Improvement Matrix and the desire to have some items stay on the Matrix
 - b. Consensus of PAG Representatives on Refinement to Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #1:
 - i. Delete Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #1
 - c. General Agreement (with 2 abstentions) of PAG Representatives on Refinement to Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #3:
 - i. Delete Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #3.

- ii. Abstention #1: It is important to recognize that this has to be an area of continuous improvement therefore should remain on list.
- iii. Abstention #2: Has not been involved in discussion of issues and suggested strategies found in Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #3.
- d. General Agreement (with 1 abstention) of PAG Representatives on Refinement to Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #9:
 - i. Delete Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #9:
 - ii. Abstention #1: Has not been involved in discussion of issues and suggested strategies found in Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #9.
- e. PAG Representatives completed a priority ranking of remaining Continuous Improvement Matrix items. Licensees will compile a list and present results for discussion at the next PAG meeting.

8. Other

- a. PAG membership
 - i. Rose Bortolon has stepped down as the Metis Representative on the PAG. Gerald Bird is the Alternate and he is aware of Rose’s decision.
 - ii. Mike Morris has stepped down as the Recreation (commercial, motorized) representative on the PAG. Kevin Taylor is the Alternate.

9. Evaluation forms distributed, completed and collected.

10. Updated Actions (see Action Table).

11. Next PAG meeting – March 6, 2008

- a. Agenda: Continuous Improvement Matrix
- b. Time: 5:30 – 9:00
- c. Date: March 6, 2008
- d. Location: Civic Centre

Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Nov 2 - 03	Provide updates on attempts to recruit representation for Non-Renewable Resource Extraction.	Steering Committee	Dec 2006	In progress: positive responses received from Enbridge, PMG, and BC Hydro.

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
June 21 - 02	Review the CI Matrix issues and rank by priority	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed
Oct 18 - 01	Distribute Old Forest Quality Summary	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed
January 24 - 01	Licensees to provide a presentation in a years time on the performance of the Old Growth Quality model.	Steering Committee	January 2009	
January 24 - 02	Licensees to provide large scale (1:50,000) maps of Old Forest Quality Model results in the McGregor and Anzac areas	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
January 24 - 03	Licensees to provide information on proposed Category A blocks in NDU's A4, A24, A25	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
January 24 - 04	Licensees to provide a map showing watersheds which are above the Peak Flow Index Threshold.	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	