

## Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, March 6, 2008

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

### MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Gerald Bird  
Jocelyn Cambell  
Pirie Elliot  
Jo Graber

Virginia Karr  
Sandra Kinsey  
Ann Migvar  
Esther Perry

Ken Pickering  
Lee Sexsmith  
Len Shankel

Steering Committee:

**Chair:** Cecil Gray – Lakeland  
Alena Terry – Carrier  
Janine Gervais – Canfor  
Tim Sproule – BCTS  
Chris Scott – Winton Global

Advisors & Observers:

Bruce Bradley – Canfor  
Jeff Burrows - MoFR

Facilitator: Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.)

Scribe: Loni Spletzer (Tesera Systems Inc.)

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1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Welcome by chair of Steering Committee.
2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda accepted as written.
  - a. PAG members directed to pick up hard copies of 2007 SFM Plan at meeting today.
3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG adopted January 24, 2008 PAG minutes as written.
4. Continuous Improvement Matrix - Survey Review: - Tim Sproule
  - a. See handout
  - b. Previously, PAG was asked to rank the importance of the CI matrix issues. The top four were: (1) reducing herbicide, (2) retention levels across the landscape, (3) patch size distribution in Wet Trench & Wet Mountain NDU's, (4) climate change and planting same species on site pre-harvest.

- c. Results ranked from low importance to high importance (presented in pie chart form)
  - d. Licensees gave brief overview on current activities and future work plans in each of the areas above (see handout for details).
  - e. PAG members offered the following suggestions and ideas for the proposed Work Plan:
    - i. PAG would like to see more action on Issue D: Patch size distribution in the Wet Trench and Wet Mountain NDU's. More information and background is needed on the rational for current patch size disturbance targets, Craig DeLong's research, the concepts and history behind the scale chosen for applying the targets.
    - ii. Put Issue D (Patch size distribution in the Wet Trench and Wet Mountain NDU's) on the agenda for the Landscape Objective Working Group (LOWG).
    - iii. Get more info on rational for ICH patch targets.
    - iv. Don't want "one size fits all". Decisions need to be based on local and site specific knowledge.
    - v. UNBC Conference on "BC's Inland Rainforest – Conservation and Community" May 21-23, 2008. Website: <http://wetbelt.unbc.ca/2008-conference.html>
    - vi. There are other factors involved in determining the actual size of the openings besides Patch Targets (Visuals, Habitat , etc).
    - vii. Get more information on Rational / Origins of Natural Disturbance (concept of scale).
    - viii. Important to acknowledge at least two distinct approaches to natural disturbance in the PG District.
  - f. PAG asked question about other areas not currently listed on pie chart. Licenceses will tackle top four (4) for now with plans to deal with the other issues at a later time.
  - g. PAG member stated that there will be a public announcement forthcoming regarding the ending of the Forest Resource Technology Programme at CNC. The closest Forest Resource Technology Programme will be in Merritt.
  - h. PAG members asked to forward further comments/feedback to the PAG Facilitator (please list the issue).
5. Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP) - Prince George Forest District (Jeff Burrows):
- a. Jeff Burrows gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP) in the Prince George Forest District
  - b. See handout.
  - c. Discussion:
    - i. PAG asked why invasive plants are monitored (non-native species), but not invasive animals (ie. elk, pine beetle). Jeff was not sure why. PAG asked if FREP is involved in monitoring the harvesting of non-pine stands. FRPA does

not blow the whistle on this kind of activity. Jeff explained that there is no legal body that regulates multi-species harvesting.

- ii. PAG asked when recommendations will be made now that FREP has research for past 3 years. Jeff explained that more research has to be completed before recommendations can be made. They are simply presenting early research to interest groups at this time.

6. Species at Risk (SAR) and Sites of Biological Importance Indicator Consolidation - Janine Gervais

- a. Janine Gervais gave a presentation on Species at Risk (SAR) and Sites of Biological Importance Indicator Consolidation
  - i. See handout.
  - ii. There are currently 8 indicators in the PG SFMP related to Species at Risk (SAR) and Sites of Biological Importance (see handout). It has been noted that in the data collection and reporting there is duplication.
  - iii. Indicators 11 & 17 are adding value and measuring implementation and success, however, the others are redundant, out of date or no longer appropriate. Comments from the auditors have also prompted the recommendation to consolidate the indicators.
  - iv. A proposed consolidated indicator (Indicator 9 - handout) was presented. PAG asked about TRC, Licensees explained that TRC's Non-replacable Forest License has been transferred to Lakeland Mills Operating Area and out of the ICH. TRC will not be harvesting in the Prince George District.
  - v. PAG expressed concern that Indicator 9 (old) and Indicator 15 in the SFM Plan not be dropped. These indicators reference the percentage of appropriate personnel trained to identify Species at Risk or Sites of Special Biological Significance. Licensees clarified that the current training processes for identifying Species at Risk (SAR) and Sites of Biological Importance is in the Licensee Steering Committee's Training Matrix.
  - vi. PAG cautioned that a mature process is cyclical and that one day there may be untrained staff because of assumptions that are made about training. PAG requested that Indicator details in the SFM Plan describe the training process or make reference to an Appendix so that it is not lost.
  - vii. PAG also expressed concern about lack of formal evaluation of staff trained to identify Species at Risk or Sites of Special Biological Significance. How do we know that they are competent? PAG mentioned that it may be helpful to have a "certificate of training and competency" issued by a mentor/supervisor. PAG would like to see movement toward evaluation of training to ensure continuing competency.
  - viii. PAG would also like to see a column added to the reporting table for the new

Indicator 9 in the Annual report. The column would show the percentage or the fraction of "Key Staff Trained to Identify SAR". Licensees will amend the table to meet this request. Effective June 2008.

- ix. PAG members would like a copy of Management Guidelines for Species and Plant Communities at Risk: PG Timber Supply Area – 2007
    - See Actions.
  - x. The LSC will be organizing a training workshop in Spring 2008 for contractors and staff to identify Species at Risk. The PAG will be invited to attend this workshop.
- b. General Agreement (with 1 dissention) of PAG Representatives on Species at Risk (SAR) and Sites of Biological Importance Indicator consolidation.
- Dissension #1: Perception that the indicator is incomplete.
- ii. Delete:

Current Indicators	Current Target (Variance)
<b>Indicator 9</b> Percent of appropriate personnel trained to identify Species at Risk	100% (-10%)
<b>Indicator 10</b> Percent of Species at Risk that have management strategies developed by April 2006	100% (0%)
<b>Indicator 11</b> Percentage of forest operations consistent with Species at Risk management strategies as identified in operational plans	100% (-5%)
<b>Indicator 12</b> Percent of site plans reviewed by a person trained in Species at Risk	100% (0%)
<b>Indicator 13</b> Percent of site plans with identified Species at Risk that have appropriate management strategies	100% (0%)
<b>Indicator 15</b> Percent of appropriate personnel trained to identify sites of special biological significance.	100% (-10%)
<b>Indicator 16</b> Percent of sites of biological significance that have management strategies developed by April 2006	100% (0%)
<b>Indicator 17</b> Percentage of forest operations consistent with sites of biological significance that have management strategies as identified in operational plans	100% annually commencing after April 2006 (-5%)

iii. Add:

CSA SFM Element	Value	Objective	Proposed Consolidated Indicator	Proposed Target (Variance)
<b>1.2 Species Diversity</b>	A. Sustainable populations of flora and fauna native to the DFA	a. Maintain habitat to support flora and fauna native to the DFA	<b>Indicator 9</b> Percentage of forest operations that adhere to licensee specific management strategies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Species at Risk (plants, plant communities, and important wildlife, fish, and bird species); and</li> <li>• Sites of Biological Significance</li> </ul> comments	100% Variance (-5%)
<b>1.4 Protected Areas and Sites of Biological Significance</b>	A. Appropriate Management to Conserve Identified Sites of Special Biological Significance	a. Sites of special Biological significance are identified and appropriately managed	<b>Indicator 9 (see above)</b>	

7. BCTS Audit Results

- a. See handout

8. Other

a. Proposed new CSA Standards

- i. CSA is now revising the SFM Certification standard. The Standard is revised every 5 years. The proposed revisions are in draft format and the public have been asked to review the draft Standard and provide comment. Deadline for public comment is April 7, 2008.
- ii. A key component of the revised standard is the incorporation of a suite of “Core Indicators” for each of the CSA SFM Elements. Some of the Core Indicators may be familiar and already a part of the PG SFM Plan. Once the new Standard gets established, any CSA SFM certification re-registrations will

have to align with the new Standards.

9. Evaluation forms distributed, completed and collected.

10. Updated Actions (see Action Table).

11. Next PAG meeting:

- a. Agenda: TBA
- b. Time: 5:30 – 9:00
- c. Date: June 19, 2008
- d. Location: Civic Centre

### **Actions**

<b>ID#</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
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.
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	Complete
January 24 - 03	Licensees to provide information on proposed Category A blocks in NDU's A4, A24, A25	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Complete

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January 24 - 04	Licensees to provide a map showing watersheds which are above the Peak Flow Index Threshold.	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Complete
March 6-01	Licensees to provide "Management Guidelines for Species and Plant Communities at Risk: PG Timber Supply Area – 2007"	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	