

Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, October 18, 2007

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

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs
Chris Andreschefski
Mark Clark

Virginia Karr
Sandra Kinsey
Anne Migvar
Esther Perry

Lee Sexsmith
Len Shankel

Steering Committee:

Chair: Cecil Gray – Lakeland
Shane Neukomm - Carrier
Janine Gervais – Canfor
Tim Sproule – BCTS
Chris Scott – Winton Global

Advisors & Observers:

Matt Feagan – MoFR
Alice Goddard – visitor from Trail, BC

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 June 21, 2007 PAG meeting.
2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda accepted as written.
3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG adopted June 21, 2007 PAG minutes as written.
4. Field Tour Summary: - Cecil Gray
 - a. The Field Trip occurred on September 15th, 2007

- b. Tour discussion focused on Free Growing, Coarse Woody Debris, Peak Flow and watershed risk, Cultural Heritage Sites and Culturally Modified Trees, Old Growth Forest. A slide show was presented during Cecil's presentation.

5. Terms of Reference Review:

- a. See attached revised Terms of Reference. b.

Review of revisions to Terms of Reference

- c. Discussion on revisions to Terms of Reference

- i. TRC Cedar is a member of the PG SFMP Steering Committee
- ii. Aboriginal Groups are asked to participate in the SFMP Public Involvement Process through an invitation letter which accompanies the Annual Report mailout.

- d. Consensus of PAG Representatives on revisions to Terms of Reference:

- Change revision date and current approval dates from "November 2, 2006" to "October 18, 2007"
- Section 1.7. Progress to date – Added "Throughout 2006 /2007 the licensees and BCTS have conducted surveillance audits and maintained their CSA Z809-02 certification."
- Section 6.1.1. Membership Structure – Added "West Moberly First Nation" and "Halfway River First Nation".
- Section 6.1.2.a. Selection of the PAG – Changed "PG Committee" to "PG SFMP Steering Committee".
- Added: "6.1.5 Role of PAG Subcommittee:

PAG Subcommittees may be formed at certain times in the process where there is a need to conduct focused and detailed tasks. The group will be formed with a PG SFMP Steering Committee member as the chair, and interested PAG Representatives or PAG Alternates. The role of the PAG Subcommittee will be:

- a) Attend the PAG Subcommittee meetings, review information, listen to advisors, and brainstorm ideas, strategies, indicators and targets
- b) PAG Subcommittee members will develop recommendations that will be brought forward to the general PAG meetings.
- c) All relevant information will be made available to the general PAG members.
- d) PAG Subcommittees will be temporary and will disband when the task at hand is completed."

6. Old Forest Quality Subcommittee Update

- a. See Actions
- b. A sub-committee meeting is scheduled for November 15th.
- c. The sub-committee will review additional work from Manning Cooper and discuss indicators and next steps.

7. Access Sub Committee Update and Indicator Development

- a. See attached handout.
- b. Review of recommendations for Access Indicator
 - i. The LSC is proposing a 3 Tiered approach for access management and addressing the prioritized issues identified by the PG PAG:
 1. Send follow up letter to ILMB re: communicate the summary of issues from sub-committee.
 2. Add Licensee commitment to successfully deactivating for environmental objectives not for access restriction to the SFMP.
 3. Revisions to the Access Indicators
 - c. Discussion on recommendations for Access Indicator
 - d. Consensus of PAG Representatives recommendations for Access Indicator objective, target, variance, and comments:
 - i. New Objective 5.1.c “Maintain opportunities to access non-timber benefits by ensuring that individuals and stakeholders who have expressed an identified interest in the planning area (e.g. guides, trappers, recreationists, water licensees, mining tenure holders etc.) are specifically communicated with, during forest planning”
 - ii. Indicator 5.1.A.b.v changed to “Annually provide a viewing of BCTS and Licensee current access plans, general forest planning and operational plans, and Sustainable Forest Management Plans in the DFA; Target: On or before October 1; Variance: +1 month; Comment: Intent is to provide an opportunity for the public to view and provide input into Licensee and BCTS access plans. Expanding this indicator to include not only access plans, but also operational activities and SFM plans may help to increase the general public and PAG members’ awareness and understanding of the forest planning and management process that is integral to access management.”
 - iii. Indicator 5.1.A.b.vi changed to “Percentage of timely responses to written public enquiries.”; Target: 100% Annually; Variance: -5%; Comment: Timely response is to be made within 30 days of written inquiry. Licensees will track and report out on the number of access management inquiries vs. forest planning and operational activity inquires in order to monitor and address the level of access management concerns over time.”

- e. General Agreement (with 3 dissensions) of PAG Representatives on Access Indicator objective, target, variance, and comments:
 - i. Indicator 5.1.A.b.vii changed to “Percentage of communication strategy requirements met.”; Target: 100% Annually; Variance: -5%; Comment: Licensees and BCTS maintain list of interested parties and notify people on list when operations/developments are to occur. Communication strategy must be mutually agreed upon by private landowner and licensee / BCTS. Forest health concerns around and adjacent to private land will be discussed during communication with private landowners. Licensees will solicit and invite non timbered tenure holders (without a current and established communication strategy) to establish communication strategies with the companies. This invitation will occur every 2 years and will provide for an increased effort to communicate and address access and other issues with resource users.
 - Dissension #1: would like to see a one – year frequency.
 - Dissension #2: would like to see a one – year frequency.
 - Dissension #3: would like to see a one – year frequency.

8. Audit Update

- a. Licensees and BCTS had surveillance Audits during the summer.
- b. Lakeland Mills’ Auditor would like to speak with PAG members during Audit period and suggested the SFM Plan could be simplified (Indicator numbering)
- c. Canfor's External Auditor would like to see a more concerted effort in gaining Aboriginal involvement. The Auditor also noted that it is recognized that the Patch Size Analysis methodology and process is not meaningful, nor is it meeting the intended biodiversity objective – in light of the Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic (the Licensee Landscape Objective Working Group are working to address this issue moving forward).
- d. Carrier Lumber’s Auditor would like to see simpler numbering system for the Indicators presented in the SFM Plan and the Annual Report.
- e. Winton Global’s Auditor would like to see a simpler format for the Indicator numbering in the SFM Plan.

9. Updated Actions (see Action Table).

10. Continuous Improvement Matrix

- a. Deferred to next PAG meeting

11. Other

- a. No additional Agenda Items.

12. Next meetings:

- a. Old Forest Quality Sub-Committee

- i. Agenda: Old Growth Quality Indicator Development
 - ii.

Time: 5:30 – 9:00

- iii. Date: November 15, 2007

- iv. Location: Civic Centre

- b. PG PAG

- i. Agenda: Review Recommendations from Old Forest Quality Sub-committee / Continuous Improvement Matrix

- ii. Time: 5:30 – 9:00

- iii. Date: January 17, 2008

- iv. 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.
Jan 18 - 04	Update Terms of Reference with formal details around Sub Committees.	Steering Committee	Dec 2007	Completed
June 21 - 01	Annual Report Indicator 4.1.A.a.ii Free Growing Requirements: Explain why Canfor percentage is 101.2%	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed
June 21 - 02	Review the CI Matrix issues and rank by priority	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Deferred to January 17, 2008
June 21 - 03	Provide a copy of Forest Practices Board report on reforestation practices	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed
June 21 - 04	Provide % Hydrologic Recovery Table from Interior Watershed Assessment Procedure Guidebook (referenced in Peak Flow Index	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed

	presentation)			
June 21 - 05	Consolidate Peak Flow Index presentation materials and provide to PAG	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	Completed
Oct 18 - 01	Distribute Old Forest Quality Summary	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	