

## Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, June 19, 2008

Civic Centre (Room 201-2), Prince George, BC

### MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs  
Mark Clark  
Jo Graber  
Virginia Karr

David King  
Ann Migvar  
Esther Perry  
Ken Pickering

Len Shankel  
David Stevenson

Steering Committee:

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

Advisors & Observers:

Bruce Bradley – Canfor  
Shannon Burbee - Canfor  
Cornelia Thomai - Canfor  
Amanda Horning - Canfor  
Deborah Thompson - Canfor  
Bruce Bradley - Canfor  
Aaron Deans - Manning, Cooper and Associates

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.
- b. PAG Representative Pirie Elliot (Research & Education) is stepping down due to retirement from CNC.

2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda accepted as written.

3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG adopted March 6, 2008 PAG minutes as written.

- a. Discussion re: results of UNBC conference on "BC's Inland Rainforest". Contact

Darwin Coxson for more information.

4. Annual Report Presentation and Review - Cecil Grey

- a. See handout
- b. Reviewed Table 37 - noted error in tabulation under "Total"
- c. PAG asked about how important some of the unmet indicators were: Canfor (Janine) reviewed some examples of "zero" variance infractions (minor) with respect to Indicator 24 Riparian Area Conservation (p. 18 of Annual Report)

**Action Item 1:** PAG and LSC requested to review Annual Report and send comments to the PAG Facilitator.

5. Forest Investment Account (FIA) Update - Bruce Bradley & Shannon Burbee - Canfor:

- a. See handout.
  - i. for public access to FIA information see <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hcp/fia/searchreports.htm> or contact a licensee representative.
  - ii. FIA is a government funded investment program administered by the Treasury Board
  - iii. Three Main goals:
    - Support sustainable Forest Management Practices
    - Improve public forest asset base
    - Promote greater returns from the utilization of public timber
  - iv. Reviewed Key Projects for 2007-08 within these categories:
    - Inventory, SFM Driven, Fish Passage Restoration, and projects conducted under Focused Funding (details provided in FIA handout)
- b. PAG Discussion:
  - i. PAG member noted reduction of funding from last year to this year and asked what effects this will have. Discussed monies redirected provincially to Fish Funding projects. What can PAG do when funding reduced by 50%? Suggestion to approach MLA's.
  - ii. PAG requested clarification on funding structure with respect to Land Based Investment Program.
  - iii. PAG concerned that FIA funding used for crisis management instead of proactive preventive projects.
  - iv. PAG commended local licensees for hanging on to current funding despite the 50 % reduction.
  - v. PAG critical of the need for some FIA projects: How many studies needed to ascertain that a tree is dead and a new one should be planted?

6. Songbird Inventory and Effectiveness Monitoring in the Prince George Forest District Presentation - Aaron Deans

**Rationale:** with continuous improvement in mind with respect to wildlife tree retention, this connects to action plan/priorities for the Licensing Steering Committee

- a. See handout.
- b. full research report available to public and will be sent out.

- c. Objectives:
    - i. Survey for forest songbirds and woodpecker in PGFD
    - ii. Evaluate species/species guilds and linkages to habitat types
    - iii. Monitor songbird population trends
  - d. Interactive Listening Exercise - Can you identify the songbird?
  - e. Reviewed top 10 most abundant species of songbirds and relationship to stand classification (hardwood, softwood, age, canopy closure, etc) and discussed how this info can be used to evaluate future forest practices (after baseline is established - 5 years of data collection needed).
7. Carrier Lumber Audit Results - Meredith Spike
- a. PAG members directed to link on SFMP website for details
8. Other
- a. Fall Field Trip - Tim Sproule
    - i. If there is PAG interest the PG PAG may be able to link with TFL 30 PAG for a combined tour. 8 PG PAG members are interested in a Fall Field Tour.
    - ii. Saturday Sept 20, 2008 is proposed date.
  - b. Cecil Grey introduced new chair of Licensee Steering Committee: Tim Sproule.
  - c. PG District Access Management Open House at Pine Center Mall: Friday Oct 24, 2008
9. Meeting Evaluation summary from last meeting not available.
10. Updated Actions (see Action Table).
11. Next PAG meeting:
- a. Agenda: TBA
  - b. Time: 5:30 – 9:00
  - c. Date: October 16, 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.

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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	
March 6-01	Licensees to provide "Management Guidelines for Species and Plant Communities at Risk: PG Timber Supply Area – 2007"	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
June 19 - 01	Review Annual Report and send comments to the PAG Facilitator.	PAG and LSC	August 15, 2008	