

CSA - TFL30**Public Advisory Group Meeting**

October 25, 2007, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
College of New Caledonia

Minutes

Attendance:

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| <p><i>Public Advisory Group:</i> Doug Beckett – Public Interest David Kim – Forestry Contractor – General Sandra Kinsey – Naturalist / Environment Lee Sexsmith – Motorized Recreation Denis Pelletier – Chamber of Commerce</p> | <p><i>CSA Advisors:</i> Bruce Bradley – Canfor Dean Chartier – Canfor Shannon Burbee – Canfor Judy Vasily - Canfor Leanne Kaupp – BCTS</p> |
| <p><i>Facilitator & Scribe:</i> Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) Gretchen Prystawik</p> | <p><i>Observers:</i> Rick Publicover – CILA Rhonda Thibeault - ILMB</p> |

A. Welcome & Introduction

1. Members signed in.
2. Introductions.
3. Meeting evaluation results for May 16, 2007 meeting reviewed.
4. Confirmed agenda including update on safety indicator discussed in May, 2007.
5. Minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting accepted as written.

B. Review Changes to SFM Plan

1. See handout – TFL 30 SFM Plan 2007 Plan Changes:
 - i. Introduction, s. 3.16 Distinct Habitat Types, s. 3.4 Wet Trench & Wet Mountain Young Patch Size, 3.30 Carbon Storage, s. 3.31 Volume of Timber Harvested, s. 3.32 Damaging Agent Assessment.
 - ii. Proposed change to indicator (32) 5.1d “Percentage of the DFA (pre harvest and after free growing) assessed for damaging agents” to “Proportion of the DFA (pre harvest and after free growing) assessed for damaging agents.” To be discussed at next meeting.

iii. Questions:

- Conversion of tonnes of carbon/ha to tangible example (i.e., coarse woody debris, soil organic matter, etc). Unknown at this time but Canfor and BCTS are looking for material to further justify this benchmark to provide to PAG. Target from January 10, 2007 PAG meeting. Expect more information on carbon and an indicator available within a few months.
- Reasonableness of indicator 5.1d. Canfor completes overview flights and believes that the entire TFL is assessed within a 10 year period.

C. Update on field trip

1. Deferred until summer/fall 2008 as few operations are currently ongoing on TFL. Visit to TFL is valuable even if activities are not occurring during visit.
2. Good suggestions provided by PAG – plan is to ensure that each stop addresses the concerns the PAG wishes. Goal is to have each stop cover a few of the values indicated by suggestions.

D. Continuous Improvement Matrix Review and Refinement

1. Discussion on Review and Refinement to the Continuous Improvement Matrix.
 - a. See Action Items and handout “Matrix March 21, 2007 – Version 2.0”. Issues reviewed in order of priority indicated by PAG at March 21, 2007 meeting.
 - b. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #8:
 - i. Interior forest buffers: need to investigate. Suggestion to investigate existing knowledge and principles around buffering practices and the best practices to achieve specific value/attribute management. Guest speaker may be preferred. Seismic impacts could be considered as well.
 - c. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #3:
 - i. First Nations communications strategies: Concern that communication is enhanced, not necessarily that First Nations representatives sit on the PAG.
 - d. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #7:
 - i. Old and interior old forest: No changes requested.
 - e. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #9:
 - i. Habitat types: No changes requested..
 - f. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #10:

i. Riparian Management Research: Report to be provided at next meeting. Concern with this issue was investigating the science-based approach to riparian management and long term objectives instead of administrative/policy guidelines.

g. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #12:

i. Using natural ranges of variability as benchmarks in managed areas: This is not significantly related to ecosystem representation. Management regime should reflect natural disturbance follow biologically driven successional pathways. Information to be provided to PAG.

h. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #16:

i. Access management: No changes requested.

i. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #20:

i. Species at risk flora habitat – indicator: Information to be presented at next meeting.

j. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #4:

i. Aboriginal forest values: FIA project ongoing concerning non-timber forest products with specific section concerning TFL. No changes requested.

k. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #6:

i. Antique forests: There is an Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) conference planned at UNBC for May 2008. Conference details to be provided to PAG. Provide information from Dr. Darwyn Coxson on antique forests to PAG.

ii. Canfor will not plan any new blocks in ICH until "antique forest" is more clearly defined.

l. Continuous Improvement Matrix Row #13:

i. Reporting on merchantable tree species not-harvested (deciduous): Standing inventory of non-obligatory commercial trees on TFL 30. Intention is to identify potential species not being utilized by Canfor, as per Management Plan and license document.

2. Consensus of PAG Members on Refinement to Continuous Improvement Matrix:

a. Row #8 – Change Suggested Dates to "January 2008".

b. Row #3 – Change Suggested Dates to "Completed".

c. Row #10 – Change Suggested Dates to "January 2008, May 2009".

d. Row #20 – Change Suggested Strategies to "Step one: Review CDC database for flora species and plant communities and report back to PAG".

- e. Row #6 – Change “Suggested Dates” to June 2008.
- f. Row #13 –Change Suggested Strategies to “Provide inventory, list, and report of all of tree species and provide map of leading deciduous, non-obligatory tree species on DFA.” Change Suggested Dates to “September 2008 with status update including species list by May 2008”.

E. Update on Audits (BCTS, Canfor)

- 1. Canfor – two opportunities for improvement:
 - a. SFM plan indicator for carbon (rationale, target, variance)
 - b. First Nations attendance at PAG sporadic, explore other options for involvement
 - c. January 2008 – public report available from KPMG auditors (will be provided to PAG)
- 2. BCTS – three opportunities for improvement:
 - a. First Nations attendance at PAG sporadic, explore other options for involvement
 - b. Registration audit not reported on web:
 - <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/TPG/external/%21publish/SFMS/TFL30%5FSFMP/>
 - c. Method of recording public comments and consistent use

F. Review / Update Actions

- 1. See Action Items below.
- 2. Update safety indicators:
 - a. Leanne and Dean to prepare presentation for next meeting.

G. Meeting Feedback (PAG questionnaire): TFL 30 PAG questionnaire distributed, completed, and collected.

H. Next meeting

- 1. Agenda: SFM Plan Revisions
- 2. Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- 3. Date: Thursday, January 24, 2008
- 4. Place: TBD

I. Actions

| ID# | ACTION | WHO | DEADLINE | STATUS |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Jan 21 – 04 | Follow up and report back on stand-level best practices standards. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | February 2, 2006 | Ongoing |
| Feb 13 – 08 | Investigate the possibility of an indicator that indicates the number of products and services related to various processing facilities. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Spring 2006 | BCTS is unable to track past the scale. Canfor will provide a list of mills and likely products. |
| Feb 13 – 10 | Investigate the possibility of an indicator regarding the ratio of money Canfor pays directly to employees versus government. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Spring 2006 | Ongoing |
| Nov 30 – 01 | Report out on the user survey (UNBC) on TFL30. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | January 2007 | Ongoing |
| Jan 10 – 02 | Update SFM Plan with indicator details related to Indicator 1.4a <i>Antique Forests</i> including information on the spatial location of these areas | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | 2007/08 fiscal year | Ongoing |
| Jan 10 – 03 | Develop management strategies for Indicators 1.1a <i>Old Forests</i> & 1.1b <i>Interior Old Forests</i> . Based on PAG Members' written comments on a map of the TFL. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | January 2008 | Ongoing |
| May 16-01 | Comments on Draft Annual Report to be sent to PAG Facilitator | PAG Members | May 30 | Completed |
| May 16-02 | Prepare and circulate an Agenda for the Fall Field Trip | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Fall 2008 | Cancelled – trip postponed |
| Oct 25-01 | Investigate Continuous Improvement Matrix No. 8 (interior forest buffers) | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Next meeting | |
| Oct 25-02 | Update Continuous Improvement Matrix | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Next meeting | |
| Oct 25-03 | Provide riparian/hydrology report concerning mountain pine beetle to PAG | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Next meeting | |
| Oct 25-04 | Information on biodiversity strategy to be sent to PAG | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Before next meeting | |
| Oct 25-05 | Present information on indicator for species at risk flora habitat. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Next meeting | |
| Oct 25-06 | Provide PG PAG presentation – Dr. Darwyn Coxson on antique forests to PAG. | Dwight | ASAP | |
| Oct 25-07 | Provide conference details for UNBC ICH to PAG – estimated for May 2008. | Dwight | Spring 2008 | |
| Oct 25-08 | Provide BCTS website for audit results. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | ASAP | Completed |
| Oct 25-09 | Update Actions with due dates. | Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley | Next meeting | |