

CSA - TFL30 Public Advisory Group Meeting

June 17, 2008, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Prince George Civic Centre

Minutes

Attendance:

<p><i>Public Advisory Group:</i> Betty Abbs - Local Community Doug Beckett - Public Interest David Kim - Forestry Contractor – Big & Small Dave King - Recreation- non-commercial Anne Migvar - Agriculture/Ranching Len Shankel – Trapping David Stevenson - Local Community</p>	<p><i>CSA Advisors:</i> Janine Gervais - Canfor Lee Evans - BC Timber Sales Judy Vasily - Canfor</p>
<p><i>Facilitator & Scribe:</i> Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) Loni Spletzer</p>	<p><i>Observers and Guests:</i> Helga Hoffmann</p>

1. Welcome & Introduction

1. Members signed in
2. Meeting Called to Order/Introductions - Judy Vasily
 - i. Dean Chartier has stepped down and Judy Vasily will be temporary Acting chair until Sarah Fletcher returns.

2. Meeting Evaluation Summary

1. Greek food requested as a menu option.
2. not enough time to complete agenda items
3. appreciation expressed for great presentation on Safe Companies last meeting

3. Confirmed Agenda

1. Agenda accepted as written.

4. Reviewed minutes of March 11, 2008

1. change to page 4 "BCTS registered as a SAFE Company in April 2007"
2. Minutes accepted with the above change to be made

5. Presentations:

Results from 2007-08 Annual Report - Lee Evans

1. Highlights:

- see attachment.
- not a lot of harvesting activity by BCTS or Canfor in 2007-2008.
- New Safety Indicator (3.44 Safe Certification) - Developed and agreed to new SAFE Certification Indicator
- Access Plan Viewing (3.36 Access Plan Viewing) - Annual public review of Canfor and BCTS TFL 30 road access plans. Target to review annually with public was met as Canfor and BCTS participated in a license display on Oct 12, 2007.

Action Item 1: Janine will get Dave Stevenson a hard copy of this Access Plan

- SFM Plan Updated and will be available on PAG website (<http://www.sfmptsa.com/>)
- First Nations Activities
 - details in Annual Report
 - considerable amount of time over the past year working with and encouraging First Nations participation
- Indicators not Met (3)
 - 3.15 Effectiveness monitoring plans for selected wildlife species and ecosystem resilience
 - 3.16 Distinct Habitat Types:
 - 4 blocks were not harvested did not meet 15% Wildlife Tree Patches
 - 3.44 Safe Certification:
 - BCTS SAFE companies Audit is currently underway
 - 3 % of Canfor silviculture contractors were not registered during the reporting period, however will be registered before starting work on 2008 projects
- Continual Improvement Matrix – Focus for Coming Year..... PAG Comments?:
 - Canfor/BCTS to investigate potential ways to raise safety awareness in the DFA (will be worked on)
 - Tom Nehman - BC Forestry reports gave UNBC presentation on relationship between Boom/Bust activity and injuries
 - Provide PAG with statistics from the PG TSA Safe Certification stats.
 - Wildlife Monitoring Programs – Effectiveness Monitoring Plan / Biodiversity Strategy

Action Item 2: PAG request for information on break out of logging/hauling vs other woodland activities.

2. Discussion

- BCTS and Canfor undercut issues on TFL 30.
- First Nations NRFL(non replacable forest license (short-term)) - they can't sell the wood

because BCTS is biggest competitor, but BCTS can undersell them by 30% which is hopefully recovered through the bidding process. BCTS is currently working on a solution.

- ICH - Ancient Forest Tour: 2 weeks ago (3 stations) Dave Radies a Masters Student at UNBC on Old Growth Forests (works with Darwin Coxson) discussed TFL 30 situation. PAG suggestions that Canfor, BCTS work with him. Interested PAG members can contact him for his perspective on the TFL.
- Discussed timeline of end of June for getting the Annual Report out to the PAG - PAG majority would like hardcopies. Annual Report will be posted on website: sfmpgtsa.com

Biodiversity Results Presentation - Janine Gervais

1. Highlights:

- See attachment
- PAG members were directed to map posted at meeting showing where Old Forests are distributed in TFL
- changed Old Interior and Patch Size Analysis units to match. Would be nice to simplify and calibrate analysis (need to amend Forest Stewardship plan to match SFM Plan) PAG concern that info will be lost if merged. Need to dig up old minutes (2006) to review.
- PAG noted that under 140 hectares of old forest was identified in one of the current status tables.
- PAG asked how one manages aspatially? Blocks are planned, analysis is done, regular inventory must be done, Interior Forest Buffering information provided in Presentation – Need to send out Presentation.
- PAG attention to Forest Practices Board report on Interior Old Growth
- ISSUE 1: select one methodology for analysis – Addressed in Annual Report
- ISSUE 2: Patch size Analysis has issues in wake of Pine Beetle Epidemic (implications for TFL30 not as great as for other areas)
- ISSUE 3: time consuming analysis could be done once every three years as little changes at the current levels of harvest. – Addressed in Annual Report
- Discussion: ancient-old forest >350 year old stands (age range in TFL 140-350 years old)
- Indicator 16 - Distinct Habitat Types
 - High level landscape indicator looking at distinct ecological groups - how many are in non-harvestable landbase and how many are in timber harvesting areas.
 - Potential error in TFL30 SFMP-suggestion to add descriptor to table 10 Distinct Habitats
 - PAG asked to validate the strategy of 15 % Wildlife Tree Patches retention on blocks, target retention in Ecosystem Grouping - PAG member wondered if 15% is too low?
 - VRI (Vegetation Resource Inventory) has details on aging categories of trees – All Distinct Habitat Types issues dealt with in Annual Report

Action Item #3: follow up on what happened in transcription, confirm the Distinct Habitat Management Strategies, select one methodology for landscape analysis on Old, Old Interior, and Patch Size, timing of analysis should be considered - look at a work plan at

start of 2009

6. Other Items:

a. ABCFP - Professional Alliance - Doug Beckett

1. See attachment.
2. Issue: professional foresters losing ability to push for more than minimum legal requirements from employers
3. Proposal: is there is mechanism for feedback to ABCFP, PAG and RPF's
4. PAG urged to read article and give feedback to ABCFP directly.

b. Field Trip

1. this year the Field Trip will be combined with PG District
2. details to follow

7. Review/Update Actions

- a. Review of Actions deferred to beginning of next meeting.

8. Meeting Evaluation Forms collected

9. Next TFL 30 PAG Meeting: October 14, 2008 5:30-9:00 pm PG Civic Centre

Meeting adjourned

Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Jan 21 – 04	Follow up and report back on stand-level best practices standards.		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.		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.		Spring 2006	Ongoing
Nov 30 – 01	Report out on the user survey (UNBC) on TFL30.	Janine Gervais	October 2008	Janine to schedule Patience to present in October
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	Janine Gervais	June 17, 2008	Delete Action - Discussed Old, Old Interior, and other landscape level indicators.... no further actions proposed – Licensee will monitor ICH and >350 yr old forest in TFL30

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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.	Janine Gervais	June 17, 2008	Delete Action – Map missing Discussed Old, Old Interior, and other landscape level indicators.... no further actions proposed
May 16-02	Prepare and circulate an Agenda for the Fall Field Trip	Janine Gervais/Lee Evans	Send out in August 2008	
Oct 25-01	Investigate Continuous Improvement Matrix No. 8 (interior forest buffers)	Janine Gervais	June 17, 2008	Done – See presentation slides
Oct 25-02	Update Continuous Improvement Matrix	Judy Vasily and Bruce Bradley	March 11, 2008	Done – provide copies to PAG in October 2008
Oct 25-04	Information on biodiversity strategy to be sent to PAG	Janine Gervais	October 2008	
Oct 25-09	Update Actions with due dates – Review Actions – first agenda item	Janine/Lee & Dwight	Review October 2008	Done
Feb 7 - 01	Licencees to review membership list for TFL30 PAG	Janine/Lee	October 2008	
June 17-01	Provide Dave Stevenson a hard copy of this Access Plan	Janine Gervais	July 31, 2008	
June 17-02	PAG request for safety related information on break out of logging/hauling vs other woodland activities.	Lee Evans	October 2008	
June 17-03	follow up on what happened in transcription, confirm the Distinct Habitat Management Strategies, select one methodology for landscape analysis on Old, Old Interior, and Patch Size, need to look at a work plan at start of 2009	Janine Gervais	June 30	Done - Annual Report comments 2007-08 Actions carried over to Licensee Indicator Improvement action tracking