

**CSA - TFL30**  
**Public Advisory Group Meeting**

March 11, 2008, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
 Prince George Civic Centre

**Minutes**

Attendance:

<p><i>Public Advisory Group:</i>          Betty Abbs - Local Community          Sandra Kinsey – Naturalist / Environment          Denis Pelletier - Chamber of Commerce          Lee Sexsmith – Motorized Recreation          Patience Rakochy – Non-Timber Forest Products          Dave King - Recreation- non-commercial</p>	<p><i>CSA Advisors:</i>          Bruce Bradley – Canfor          Dean Chartier – Canfor          Janine Gervais - Canfor          Lee Evans - BC Timber Sales</p>
<p><i>Facilitator &amp; Scribe:</i>          Dwight Scott Wolfe          (Tesera Systems Inc.)          Loni Spletzer</p>	<p><i>Observers and Guests:</i>          Neil Spendiff - Canfor Woodland Safety          Coordinator          Jody Rhodes - BC Timber Sales/Safety Contact</p>

**1. Welcome & Introduction**

- a. Members signed in
- b. Meeting Called to Order/Introductions - Dean Chartier
- c.

**2. Meeting Evaluation Summary**

- a. - all areas are now above target (4 = good)

**3. Confirmed Agenda**

Additions:

- a. Roll out new safety indicator
- b. Introduce DRAFT of new CSA Standards

**4. Reviewed minutes of February 7, 2007**

- \* p1. correct spelling 5 b. "Canfor *will* not plan any ...."

Minutes accepted with the above change to be made

## 5. Presentations:

### **BC Forest Safety Council SAFE Companies Program - Neil Spendiff**

#### a. Background:

- The BC Forest Safety Council was created in Sept 2004 as a non-profit society promoting safety in the forest sector.
- Overview was given on the purpose, beliefs/objectives and mission statement of the BC Forest Safety Council. Summary of Mission Statement is to eliminate all fatalities and serious injuries in the forest sector. Neil commented that the number of fatalities/serious injuries have been reduced but needs to continue.
- The BC Forest Safety Council promotes safety conscious legal regime, training, and encouraging membership as a SAFE company. A list of organizations and associations currently holding membership showed a representation of a wide range of groups.
- The BC Forest Safety Council certifies companies in 3 SAFE Company categories:
  - Independent Owner/Operator (IOO) = one worker (new category as of Feb 2008)
  - Small Companies (SEBASE) = total of 2-19 peak season workers
  - Large Companies (BASE) = 20 or more peak season workers
- The audit and certification processes were reviewed. Companies wishing to certify must have a safety plan and there are costs and minimum program run time (3-6 months) based on each category. More rigorous for larger companies.
- Membership is encouraged as a prequalification to work with Industry for several reasons: to improve a companies ability to bid on work, help secure business future in BC forests, makes good business sense, and satisfies the legal obligation of forest companies to maintain a safe work place (as per Worksafe Regs) . Incentives are rebates on WCB Premiums.

b. Canfor Implementation of SAFE Company Program:

- Canfor is supportive of the SAFE Companies initiative as a recognition that it is a major player in the forest sector. The past CEO of Canfor J.A. Shepherd had a great influence in moving the company toward becoming more safety conscious.
- PG Woodlands was one of the first 16 to achieve certification in BC, Nov 2006.
- Canfor has expectations for its contractors to become SAFE companies. 85% of contractors with Canfor are certified with others working toward certification. Some of the benefits that Canfor has realized from becoming a SAFE Company and working with other members include: better, more standardized training, increased training of workers, increased risk awareness, and sharing of information related to hazards.
- Forest Truck Safe - log hauling is the leading cause of injury/fatalities. Bi-weekly publication, and hotline on truck safety Council tracks incident stats, hazard alerts, safety bulletins has on website.

c. Discussion:

*PAG/Licensee discussion about the Independent Owner/Operator vs Small Group categorizing - more than one person is designated as Small group which may be an obstacle for some IOO companies. It was thought that this breakdown is defined by WCB, not the BC Forest Safety Council.*

*PAG/Licencee discussed how much influence the BC Forest Safety Council have around policy making? The Council is not an enforcement body and does not police companies. Worksafe (governed by WCB) would have more clout, but the BC Forest Safety Council may help lobby for changes.*

*What is the reason for the delay in getting 100% certification (in light of the SAFE Company initiative running for 2 yrs now)? Neil explained that many companies are starting with no health/safety programs whatsoever so many are building the program from scratch which takes time. There is also lag time re: minimum program run time (3-6 mos) before applying for certification. There are also resource issues such as not enough auditors to quickly certify all applicants so there is a back log and many are on*

*waiting lists. Many companies are registered, but not yet certified.*

## **Presentation #2**

### **BCTS Implementation of SAFE Company Program - Jody Rhodes**

#### d. Background:

- The role of BCTS under government (Ministry of Forests) was explained and the bidding process for issuing timber sale licenses. Successful bidders own the sale of timber, but pay stumpage fees, silviculture levy's etc.
- In an effort to be a role model and as a wing of government, BCTS felt that they should also be safety certified. BCTS registered as a SAFE Company in April 2007.
- BCTS expects that all of its contractors be registered as a SAFE company with certification to follow
- PAG directed to BCTS General Safety and Environmental Guide Book, June 2007 (yellow booklet). This guide book is issued to contractors and licensees and outlines safety standards, etc.

#### e. Discussion:

*PAG questioned how environment hazards (ex. dealing with wildlife, dangerous landscape) are addressed since the yellow guide book seemed to deal more with operational issues. There is a more complete safety manual available (Worksafe) . Also, the individual contractor should cover this in their own company safety plan.*

*PAG noted that large companies are taking the lead which encourages other companies to follow. This is a positive step in the area of safety rather than just reporting data concerning injuries/fatalities. PAG/Licencees speculate that a date is coming when all forest companies will have to be certified.*

*PAG asked if there seems to be a different attitude toward safety in the bush now than before? Yes, there has been notably raised levels of awareness and consciousness even despite the trend to reduced forest activity and economics at present.*

**6. New Safety Indicator:**

a. Proposal to change Indicator 3.44 (Loss Time Accidents) to 3.44 (SAFE Certification)

Current Indicator:

<b>Indicator Statement</b>	<b>Target and Variance</b>
Number of loss time accidents (days) in Woodland Operations – applies to Canfor only.	Target: 0 Variance: 0

This indicator addresses the following CSA-SFM parameter:

1) <b>CCFM Criterion:</b> Multiple Benefits to Society <b>CSA SFM Element:</b> Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs <b>Value:</b> Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs <b>Objective:</b> Maintain the distribution of benefits and costs
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Initial Proposed Indicator:

<b>Indicator Statement</b>	<b>Target and Variance</b>
Canfor and BCTS will maintain registration under the SAFE Certification Program.	<u>Target:</u> 100% SAFE Certified
Percentage of Contractors certified or registered under the SAFE Certification Program.	<u>Target:</u> 2008 – 60% 2009 – 80% 2010 – 90% <u>Variance – 10%</u>

b. Discussion

1st bullet: Change “registration” to “certification”: “Canfor and BCTS will maintain certification under the SAFE Certification Program”. Target: 100% SAFE certified

Add Comments: “Canfor and BCTS will provide trending analysis on the BC Forest Safety Council Stats by sector”.

2nd bullet: Change: Percentage of *Canfor* Contractors *certified* under the Safe Certification Program

Add 3rd bullet: Percentage of Canfor Contractors registered under the SAFE Certification Program. Target: 100%

Add 4th bullet: Percentage of BCTS Contractors and Timber Sale License issued by BCTS registered under the SAFE Certification Program. Target 100% registered, Variance 0%. Comment: The intent is that following registration to the SAFE Certification Program, the TSL holder will obtain certification.

Discussion around whether there should be changes to this or if it is needed since it may be covered by SAFE certification indicator. Issue is that there is a duplication of reporting (safety council tracks this already).

PAG noted that the goal is to see improvement in safety and safety management practice, not just reporting statistics so this new Indicator is more robust and is moving in the direction that is needed.

c. PAG Consensus:

Replace 3.44 Loss Time Accidents Indicator with 3.44 SAFE Certification Indicator as described below.

**3.44 SAFE Certification**

<b>Indicator Statement</b>	<b>Target and Variance</b>
<b>Canfor and BCTS will maintain certification under the SAFE Certification Program.</b>	<p><b>Target:</b> 100% SAFE Certified</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Canfor and BCTS will provide trending analysis on the BC Forest Safety Council statistics by sector</p>
<b>Percentage of Canfor Contractors certified under the SAFE Certification Program.</b>	<p><b>Target:</b> 2008 – 60% 2009 – 80% 2010 – 90% Variance – 10% <b>Comments:</b></p>
<b>Percentage of Canfor Contractors registered under the SAFE Certification Program.</b>	<p><b>Target:</b> 100%</p>
<b>Percentage of BCTS Contractors and Timber Sale Licenses issued by BCTS registered under the SAFE Certification Program</b>	<p><b>Target:</b> 100% Registered Variance 0% <b>Comments:</b> The intent is that following registration to the SAFE Certification Program, the Contractor and TSL holder will obtain certification.</p>

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**7. Old Interior Forest Update Presentation:**

- tabled until next TFL PAG meeting.

**8. New Draft CSA Standards:**

PAG asked to review and submit comments to CSA direct (p37 CCFM Criterion re: Core Indicators key area to look at. These areas are new to the CSA Standards document, but may look familiar to PAG members as some of it reflects the PG SFM plan)

**9. Review/Update Actions:**

a. See Actions

b. Biodiversity Gap Analysis as related to Fred Bonnell's biodiversity strategy (Canfor - Bruce Bradley) will be given at later date.

**10. Meeting Evaluation Forms collected****11. Next TFL 30 PAG Meeting: Tues June 17, 2008**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Actions**

<b>ID#</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
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 16-02	Prepare and circulate an Agenda for the Fall Field Trip	Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley	Fall 2008	
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 25-04	Information on biodiversity strategy to be sent to PAG	Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley	Next meeting	
Oct 25-09	Update Actions with due dates.	Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley	Next meeting	
Feb 7 - 01	Licencees to review membership list for TFL30 PAG	Dean Chartier and Bruce Bradley	Next meeting	