

## Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, January 22, 2009

Ramada Hotel (Cranbrook North Room), 444 George Street, Prince George, BC

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:**

<p><u><i>Public &amp; First Nations:</i></u></p> <p>Betty Abbs Chris Andreschefski Gerald Bird Jo Graber Virginia Karr Dave King Sandra Kinsey Bruce Muir Esther Perry Ken Pickering Lee Sexsmith Len Shankel David Stevenson</p>	<p><u><i>Steering Committee:</i></u></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Tim Sproule – BCTS Cecil Gray – Lakeland Meredith Spike – Carrier Janine Gervais – Canfor</p>
<p><u><i>Facilitator &amp; Scribe:</i></u></p> <p>Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) Loni Spletzer</p>	<p><u><i>Advisors &amp; Observers:</i></u></p> <p>Bruce Bradley Jeff Burrows Shannon Carson Matthew Feagan Norm Holt Melanie Kirsti Karjala Jeff Mohr John Pousette</p>

1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Welcome by chair of Steering Committee – Tim Sproule
  - b. PAG Representative Pirie Elliot (Research & Education) is stepping down due to retirement from CNC.
2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda amended (#12 added)
3. Reviewed Minutes from Oct 29, 2008
  - a. Page 4. Conclusions 1, 3, and 4 on percentage change in temperature. PAG requested

clarification and context for these three comments.

- b. Minutes accepted as written.

**Action Item 1:** Seek clarification from Vanessa Egginton (Ministry of Forests & Range/Regional Climatologist) on conclusions made in her presentation and noted in minutes.

4. Update on International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Conference *Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems and Landscapes* in Kamloops, August 2008 – Tim Sproule
  - a. Website: <http://www.tru.ca/iufro.html>
  - b. PAG directed to document *Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity* at above website
5. Presentation – Prince George TSA Timber Supply Review – Jeff Burrows /John Pousette
  - a. See attachment.
  - b. Website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa24/>
  - c. Highlights:
    - i. The 4th official Timber Supply Review is currently underway for the Prince George Timber Supply Area
    - ii. A draft Data Package has been completed and is now available for public review and comment
    - iii. The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) is the rate of timber harvest permitted each year from a specified area of land, usually expressed as cubic metres of wood per year. Determining AAC's is the responsibility of the Chief Forester - Ministry of Forests and Range directed by provisions in Section 8 of the Forest Act.
    - iv. Objectives of the Timber Supply Review are:
      - Examine relevant land use and forest management practices, public and First Nation's input, and economic, environmental and social factors.
      - Provide the Chief Forester with the information needed to set the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for the next five years.
      - Identify information to be improved for future timber supply reviews.
    - v. Three main components to the Timber Supply Review are:
      - Data Package - The data package is a compilation of the best available information on the forest resource inventory and the practices within

the timber supply area for the purposes of conducting a timber supply analysis.

- Timber Supply Analysis - The timber supply analysis is a detailed review of the volume of the timber available for harvesting over time. A computer model is used to project timber supply based on the inventory information, expected growth and management practices.
- AAC Determination – The Chief Forester considers: the data package and analysis report; input from the public; information from First Nations on aboriginal interests and treaty rights that may be impacted by the AAC decision, and; Forest Act section 8 factors in making his AAC Determination.

d. Discussion:

- i. PAG observation that there is lots of wood waste left on harvest blocks that is not accounted for. This is material (waste) that should have gone to the mill. How is this analysis reported to the Ministry? How is this volume tracked? This volume of wood waste is probably not tracked by the ministry.
- ii. Discussion on the variance between actual harvest volume and allowable harvest. Information from the government's Harvest Billing System is available as is information on the apportionment of the AAC in the Prince George Forest District.
- iii. Discussion on whether actual true social implications are considered especially in high Mountain Pine Beetle-affected areas. Not much has been done in socioeconomic area in the past. Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) has done some work with this.
  - John Pousette gave a related presentation at the recent Northern Silviculture Committee meeting. That presentation can be viewed at :
  - <http://www.unbc.ca/continuingstudies/events/nscwinter.html>.
  - Slides 19, 29, 30 are most relevant to pine salvage.

**Action Item 2:** Provide PAG with information on apportionment of the AAC in the Prince George Forest District.

- iv. Individual First Nations bands have been consulted. PAG Member concern over the use of the word “constraints” - emphasis and impact on public, proper phrase should be “other factors” or variables.
- v. Impacts on Timber Supply from trends in other industries are only taken into account when there is a plan on the land base (e.g. Wind research on wind farms.). These industries don't factor into actual timber supply. The data collected for the Data Package is a retrospective and does not speculate into the

future.

- vi. What criteria are being used to measure socioeconomic impact? In the past, criteria were not used, but this time additional criteria are being addressed:
  - AAC's implications for the economy, communities and the environment
  - Stable timber supply- maintaining competitive and sustainable forest industry
  - Conserve other forest values
  - Maintain or enhance the mid-term timber supply
- vii. PAG concern that salvage and cedar harvesting has lots of waste left in bush. Everything should be used or made into habitat piles not just left. Insects and diseases that attack plantations should also be addressed not just bugs in mature stands. Impacts of other forest pests is tracked in the silviculture analysis-growth and yield information used in the TSR.
- viii. Private land is not looked at as part of the TSR. Data collection is focussed entirely on crown land.
- ix. The TSR assumes the MPB epidemic is finished, for the most part, but there still may be some attacks in the Fort St. James and Carp Lake areas.
- x. PAG concern about changing the definition of the Timber Harvesting Land Base. Given the current information on harvest performance since 2000, the definition needs to be redefined to represent what is currently happening in the forest. A summary document of public input is available.
- xi. Information on the TSR and impact on guiding and trap lines would likely fall under the Socioeconomic assessment.

## 6. Presentation - Old Forest Quality Update – Janine Gervais

### a. Highlights:

- i. In response to Action Item (licensees to provide a presentation in 1 yrs time on the performance of the Old Growth Quality model)
- ii. See handout-presentation *Old Forest Quality Strategy January 2009 Update*
- iii. PAG directed to Map of Old Forest Quality that was posted on the wall
- iv. Next year, the Licensee Steering Committee will be able to make a fair comparison of the Old Forest analysis table to the Landscape Objectives Working Group data (some differences in the definitions that need to be calibrated). Attempting to identify some trends

b. Discussion:

- i. PAG would like to see the targets on the table, would be nice to include BEC
- ii. Would be nice to overlay toe slope Biodiversity Conservation Area VK2 analysis with Old Growth Quality – concerns about hydrology
- iii. As MPB is harvested, wind will increase blowdown – how is inventory monitored and adapted to the coming changes? How will model work in future in light of this. The model will have to be adjusted when that happens.

7. Review PAG Terms of Reference

a. PAG directed to Draft *Terms of Reference 2009* (changes were highlighted in bright yellow)

b. Revisions to the Terms of Reference

- i. Section 1.2 PG SFMP Steering Committee: **Remove** reference to “TRC Cedar Ltd.”
- ii. Section 1.7 Progress to date: **Delete** “Throughout 2006 /2007 the licensees and BCTS have conducted surveillance audits and maintained their CSA Z809-02 certification.” **Add** “Since 2006 /2007 the licensees and BCTS have conducted surveillance audits and maintained their CSA Z809-02 certification.”
- iii. Section 9 Decision Making and Methodology: **Delete** “Where an impasse is reached, the person with the outstanding issue shall offer solutions or options for resolution.” **Add** “Where an impasse is reached, the person(s) with the outstanding issue shall offer solutions or options for resolution.”

c. Discussion

- i. Section 9 Decision Making and Methodology: Consensus and disagreements have not been tracked in a separate document, but are always recorded in the body of the minutes. There is some concern with the term `general agreement` Add plural (persons) `the person(s), with the outstanding issue shall offer solutions or options for resolution. PAG is in favour of making this small change but otherwise leave wording as is.
- ii. Section 6.1.3 Role of PAG Representatives: This section was reviewed for the benefit of potential new PAG representatives and observers in attendance.
- iii. PAG approved the following revisions to the list of Representatives and Alternates:
  - Add Len Shankel as alternate for Commercial wildlife interests (guides, trappers, outfitters)

- Remove Steve Johnson as alternate for Recreation, non-commercial, motorized
- Add Jeff Mohr as alternate for Recreation, non-commercial, motorized
- Remove Jim Weed as alternate for Recreation, non-motorized
- Remove Ed Morrice as representative for Research & Education
- Add Melanie Karjala as representative for Research & Education
- Add Ralph Hausot as alternate for Research & Education
- Add new sector called “West Moberly First Nation” with Teena Demeulemeester as representative and Bruce Muir as alternate.

8. Update: Howie Harshaw UBC Sustainable Forest Management Survey – Janine Gervais

- a. The PGTSA (FIA group) is initiating another SFM public opinion survey. PAG will be sent a new survey, however several PAG representatives mentioned they disliked the previous survey (poor quality, awful questions etc) and did not answer it.

9. Workplan 2008/2009 Review – Janine Gervais/Tim Sproule

- a. See attachment
- b. PAG directed to workplan to see what has been accomplished so far. These updates are highlighted in blue. There will be a follow-up discussion at the next meeting.

10. Audit Summaries – Lakeland Mills & BCTS

- a. Lakeland Mills/Winton Global – Cecil Gray
  - i. Summary of audits were handed out.
  - ii. No areas of non-conformance
  - iii. Opportunities for Improvement : Consider newspaper ads to ask for public input, solicit further involvement of First Nations
- b. BCTS – Tim Sproule
  - i. Minor non-conformance with respect to their internal audit. No clear conclusion as result of the internal audit:
    - Not enough field samples were identified in TFL30. ,and
    - not enough scrutiny was paid to the process for selecting the audit protocol used.

- ii. BCTS has been recommended for recertification

11. Action Item Review

- a. Action Item **January 24 – 01** – Completed. Janine provided a presentation on the performance of the Old Growth model.

12. Innovative Timber Sales Initiative – BCTS (Tim Sproule)

- a. Tabled to next meeting

13. Other

- a. PAG comment on recommendations made in previous TSR by Chief Forester specifically around Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH). Forest Practice Board recommendations must be responded to by name (all must be considered by Chief Forester).
- b. Climate change: Has Chief Forester taken any of this into consideration for TSR. Changes coming to silviculture stocking standards that are in response to climate change.

14. Evaluation forms requested

15. Next PAG Meeting:

- a. Agenda: TBA
- b. Time: 5:30 – 9:00
- c. Date: June 18, 2009
- d. Location: Civic Centre

**Actions**

<b>PRINCE GEORGE PAG</b>				
<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.
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	Completed
March 6-01	Licensees to provide "Management Guidelines for Species and Plant Communities at Risk: PG Timber Supply Area – 2007"	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
Jan 22-01	Seek clarification from Vanessa Egginton (Ministry of Forests & Range/Regional Climatologist) on conclusions made in her presentation and noted in minutes.	Facilitator	Next Meeting	
Jan 22-02	Provide PAG with information on apportionment of the AAC in the Prince George Forest District.	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	