

CSA - TFL30

Public Advisory Group Meeting

March 24, 2009, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Prince George Civic Centre

Minutes

Attendance:

Public Advisory Group: Dave King - Recreation- non-commercial Anne Migvar - Agriculture/Ranching Lee Sexsmith - Recreation- non-commercial (motorized)	CSA Advisors: Sara Fletcher – Canfor Janine Gervais - Canfor Tim Sproule - BC Timber Sales Lee Evans - BC Timber Sales
Facilitator & Scribe: Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) Loni Spletzer	Observers and Guests: Jeff Mohr – ATV BC (motorized recreation)

Topic Refresher:

The following agenda item was deferred to the next PAG Meeting

- ***Licensee Steering Committee Update***

1. Welcome & Introductions

1. Members signed in
2. Meeting Called to Order/Introductions – Sara Fletcher
 - i. Jeff Mohr from the Quad Riders ATV Association of BC (ATV BC) attended as a guest.
 - ii. Dave Stevenson (Local Community) is stepping down as PAG member
3. The quorum requirement for this meeting was not achieved (minimum 2/3 of active members present). The draft minutes will be circulated and Licensee Steering Committee will follow up with active members to request approval of any decisions made by the PAG members in attendance at this meeting.

2. Meeting Evaluation Summary from October 29, 2008

1. Low targets from the January 20th meeting:
 - i. Public Process #2 (satisfaction with CI matrix),
 - ii. Meetings #6 (time allocation),
 - iii. Meetings #11 (overall meeting satisfaction)
2. Meeting Evaluation Comments:
 - i. Public Process:
 - In reference to Question 2 (Your satisfaction with progress on the Continuous

Improvement Matrix): "#14, 17, 18 not reported on tonight. Were #13, 22, 23 reported on at last meeting?"

ii. Meetings:

- In reference to Question 4 (Followed the PAG Terms of Reference): "Don't know".
- In reference to Question 9 (A positive atmosphere): "Don't like shots taken at members (PAG at licensees). Please be diplomatic not personal!"

iii. Comments:

- "We are not finishing everything off at our meetings. It seems like we aren't having enough?"

iv. Facilitator Comments:

- "Facilitator was not able to access technical expertise on TOR as no TOR expert appeared to be in the room."
- "Minutes are more detailed now – I like that."

v. Meeting Logistics Comments:

- "But seems like timing wasn't good for some people."

vi. Your Suggestions:

- More time required for PAG input.
- More opportunity for PAG direction.
- Need to focus on objectives that improve resource management on the ground rather than paper administration CI stuff that appears to do nothing on the ground."
- "I would like next meeting to be next month so we can finish off tonight's meeting."

3. Confirmed Agenda

1. add: Caribou Recovery Plan update – Dave King
2. Agenda accepted as revised.

4. Reviewed minutes of January 20, 2009

1. Page 3. Amend paragraph at top of page to include comments sent by email from Doug Beckett.
 - i. Delete: "According to the PAG member, it was inferred that the Terms of Reference limits the scope of what can be discussed at PAG meetings."
 - ii. Add: "According to the PAG member, it was inferred that the Terms of Reference limits the scope of what the CSA Auditors can report out upon with respect to complaints and concerns raised by concerned individuals including PAG members, and restricts PAG members from being effective in promoting improvements to management beyond legal minimums."
2. Page 3: Correct typos.
3. Minutes accepted as revised.

5. Indicator #37 - Public survey of non-timber uses within the DFA

1. Proposal to change title of indicator #37 to Non-Timber Uses and Non-Timber Forest Products and change the indicator statement

Current Indicator:

Statement of Indicator	Target and Variance
Public survey of non timber uses within the DFA	Target: At least every 4 years Variance: + 1 year
A list of quality and value of non-timber forest products from the DFA	Target: March 31, 2007 Variance: + 3 months

This indicator addresses the following CSA-SFM parameters

1) CCFM Criterion: Multiple Benefits to Society CSA SFM Element: Timber and Non-Timber Benefits Value: Short and long term benefits. Objective: Maintain a flow of non-timber benefits.
2) CCFM Criterion: Multiple Benefits to Society CSA SFM Element: Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs Value: Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs Objective: Maintain the distribution of benefits and costs.

Draft Indicator #37 – Non-Timber Uses and Non-Timber Forest Products

Statement of Indicator	Target and Variance
Public survey of non-timber uses within the DFA, including non-timber forest products.	Target: At least every 4 years Variance: + 1 year
Maintain lists of non-timber forest products and non timber uses from the DFA.	Target: Reviewed and updated at least every 4 years Variance: + 1 year

2. Discussion

- i. A “non timber use survey” is scheduled for 2009/10, as the previous survey was conducted in 2004. Timing of the survey will be important to gather information from different seasonal users.
- ii. Low commercial value for NTFP’s, and a relatively low response to public survey (surveys may provide little information at great cost)
- iii. PAG members indicated value associated with an ongoing survey component both for non-timber uses and NTFP’s
- iv. Building on the NTFP list via the public survey for non timber use should provide a means of updating the information.

3. Consensus on above proposal from PAG representatives in attendance.

6. Indicator #15 – Effectiveness Monitoring

1. Proposal to change target date to March 31, 2010

Current Indicator:

Statement of Indicator	Target and Variance
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2. Discussion

- i. Canfor and BCTS need to work on this or it will be a non-conformance (was in the annual report as an indicator that has still not been met).
- ii. Licensees are proposing an extension to target date.
- iii. Added the following text to Comments Section for Indicator 15 in the SFM Performance Matrix:
 - “All Canfor divisions across the Province are looking at Biodiversity Conservation species accounting strategy and an Effectiveness Monitoring plan” “Songbird monitoring progress update to be presented in coming meeting” “Based on work underway for the Biodiversity Conservation species accounting strategy.

3. Consensus on above proposal from PAG representatives in attendance

7. Indicator #9 – Species at Risk

1. Proposal to change target date to March 31, 2010

Current Indicator:

Statement of Indicator	Target and Variance
The amount of Species at Risk (wildlife) habitat (ha) within TFL30.	Target: June 30, 2007 Variance: +6 months

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The amount of Species at Risk (wildlife) habitat (ha) within TFL30.	Target: March 31, 2010 Variance: +6 months

2. Discussion

- i. Applies to Sections 1.2c and 2.2h in the Performance Matrix.
- ii. Move target date to March 31, 2010 since this is indicator is linked to Indicator #15

3. Consensus on above proposal from PAG representatives in attendance.

8. TFL30 SFMP Priority Action Plan

1. See *Priority Action Plan Jan 20, 2009* handout.
2. Under Outstanding Projects/Actions add 3c: Indicator #9 Species at Risk.
3. No major or minor non-conformances or system weaknesses
4. Update will be circulated to PAG members)
5. Priorities will be reviewed every meeting

Action Item 1: Canfor and BCTS to circulate revised Priority Action Plan to PAG.

9. Continuous Improvement Matrix

1. Row #1 - reviewed implemented strategies on First Nations communications. Strategies completed.
2. Row #2 - reviewed implemented strategies on attempting to find members/alternates for PAG. Strategies ongoing.
3. Row #5 – reviewed implemented Cultural Heritage mapping strategies. Detailed information is not available to the public. No further improvement to strategies. Strategies completed.
4. Row #6 – tie-in to Management Plan 10 (following Prince George TSA Timber Supply Review). Date to December 2009.
5. Row #9 – leave as ongoing
6. Row #10 – tie-in with Forest Investment Account project funding. Date moved to March 31, 2010.
7. Row #11 – Strategies completed.
8. Row #12 – Date moved to March 31, 2010.
9. Row #13 – Date moved to Sept 2009
10. Row #15 – Strategies completed.
11. Row #16 - align TFL30 strategies with Access Management approach in Prince George District. No further improvement to strategies. Strategies completed.
12. Row #17 – Licensee Steering Committee to prepare a presentation on management of Riparian and Hydrology values for theme meeting next fiscal. Date moved to March 31, 2010.
13. Row #18 – Licensee Steering Committee to prepare a presentation on management of Riparian and Hydrology values for theme meeting next fiscal. Date moved to March 31, 2010.
14. Row #22 – Accident and Death statistics provided to PAG at October 29th meeting. Strategies completed.
15. Row #23 – SAFE certification required of all contractors. Currently, very little activity on the TFL. Strategies completed.

10. Licensee Steering Committee Update

1. Tabled until the next PAG meeting.

11. PAG Questionnaire Review

1. PAG was asked if a review of the questionnaire is necessary.
2. PAG agreed that it was not a high priority.

12. Review/Update Actions

1. Action Item **Jan 21 – 04**: This action originated from the January 21st 2006 TFL 30 PAG meeting during a discussion on indicators proposed for the CAN-Z809-02 standard. Reporting on this indicator began in the 2006/07 reporting year. Canfor's stand-level best practices refer to the Forest Stewardship Plan and SFM Plan commitments of a minimum 3.5% retention on each harvest block, with a target of 7% retention. For the past two reporting years, stand level retention for harvest blocks on TFL 30 has been 13.9% (708.4 ha harvested and 98.8 ha designated as reserves in 2006/07), and 13.4% (348 ha harvested and 46.7 ha designated as reserves in 2007/08). Action Completed.
2. Action Item **Feb 13 – 08**: Canfor's list of mills and likely products for volume from TFL 30 include: Polar, PG Sawmill, Rustad, and the Chip Plant. Likely products include dimension lumber, chips, and Machine Stress Rated (MSR) lumber (at PG Sawmill). Action Completed.
3. Action Item **Feb 13 – 10**: Canfor's Regional Controller has indicated that the company is not willing to disclose information of this nature due to confidentiality reasons. Action Completed.
4. Action Item **Jan 20 – 01**: Clarification provided by Vanessa Egginton. Emailed to PAG and handed out at the meeting. Action Completed.
5. Action Item **Jan 20 – 02**: Canfor News Release from January 12, 2000 "Canfor Forestry Certification Largest in North America" circulated to PAG. The News Release does mention Canfor's intent to seek FSC certification. The Background Section of the current Terms of Reference (approved January 20, 2009) will be amended to include previous wording "*Canfor also announced that it would seek both CSA and FSC certification and selected KPMG as its registrar and certifier.*" Action Completed.
6. Action Item **Jan 20 – 03**: – "Topic Refresher" added to the minutes and in the meeting announcement. Action Completed.

13. Other

1. Cariboo Recovery Plan update – Dave King

- i. The current maps showing which areas are open or closed were found to contain errors. A new set of maps are being prepared.

2. Acceptance of New PAG member

- i. Lee Sexmith informed the PAG that Peter Dawley will be stepping down as the Alternate for the Recreation- non-commercial (motorized) Interest Area.
- ii. PAG members in attendance accepted Jeff Mohr as the Alternate for the Recreation- non-commercial (motorized) Interest Area.

14. Meeting Evaluation Forms collect

15. Next TFL 30 PAG Meeting: June 16, 2009 5:30 – 9:00 pm Civic Center

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	Completed
Feb 13 - 08	Investigate the possibility of an indicator that indicates the number of products and services related to various processing facilities.		Spring 2006	Completed
Feb 13 - 10	Investigate the possibility of an indicator regarding the ratio of money Canfor pays directly to employees versus government.		Spring 2006	Completed
Jan 20 - 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	Completed
Jan 20 - 02	Canfor to provide PAG with background on Corporate decision not to seek FSC certification.	Sara Fletcher	Next meeting	Completed
Jan 20 - 03	Include a "Topic Refresher" in the front of the minutes and in the announcement of the next meeting.	Facilitator	Before next meeting	Completed
March 24 - 01	Circulate updated Priority Action Plan to PAG.	Sara Fletcher	Next meeting	