



Meeting Summary

Attendance:

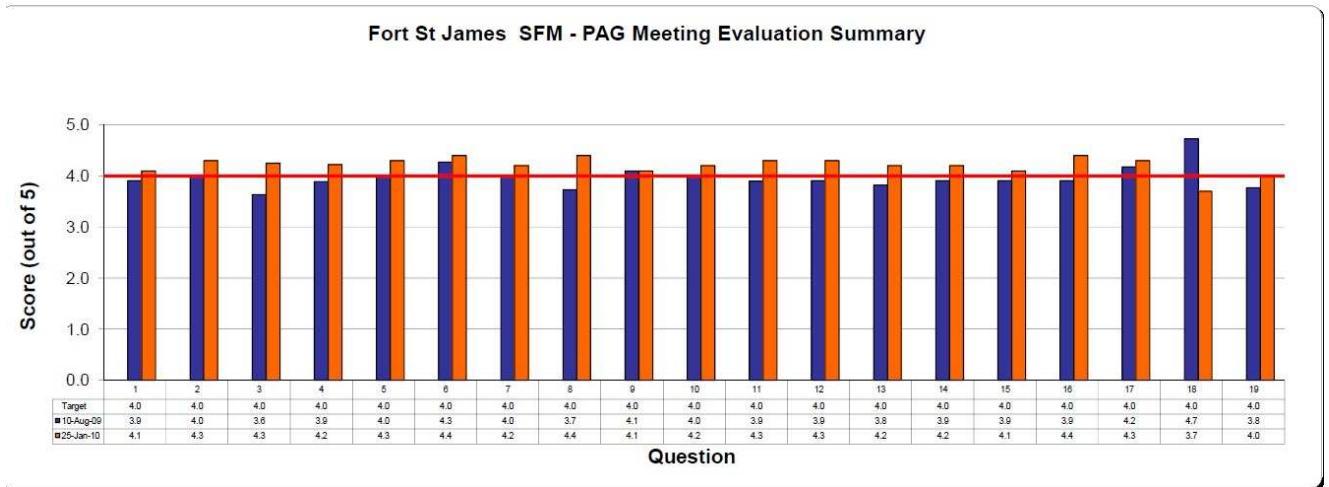
<i>Public Advisory Group:</i>		<i>Steering Committee & Advisors:</i>
Beulah Broen	Peter Rooke	Shannon Burbee – Canfor PG
Henner Grimm	Ron Timothy	Jeremy Greenfield – BCTS
Joanne Vinnedge	Randy Sulyma	Alena Charlston – Carrier Lumber
<i>Facilitator & Scribe:</i>		<i>Observers:</i>
Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) – Facilitator		Kevin Bedford – Carrier Lumber
Loni Spletzer (Tesera Systems Inc.) – Scribe		Wayne Moll – Ft. St. James Snowmobile Club
		Sara Lazaruk – BCTS

Quorum based on past five meetings: 4

1. Welcome & Introduction

1. Members signed in
2. Welcome by the Chair of the Licensee Steering Committee [Jeremy Greenfield]
 - a. BCTS LSC member transition – Introduced Sara Lazaruk as new rep for BCTS replacing Jeremy Greenfield.
 - b. Acknowledged Shannon Burbee as the new Chair of the Licensee Steering Committee
3. Reviewed Evaluation Results of January 25, 2010 PAG meeting.
 - a. On or above the targets (min 4.0) for all evaluation points except the following:
 - i. Q18 (3.7) Meals and refreshments
 - b. Comments to improve the PAG meeting:
 - i. Improve strategic focus - what is going to happen when the pine is gone. (Observer)
 - c. General Comments:
 - i. Good meeting. Well prepared and facilitated. Some members got off topic though. (Observer)
 - ii. Food has improved considerably. (PAG)
 - iii. Q18 - Rating of 2 because although soup and salad were excellent, there really needed to be an entrée! (PAG)
 - iv. Good Meeting! (PAG)
 - v. Felt that the PAG was very honest and forthcoming w/ information and process. (Licensee Team)

vi. Field Trip: Mill tour, wildlife tree patches, include recent, established and old seeding sites. (PAG)



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amount of time given to review the meeting agenda prior to the meeting 2. Agenda followed 3. Actions updated 4. Meeting summary captured decisions & action items 5. PAG Terms of Reference followed 6. PAG members actively involved in the meeting 7. The atmosphere of the meeting 8. Facilitator was organized and prepared 9. Facilitator strived for consensus decision-making 10. Facilitator actively listened to concerns and viewpoints | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Facilitator addressed process issues 12. Facilitator remained neutral on content issues 13. Facilitator kept the meeting focused 14. Licensees organized and prepared 15. Information presented clearly 16. Your satisfaction with this PAG meeting 17. Suitability of the Meeting facility 18. Meals and refreshments 19. Your overall satisfaction with the PAG process |
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2. Confirmed Agenda

1. Accepted as written with no changes or additions

3. Review Minutes of the January 25, 2010 Ft. St. James PAG Meeting

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2010 PAG meeting accepted as written

4. 2009-10 SFM Draft Annual Report

The FSJ SFM 2009-10 Draft Annual Report was presented. The Licensee Steering Committee reviewed the list of Indicators found in Table 1 on page 1 and noted those where targets were met, not met or pending. Overall, of the 47 indicators, 40 met the target, three are pending and 4 did not meet the target for this reporting period.

1. Pending Indicators:

- a. Indicator 2 - Old Forest by Natural Disturbance Unit; Indicator 3 - Old Interior Forest; Indicator 4 - Young Patch Size Distribution.
 - i. Indicators 2 through 4 rely on analysis completed through the Landscape Objectives Working Group (LOWG) process, which is tied to the Biodiversity Order for the Prince George Timber Supply Area. This year, the LOWG analysis has been influenced by the Timber Supply Review (TSR) process that has been

ongoing in the PG TSA for the past few years. The analysis relies on the definition of the Crown Forest Land Base (CFLB), which is an output of the TSR process. The new definition of CFLB, as set by the government in the TSR process has not yet been released. . The 2009/2010 LOWG analysis was delayed until the release of TSR IV, in which the group hoped would be released by this fall. Since TSR IV has not been released as was hoped, the LOWG group tried to match the CFLB as best as they could with what information was available to the projected CFLB of TSR IV. The LOWG analysis numbers required for indicators 2-4 should be available for review at the next PAG meeting.

2. Indicators Not Met :

- a. Indicator #7: Plant Species Diversity Index.
 - i. Timberline Consulting made a recommendation in 2008-09 not to continue with the annual monitoring frequency associated with this indicator. The information being collected through the FIA project associated with the indicator has changed almost annually as the body of literature surrounding Plant Diversity Indices has grown. Timberline recommended that this indicator be reviewed for relevance and that at the very least the monitoring frequency be reduced from the current annual requirement. The project was not completed in the 2009-10 reporting year, as recommended by Timberline but this decision was not discussed with the PAG. This was noted as a minor non-conformance and resulted in the annual report being changed to present this indicator as not met, to ensure that it was discussed in detail with the PAG. Licensee will review this indicator with the PAG and likely rewrite in the new SFM plan.
- b. Indicator #32: Riparian Management Area Commitments.
 - i. TSL A82350 has an on block access road that crosses through an RMA. As it was a winter block, the on-block road was designed as a One Winter Road. A Log culvert Xing was utilized on an S4 stream with the intent to remove upon completion of harvest. The Licensee finished the block and harvest and removed all equipment from the site but did not deactivate the road. Freshet has since occurred and small amounts of sediment have been noticed as “potentially impacting the stream” and “very minimal environmental damage” noted. The Final Inspection noted Non Conformance for these aspects. More follow up to be determined.
- c. Indicator #40: Archaeological Assessments.
 - i. TSL A80775 Block 1 contained a post-1846 Culturally Modified Tree (CMT) that was recorded, mapped and photographed, etc. As per the Archaeological Impact Assessment, recommendations made were that no further work was required. However, BCTS Management Prerogative was to retain the CMT by stubbing above the scar. The Site Plan noted that it was marked in the field accordingly. Upon Snow Free Inspection on June 28, 2010, the BCTS Harvest Technician noted that there was no evidence of the CMT anywhere on site and concluded it had been harvested and removed. BCTS is currently investigating this issue through the Root Cause Investigation. An important note is that although BCTS is not in non-compliance with the Archaeological Impact Assessment, BCTS is in non-compliance with the Site Plan, hence the reason this indicator is reported this

way. Resolution: Review training and more focus on pre-work meeting with contractor.

- d. Indicator #63 PAG Information Gap Inquires.
 - i. Two information inquiries were made by the PAG during the 2009-10 reporting period. Although both of these inquiries were responded to at the next meeting following the request, the timing of the meetings during the 2009-10 reporting period meant that this was not within the 3-month time frame specified in the indicator. PAG member suggested that a meeting is not necessary, but business can still be conducted by email. Licensees can issue response and then PAG can vote if necessary and table issue to next meeting if required.

3. Discussion:

- a. Indicator #26 Road Related Erosion Events
 - i. PAG member found it difficult to believe that this is never an issue and that the indicator title (short form statement) was misleading. This can be corrected when indicators are reviewed. BCTS responded that all roads are ranked and assessed according to risk (high, medium, low) at freshet season.. If an incident was identified and then addressed, then the indicator is met. Incidents do happen, and these have to be addressed and tracked for indicator to be met. Public can also report incidents by contacting Licensees, BCTS, or the Forest Service (calls are accepted and an incident report is filled out and then addressed or passed on to who is responsible).
- b. Indicator #10 Management Strategies for Sites and Species of Importance
 - i. PAG member wondered about level of detail recorded in Licensee or BCTS databases (e.g. number of Goshawk nests). PAG member concerned about harvesting trees in June/July which could disrupt or destroy nests and eggs of migratory song birds (a violation of the Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act). PAG members discussed the definition of "Incidental Take" which is when forestry practices (harvesting, road construction, brushing, etc) in spring/summer months can lead to the destruction of nesting sites.
- c. Indicator #8 Ungulate Winter Range Objectives
 - i. PAG member questioned the lack of harvesting in Ungulate Winter Range (UWR). Licensing Steering Committee explained that the indicator only applies to areas designated as Ungulate Winter Range by the Forest Service

Action Item #1: PAG to review Draft Annual Report and provide questions or comments to the facilitator. Due: October 27, 2010

5. Licensee Certification Updates

i. Canfor

Shannon Burbee gave an update on recent internal and external audits. (Environmental Management System (EMS) – ISO 14001; Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) – CSA Z809-02; Chain of Custody (CoC) – PEFC)

- i. Internal Audit (conducted on April 27-30, 2010):
 - One Minor EMS Non-Conformance - Some locally developed documentation did not conform to ISO standard.

- Numerous Opportunities for Improvement (OFI), including offering an abbreviated Species at Risk (SAR) training session for harvesting contractors, and suggestions for improvements to SFMP indicators and stand-level operational controls.
 - Several Best Management Practices were noted, including SAR and SFM training materials for staff, inclusion of detailed rationales in annual report to address off-target results, and evidence of stand-level operational controls regarding stream crossing management.
- ii. External Audit: (conducted on July 19-21, 2010 by Dave Bebb KPMG)
- Previous minor non-conformances: Weaknesses were ID'd in 2009 in the implementation of Canfor's Fuel Management Guidelines. No recurrence of this issue was noted during the 2010 audit site visits to the PG DFA or TFL30. However, due to similar incidents being ID'd in 2010 at other Canfor operations, this remains an open item on the corporate audit report.
 - Progress towards addressing previous OFI's: A number of older OFIs have yet to be adequately addressed (ie. lack of effectiveness monitoring under SFM plans, overstory retention on S4 streams etc.), but good progress was made in a number of areas (ie. development of an Environmental Management Plan for FMG East, level of effort devoted to reviewing the CoC system during the management review etc.). The 2011 audit will include a review of outstanding OFI's to assess their status and determine whether they should be closed, left open until fully addressed by Canfor, or elevated to the level of a non-conformance.
 - New Minor Non-Conformance: PG: Lack of clear strategies by which the licensees on the LOWG will achieve the landscape-level biodiversity targets identified in the SFM plan.
 - New (systemic) OFI's include: Address weaknesses and inconsistencies in the current version of the Fuel Management Guidelines, and strengthen contractor and Canfor staff understanding of certain legal requirements. PG: Current monitoring suggests that patch size is trending away from the targets in a number of LU's; the lack of a clear strategy for achieving the patch size targets, coupled with the lack of a timely response to this emerging issue by industry and government, brings the effectiveness of a five-year reporting period for this indicator into question.
- iii. Canfor recommended for re-registration to CSA Z809-02 (SFM), ISO 14001 (EMS) and PEFC Annex 4 Chain of Custody.

ii. BCTS

Jeremy Greenfield informed the PAG that the timing of BCTS audits has been moved to October from now on. Audit findings will be available at next meeting.

iii. Carrier Lumber Ltd

Alena Charlston gave an update on a recent external audit (Environmental Management System (EMS) – ISO 14001; Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) – CSA Z809-02; Chain of Custody (CoC) – PEFC).

- i. External Audit (conducted June 7-10, 2010 by Craig Roessler of KPMG)

<http://www.sfmptsa.com/>

- ii. Minor Non-Conformance:
 - Carrier is a signatory to both the Prince George and Fort St. James SFM plans. Carrier's internal audit conducted in February 2010 documented that SMF requirements in the FSJ DFA were assessed by the internal auditor, but not in the PG DFA because operations had not been conducted for the operating year occurred in this DFA. Some SFM requirements in which pertain to both the PG and FSJ DFA's such as SAR, (Species at Risk) reviewed during the February 2010 internal audit but this was not documented.
- iii. Several Good Practices were noted throughout the audit: 1. Excellent communication strategy to ensure stakeholders and interested public are kept informed of relevant forest planning, development, road deactivation and herbicide; 2. Low levels of site disturbances on blocks field reviewed; 3. High level of care was taken in maintaining stream bank integrity and water quality in the construction of temporary quad bridges, and; 4. due care in contacting First Nations re: modifying harvest plan to protect resources features discovered in planning phase
- iv. Carrier recommended for re-registration to CSA Z809-02 (SFM), ISO 14001 (EMS) and PEFC Annex 4 Chain of Custody
- v. Carrier Lumber Ltd. also announced that they will be changing from registration with CSA to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). SFI is an independent and international standard (used by pulp mills) and still requires public input, but not in the form of PAG meetings. SFI meets the same rules and regulations as CSA. See <http://www.sfiprogram.org/> for more information.
 - The rationale for changing to the SFI standard is entirely a business decision which is being made to capture the efficiencies of all of Carrier's operations working under one SFI Plan
 - PAG member asked if there was public involvement with SFI. The LSC explained there is no public involvement in the form of PAG meetings. It comes in the form of stakeholders.
 - PAG member expressed disappointment that yet another company is switching to a Certification system involving less and less public input and face-to-face contact with the Licensees. There are a lot of issues that then potentially fall through the cracks. SFI Certification includes indicators that must be met, but without PAG input.
 - PAG member expressed frustration over hearing that foresters complain of minimal public involvement in Forestry issues, yet Industry and Government step away from opportunities for Public input like PAG meetings.
 - PAG member asked if Licensees using SFI Certification could be future guest speakers to the Fort St. James PAG to give updates on specific operations

6. CSA Z809-08 Transition Work Plan (roll out timelines and expectations)

Shannon Burbee gave a brief description of timelines and expectations for transitioning to the new CSA Standard.

<http://www.sfmprgtsa.com/>

- i. The goal is to have the new SFM plan written to the new standard by December 2011 so that Licensees can be audited in December 2012 following a year of experience using the new plan.
- ii. The LSC proposed to have a PAG meeting every 4 to 6 weeks. Licensees will endeavour to provide material at least 2 weeks in advance. The PAG will review suggested indicator revisions grouped around the 6 CSA SFM Criteria.
- iii. The LSC would like to align the indicator reporting across all SFM plans in the Prince George TSA. The new CSA Standard lists 34 Core indicators that must be addressed in each SFM plan. There is already a close alignment between the Core indicators and the indicators currently detailed in the Fort St. James SFM Plan.
- iv. PAG members felt that one meeting per month may not be realistic due to the time commitment required. It may be more realistic to meet every 6-8 weeks.
- v. The LSC suggested that many of the core indicators simply need "tweaking" instead of a complete rewrite. It was concluded that PAG members need to get an idea of workload volume before figuring out meeting frequencies.

7. Field Tour

- i. 5 PAG members attended the Field Tour held September 18, 2010.
- ii. Tour Stops included:
 - McLeod-Tsilcoh FIA Projects – Fish Barrier Passage Restorations (Before and After)
 - Kalder Lake Block – Visual Quality and Wildlife Tree Retention Area
- iii. PAG reviewed the definition of what a WTRA is. The LSC provided additional information: Guidance on Landscape – and Stand-level Structural Retention in Large Scale Mountain Pine Beetle Salvage Operations

8. Other

- i. Opportunity given to Wayne Moll to join PAG. He will let Facilitator know
- ii. Letter from Larry Erickson read by the Facilitator indicating his decision to resign from Ft. St. James PAG.
- iii. Jeremy Greenfield and Carrier Lumber farewells and best wishes

9. Next Meeting: November 15, 2010

10. Update Actions:

- i. Action List was reviewed and updated:
 - i. Action Item Jan 25 - 01: No additional questions or comments received. Action completed.
 - ii. Action Item Jan 25 - 02: Graphic circulated to PAG. Action completed.
 - iii. Action Item Jan 25 - 03: No comments received. Action completed.

	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Jan 25-01	Review Final Annual Report and provide questions or comments to the facilitator	PAG	March 15, 2009	Completed
Jan 25-02	Provide PAG with enlarged version of seed mixture graphic referenced in the Grass Seeding presentation.	Alena Charlston	Next Meeting	Completed
Jan 25-03	Forward more comments to the Facilitator regarding effectiveness of the PAG meetings.	PAG	Next Meeting	Completed
Sept 27-01	Review Draft Annual Report and provide questions or comments to the facilitator	PAG	October 27, 2010	