

## Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, March 23, 2010

Civic Center, Prince George, BC

### MINUTES

In Attendance:

<p><u>Public &amp; First Nations:</u></p> <p>Mark Clark – Small Timber Tenures                  Teena Demeulemeester – West Moberly First Nation                  Jo Graber – Cultural Conservation                  Melanie Karjala – Research &amp; Education                  Virginia Karr – Natural Conservation                  Dave King - Recreation, non-motorized                  Anne Migvar – Ranching &amp; Farming                  Jeff Mohr – Recreation, non-commercial, Motorized (Alternate)                  Lee Sexsmith – Recreation, non-commercial, Motorized                  Don Wilkins - Commercial Wildlife Interests</p>	<p><u>Steering Committee:</u></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Tim Sproule – BCTS                  Alena Charlston – Carrier Lumber                  Sara Fletcher – Canfor</p>
<p><u>Facilitator &amp; Scribe:</u></p> <p>Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.)                  Loni Spletzer</p>	<p><u>Advisors &amp; Observers:</u></p> <p>Lee Evans - BCTS                  Ray and Michelle Hourie – Sinclair Mills Residents                  Shannon Carson - ILMB                  Howie Harshaw – UBC Faculty of Forestry                  Anthony Giannotti – MoFR                  Stella Gauthier – West Moberley First Nation</p>

1. Welcome & Introductions – Tim Sproule
  - a. Tim Sproule introduced Howie Harshaw from UBC, Faculty of Forestry
  - b. Ray and Michelle Hourie from Sinclair Mills are attending their second PAG meeting as Observers.
2. Reviewed Agenda

- a. Add Prince George Timber Supply Review 4 Update
- b. Add Community Stability Tracking Matrix
3. Reviewed Minutes from January 12, 2010
  - Correction under “In Attendance” : remove “Alternate” designation for Len Shankel
4. Reviewed Meeting Evaluation Results
  - a. All results above target except M11 “Are you satisfied with PAG process?” (Score of 3.8)
  - b. Licensee Steering Committee (LSC) felt this result may have been in response to some of the discussion that occurred with the auditor.
5. Prince George Timber Supply Review 4 Update
  - a. PAG members expressed concern over TSR Public Discussion paper.
  - b. PAG members sent responses directly to the Ministry of Forests. Concerns were raised about some incorrect assumptions, lack of detail, accuracy and timeliness of information. PAG members can stay informed on this process through the following website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts>
6. PAG Membership
  - a. The Licensee Steering Committee completed a review of the status of active PAG representatives and identified a number of sectors as having lapsed representatives. The Terms of Reference for the Prince George SFM Plan Public Advisory Group states:  
*...If a PAG representative misses more than two consecutive meetings without a valid reason and without notifying his/her alternate and the facilitator, the PG SFMP Steering Committee may, based on consultation with the PAG, replace or remove that representative; (Section 6.1.3.g - Role of PAG Representatives)*
  - b. Current representatives for the following sectors have been notified of their lapsed status and the LSC now considers these sectors vacant:
    - Tourism
    - Small Business
    - Forest workers & contractors
    - Hunting & Fishing
    - Recreation, commercial, motorized
  - c. PAG members encouraged to think of people to fill vacancies: Mark Clark will approach Polar Coachman Fly Fishing Club for Hunting & Fishing, Ray Hourie will contact friend for Forest Workers & contractors.

- d. Ralph Hausot is stepping down as Alternate for the Research and Education sector so there is a vacancy in this position. Melanie Karjala has some ideas on who may be interested.
  - e. Ray Hourie has been an observer at previous PAG meetings and wishes to represent the Small Business sector. He also expressed interest in being an alternate with Gerald Bird for the Métis sector.
  - f. Michelle Hourie has been an observer at previous PAG meetings and wishes to represent Recreation, Commercial, - motorized.
  - g. PAG approved the following revisions to the list of Representatives and Alternates:
    - Commercial Wildlife Interests (guides/trappers/outfitters):
      - Don Wilkins replaces Ken Pickering as Representative
      - Ken Pickering replaces Len Shankel as Alternate
    - Small Business:
      - Ray Hourie replaces Rob Murray as Representative
    - Recreation, commercial - motorized:
      - Michelle Hourie replaces Kevin Taylor as Representative
    - Research & Education:
      - Remove Ralph Hausot as Alternate
7. 2009 SFM Public Opinion Survey – Howie Harshaw (UNBC – Faculty of Forestry) [Howie.Harshaw@ubc.ca](mailto:Howie.Harshaw@ubc.ca)
- a. Survey done on Prince George TSA – Comparison between 2006/2007 (1<sup>st</sup> wave) and 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> wave). The report will be online on the Project website [www.sfm-pos.ca](http://www.sfm-pos.ca)
  - b. Background:
    - The 1st Wave of Survey administered in 2006/2007; since that time, there have been many changes in economic, ecological and social conditions in the area. The 2nd Wave of survey administered to investigate whether changes being faced by the timber-dependent communities have influenced Prince George TSA residents' attitudes and preferences for forest management.
  - c. The presentation highlighted *differences* between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> wave only and was not intended to be a full review (full report is over 100 pages).
  - d. In rural communities: approach in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave was to contact people by telephone to invite them to take the survey instead of sending initial invitations via mail (since mailing addresses are different than the street addresses listed in the telephone directory)
  - e. Howie reviewed some of the Characteristics of the survey sample (noted differences in age, employment sectors, main connection to forests, etc)
  - f. Recommendations:
    - Continue to strengthen communication efforts between industry and communities.

- Continue to strengthen ties with communities by providing information about forestry and forestry related practices.
- Continue to seek out and secure partnerships for monitoring forest management outcomes.
- Continue to enhance and support outdoor recreation.
- Ask questions again to establish trends in public attitudes, beliefs, and perceptions

g. Discussion:

- PAG member asked about omission of “Other” for Question #12: “What is your main connection to forests?”
- PAG member noted mathematical errors on Summary Tables (ex. Population of Vanderhoof and resulting totals)
- PAG member felt it would be important to collect data on the opposite of Question #1: “There are enough checks and balances in place”. PAG member would have liked to see, “Are there too many checks and balances?”
- PAG member suggested that first question that should be asked in future survey is “Who defines: what is Forest Management? (ex. Government, forest industry, etc)”
- Observer asked about Question #9 wording (related to management of rare plants and wildlife) – didn’t feel it was worded well
- PAG members asked about the omission of questions on pesticide use on survey
- PAG member asked if this survey include Greater Vancouver and Victoria. There was no funding to expand the survey to these areas.

8. Presentation of SFM Plan version 2010 - Tim Sproule

Tim Sproule briefly reviewed the changes incorporated into this version of the SFM Plan.

a. Highlights:

- Updated BCTS Environmental and Sustainable Forest Management Policies
- Moved Annual Allowable Cut Apportionment for both Lakeland Mills and Winton Global from signatories section to the non-signatory section.
- Indicator #59: Compliance with Species at Risk and Sites of Biological Importance Management Strategies.
- PAG member requested receiving Summary of Changes to SFMP earlier so that it can be reviewed in advance.
- PAG member requested color copies of maps in final version of SFMP. It is much easier to read.

**Action Item 1:** PAG Representatives to review new version of SFM Plan and send any comments to the Facilitator by April 23, 2010.

**Action Item 2:** LSC to provide color handouts of maps found in SFM Plan at next meeting.

9. BCTS Audit Results – Tim Sproule

Tim Sproule briefly reviewed the results of the recent BCTS External Audit.

- a. One minor non-conformance: relates to how the Plan deals with landscape level biodiversity
10. Implementation Plan for updating SFMP to the new CSA Z809-08) Standard – Sara Fletcher

Sara Fletcher described the LSC's recommended Implementation Plan for updating the SFM Plan to the new CSA Z809-08) Standard.

- a. The Standards Council of Canada is likely to approve to the Z809/08 CSA SFM Standard by end of March 2010. The new standard must be incorporated into existing SFMP's within 2 years of its publication (in order to be auditable within the 3 year timeline).
- b. The Licensees and BCTS support a condensed timeline to transition to the Z809/08 CSA SFM Standard in order to capitalize on FIA funding, focus the transition efforts for the PAG and Licensee Steering Committee, and to more quickly realize the synergies for the Core Indicators
- c. Work completed since January 2010
  - Opportunities have been identified to synchronize and simplify the indicators and measures between the four Prince George TSA SFM Plans (PG, TFL30, Vanderhoof, and Ft. St. James)
  - 35 common core indicators have been identified to meet the Z809-08 standard (please note that additional local indicators will also be considered for the updated plans).
- d. Transition Timelines have been proposed for 2010/11 PAG meetings (proposed final target date for completion by end of Jan 2011)
  - May or June 2010 – 1 meeting
  - July or August 2010 – 1 meeting
  - September to December 2010 – meet every 2 weeks (total of between 5 and 7 autumn meetings)
  - January 2011 – 1 meeting
- e. Discussion
  - PAG member suggested eliminating summer meeting (July/Aug) since people are away
  - PAG member likes “rapid order meetings” so that information stays fresh and does not need to be “re-learned”
  - PAG member asked about seeing a comparison between the old standard and the new one to see the scope. Licensees explained that the first meeting will review the main differences between the old and new Standards and define the workload
  - LSC are looking at integrating the TFL30 into the PG SFMP
  - PAG member feels that public input is valuable since the SFM Public Advisory process is one of the few forums still available for public input into Forest Industry

practices.

11. Community Stability Tracking System – tabled for future meeting
12. Evaluation Forms requested and collected
13. Next Meeting: **Tuesday May 18, 2010 Prince George Civic Centre 5:30-9:00 pm**

#### 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.
June 18 - 01	Review the draft Annual Report and forward comments to the Facilitator.	PAG	July 2, 2009	Completed
Jan 12 - 01	Review the final Annual Report and forward comments to the Facilitator.	PAG	February 12, 2010	Completed
March 23 - 01	Review new version of SFM Plan and send any comments to the Facilitator.	PAG	April 23, 2010	
March 23 - 2	Provide color handouts of maps found in SFM Plan.	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	