



Meeting Summary

Attendance:

<i>Public Advisory Group*:</i> Ron Timothy Larry Erickson Bob Frederick Henner Grimm Ross Hamilton Bryan Muloin Barb Rooke	Ron Timothy Joanne Vinnedge Joe Vogl Sr.	<i>Steering Committee & Advisors:</i> Kevin Bedford – Carrier Lumber Bryan Jakubec – Canfor Houston Dean Chartier – Canfor PG Jeremy Greenfield - BCTS Dwayne Eastman - BCTS Darwin Koch – Apollo Forest Products Jeremy Smith - Stuart Lake Lumber
<i>Facilitator & Scribe:</i> Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.) – Facilitator/Scribe		<i>Observers:</i>

Quorum based on past five meetings: 4

A. Welcome & Introduction

1. Members signed in
2. Welcome by the Chair of the Licensee Steering Committee [Kevin Bedford]
3. Introductions
4. Reviewed evaluation results of March 26th, 2007 PAG meeting.
5. Confirmed agenda
6. Minutes of the March 26th, 2007 PAG meeting accepted (five abstentions) as written.
 - a. Questions regarding the decision making methodology in the Terms of Reference (voting versus consensus)
 - b. See Actions.
 - c. Reason for abstentions: Didn't attend the March 26th, 2007 PAG meeting.

B. Indicator #59 – Develop management strategies with the purpose of obtaining a list of important forest values and corresponding indicators from the first nations whose traditional territories in which the Licensees operate

1. Presentation on Indicator #59
 - a. See handout.

2. Discussion on Indicator #59.

- a. PAG members discussed the steps involved and feel this will take a long time.

3. Consensus of PAG members on Indicator 59 Indicator Statement, Target and Variance.

a. **Replace** “Indicator: “Develop management strategies with the purpose of obtaining a list of important forest values and corresponding indicators from the first nations whose traditional territories in which the Licensees operate.” Target: Within 1 year of adopting the SFMP. Variance: 6 months” **with** Indicator: “Develop a list of important First Nations forest values and corresponding indicators through research, surveys and information sharing with local First Nation communities that are impacted by the plan.” Target: March 31, 2010 – see below for target dates for each strategic milestone. Variance: 6 months”

b. Consensus of PAG members on Indicator 59 with 1 dissention:

- Dissention #1: Already approached First Nations and sees it going nowhere.

C. Annual Report and SFMP Version 3.5

1. Presentation of Annual Report.
2. Discussion of Annual Report
 - a. See actions.

D. Marten and Moose Strategy

1. Presentation of Marten and Moose Strategy
 - a. This strategy is an attempt to balance Sustainable Forest Management values and meet legal requirements.
 2. See attached presentation.
 3. See Actions.
4. Discussion on Marten and Moose Strategy
 - a. Corridor and connectivity strategies are good
 - b. Would like to see these strategies influence the development of Habitat Connectivity at the Landscape Level. Landscape-level strategies and tools exist that could be used to apply these strategies.
 - c. Need to stop getting hung up on specific animal species and need to look at broader species groups that use the same habitat.
 - d. Fragmentation is an issue as isolated populations will decline. Need to plan for the complex issue of connectivity.
 - e. Would like to see more thought into measurables for Snags and understory. The strategies need to make you think of how the stand will progress through Free-to-Grow. Think about where and how to apply these strategies.

- f. Hoping to see more information on specific site-level management strategies not just referencing existing strategies.
- g. Need to know whether balance will maintain viable populations: Are there “core” areas?; What is the minimum habitat required to maintain a viable population.
- h. It is better to be proactive with habitat maintenance versus reactive with recovery strategies.
- i. Coarse Woody Debris quality 70 years from now is a big consideration.

E. Review and Update of Continual Improvement Matrix

a. Discussion on Review and Refinement to the Continuous Improvement Matrix:

i. See Actions.

ii. Work has been completed on issues described in rows 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9

- **Row # 2: Criterion:** MBTS; **Issue:** Access control is an issue for other tenure holders and the general public; **Suggested Strategies:** Develop a deactivation indicator for licensees and BCTS to follow.; **Suggested Dates:** Completed March 5, 2007
- **Row # 3: Criterion:** ASR for SD; **Issue:** Paul Swartz suggested the licensees set up a funding mechanism to give FN the resources needed to participate in the development of SFM indicators for FN forest values.; **Suggested Strategies:** Licensees to develop a PAG funding request mechanism in the ToR; **Suggested Dates:** Completed March 5, 2007 with the update to ToR.
- **Row # 5: Criterion:** Biodiversity **Issue:** Look at research into the historic levels of Douglas fir in the district (1900?). An ecologist with some idea of local history should complete this work. This will help set targets and variances for the landscape level Douglas fir indicator; **Suggested Strategies:** Licensees to report back to PAG on an estimation of the historic levels of Douglas fir within the district.; **Suggested Dates:** Completed at the June 10th, 2006 PAG meeting. Report prepared and presented by Christie Hoy (SLL).
- **Row # 7: Criterion:** MBTS; **Issue:** Consider sending a letter to the FSJ District Manager expressing the PAG concerns with road management and access issues in the district.; **Suggested Strategies:** Draft letter up for submission once the plan is finalized.; **Suggested Dates:** Completed October 30, 2005
- **Row # 8: Criterion:** Biodiversity; **Issue:** Indicator #13: For blocks where Douglas Fir exists in the stand, the percent of site plans that incorporate the Douglas fir management strategy. Target: 100%. Variance: 20%. Consensus was not reached for this indicator. On October 5, 2005, the licensee/BCTS team elected to move this indicator from the performance matrix to the CI matrix.; **Suggested Strategies:** PAG needs to examine this indicator for relevance to the plan and possibly re-work it so that consensus could be reached.; **Suggested Dates:** Completed March 31, 2006.
- **Row # 9: Criterion:** MBTS; **Issue:** Indicator #38: The volume of timber harvested relative to Licensee Allowable Annual Cut (AAC). Target: Harvest to a maximum of 80% of 5 year AAC amount, by licensee, unless licensees can demonstrate that 100% is feasible. Variance 10%. Consensus was not reached for this indicator. On October 5, 2005, the licensee/BCTS team elected to move this indicator from the performance matrix to the CI matrix.; **Suggested Strategies:** PAG needs to examine this indicator for relevance to the plan and possibly re-work it so that consensus could be reached.; **Suggested Dates:** Completed at the March 31, 2006 PAG meeting. Indicator #38 was added back into the SFMP.

iii. Issues identified in Rows 1, 4, are no longer relevant and can be deleted.

- Row # 1: Criterion: Biodiversity or MBTS; Issue: Paul Swartz suggested that an indicator be put in place as an avenue to provide funds for scientific research for non-legal indicators. Alternatively, a section in the SFMP stating that licensees are committed to completing X-amount of scientific research annually.
- Row# 4: Criterion: Biodiversity; Issue: Develop indicators around measuring the public, first nations, or other stakeholder's satisfaction with licensee's communications with them.

b. Consensus of PAG Members (1 dissention) on refinement to Continuous Improvement Matrix:

- i. Delete Rows 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9
- ii. Reason for Dissention: Row # 4 – Don't feel that there are enough effective tools for communication with the public.

F. Others:

1. •Summer Field Tour
 - a. A summer field tour is on hold until economic conditions improve
2. Fall Field Tour
 - a. Licensees and other PAG members would like to take a field tour with the Trappers
3. PAG Interest Areas
 - a. Interest area Survey was distributed, completed and collected.

G. Update Actions: Action List was reviewed and updated

H. PAG Meeting Feedback (PAG questionnaire): Fort St. James SFMP PAG meeting evaluation distributed, completed, and collected.

I. Next meeting

1. Agenda:
 - a. Review and Update of Continual Improvement Matrix
2. Time: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
3. Date: TBD
4. Place: Seniors Centre (Fort St. James)

J. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Dec 4 - 01	Presentation on Moose and Marten Management Strategies	Licensee Team	Spring 2007	Completed
Jan 27 - 04	Provide one page update on licensee FIA funded projects. Licensees to maintain and update.	Licensee Team	Next meeting	Ongoing

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Mar 26 - 01	Confirm total area of non-common ecosystems in Fort St. James District (<2000 hectares in size).	Licensee Team	Fall 2007 meeting	
Mar 26 - 02	Draft suggestions for CI Matrix Strategies and Completion dates for consideration by the PAG	Licensee Team	Fall 2007 meeting	
Mar 26 - 03	Distribute PAG Interest Area Survey to Active PAG members that did not attend March 26 th , 2007 meeting	Dwight Wolfe	Next Meeting	Completed
May 14 - 01	Review Decision making methodology in Terms of Reference at next Terms of Reference review	Licensee Team	February 2008	
May 14 - 02	PAG members to provide comments on Annual Report to Licensees or PAG facilitator	Dwight Wolfe	June 14, 2007	
May 14 - 03	PAG members to review Marten and Moose Strategy and provide comments to PAG facilitator	Dwight Wolfe	Next Meeting	
May 14 - 04	Email copies of historic Douglas-Fir Strategy document to PAG members.	Licensee Team	Next meeting	