



Fort St. James
Sustainable Forest
Management

Public Advisory Group

Minutes from the February 19th Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Location: Fort St. James Senior's Centre

<p>In Attendance: Barb Rooke - Forest worker Joe Vogl – Milling, trapping Bob Frederick – trapping Beulah Broen – logging Larry Erickson - Guide Outfitter Orville Koette – Regional District Joanne Vinnedge - Biologist Bryan Muloin - prospecting Randy Sulyma - Wildlife and Ecology Paul Swartz - Chamber of Commerce Sue Grainger – John Prince Research Forest Henner Grimm - BC Wildlife Federation</p> <p>Absent: Allan McDonald - Tanizul Christie Hoy-SLL</p>	<p>FSJ Licensee Representatives: Darwyn Koch-Apollo Kevin Bedford-Carrier Paul Blomberg- BCTS Glen - Canfor Houston Annette Constabel – Canfor Phil Smith - Canfor Kerry Deschamps - Canfor</p>
<p>Facilitator: Brian Robinson, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. Scribe: Anthony Giannotti, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd.</p>	<p>Guests Craig Delong MOF Alex Ostapiuk MSRM</p>

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00am Saturday, February 18th 2005

Agenda

1. Introduction: Brian Robinson covered the following:
 - Confirmed the next two meetings will be on March 5 and March 19 at the Senior's Centre.
 - Tentative meetings are scheduled on April 9 and April 30 and May 14 and May 28.

- PAG members and the licensees agreed to remove Rainer Glyckherr from PAG because of a lack of attendance at all previous meetings as well as the present meeting.
 - The role of PAG is not to change or debate laws.
 - B.C. has the most stringent forest legislation worldwide as determined by an independent study.
 - Local licensees have an annual allowable cut (AAC), which can't be changed by PAG. They are required by cut control legislation to achieve AAC requirements. PAG can discuss/determine how to achieve objectives as well as where to avoid harvesting within the realm of legal requirements.
 - Licensees have to report back to PAG if both legislative requirements and SFMP requirements have been met.
 - The agenda and guest speakers were introduced.
2. During the morning there were presentations from Craig DeLong, MoF Regional Ecologist, on natural disturbance units and from Alex Ostapiuk, MSRM planner on landscape.
 3. In the afternoon, PAG continued to develop the matrix for Conservation of Biological Diversity.
 4. Indicators, targets and variances were completed for Element 1.1, Ecosystem Diversity. (see table below)

CCFM Criterion	CSA SFM Element	Value	Objective	Indicator	Target	Variance	Comments
Sustainable populations of all flora and fauna native to the DFA (Natural Abundance and distribution of species within their natural range)	1.1 Ecosystem Diversity	Diversity of natural ecosystems that will support function of natural processes for future generations (Conserve ecosystem diversity for future generations)	Maintain natural diversity / distribution (Natural biodiversity in natural ratios) (Large variety of diversity that covers all land uses, social, economic values and biota)	Relative abundance of ecosystems (Number/types of habitats)	Within 1 year of predictive ecosystem mapping (PEM) completion, develop ecosystem representation targets	none	Once mapping is completed, targets for representation will be set. Note technique in SFMP (Bunnell). Vote 7/1, abstain 3. 2Vote 8/0. abstain 3, Consensus
				Seral Stage	Targets will vary by BEC variant.	TBA (all)	Old indicator no longer applicable Vote 7/2/2. 2Vote 8/0/3; consensus
				Maintain “old forest” within each NDU (merged BEC) 10/0/1; consensus	Greater than or equal to the targets set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”. 0/5/6 Revision: Maintain average percent of total old forest and not go below minimum natural variation 10/0/1; consensus	Variations set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”. Within range of natural variation 10/0/1; consensus	Vote 0/7/4. PAG does not agree with these targets As per Craig Delong
				Maintain “old interior” within each NDU (merged BEC) 10/0/1; consensus	Greater than or equal to the targets set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”, as per above target. 0/5/6 second vote after clarification: 9/0/2; consensus	Variations set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”. General consensus	

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				<p>Maintain a variety of young patch sizes in an attempt to approximate natural disturbance</p> <p>10/0/1; consensus</p>	<p>Targets set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”.</p> <p>0/5/6 second vote after clarification: 7/0/4; consensus</p>	<p>Variances set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”.</p> <p><i>General consensus</i></p>	<p>Second Vote accepted 7/0/4</p>
				<p>Percent of openings (> 100 ha.) harvested annually that meet the large opening design criteria.</p>	<p>>80% of openings</p>	<p>-10%</p>	<p>As per Darwyn’s large opening design criteria Vote 7/1/3, Joanne doesn’t like shape index. Majority Agreement.</p>

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ITEM NUMBER	ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN	STATUS (Achieved, Late, Pending)
1	Initial version of DFA from FSJ licensee steering committee	DK	Dec. 4	Achieved
2	PAG to list their interests and have interests incorporated into the TOR	BR, AG	Dec. 4	Achieved
3	AG to call FN to see if anyone is interested in participating in one PAG meeting to see what it's all about.	AG	Before Dec.4th	Achieved
4	Approve TOR from Nov.6 meeting.	PAG/L icensee	Dec 4	Achieved
5	Licensees to complete matrix from Dec4th meeting and finish biodiversity.	Licenses (DK)	Jan 8	Achieved Jan. 26
6	Send background information to new PAG members	BR	Dec 10	Achieved
7	Send PAG, licensee and observer contact list, with interests, to PAG members	BR	Dec 10	Achieved
8	Contact PAG members who have not attended first two meetings and ask if they want to remain in PAG	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved
9	Send agenda for Jan. 8 PAG meeting, approved TOR and Dec. 4	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved
10	Send glossary of forestry terms and acronyms to PAG members	BR	Dec. 10	Achieved at Jan. 29 meeting
11	Send info from Jan 8 PAG meeting and agenda for Jan. 29 PAG meeting	BR	Jan. 14	Achieved
12	Complete biodiversity matrix information	Licenses	Jan 29	Achieved
13	Minimum old growth requirements in PG TSA, look into it to see why they use the minimum instead of the average.	Licenses	Feb. 18	Pending
14	Bring local NDU, BEC, satellite image and Landscape Unit maps to next meeting	Licenses	Feb. 19	Pending
15	Arrange for Guest speakers (MSRM, NDU specialist)	Licenses	Feb. 19	Pending

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16	Licensees to provide info on the local use of herbicides (ha treated)	Licensees	Feb. 19	Pending
17	Licensees to provide ideas about connectivity on large blocks and how this would look on the ground	Licensees	Mar. 12?	Pending
18	Develop best management practices for brushing which achieve free growing requirements and preserve native plant species.	Licensees	May?	Pending
19	Develop more comprehensive strategy for retention of Douglas-fir on cut blocks	Licensees	May?	Pending
20	Update TOR- Defn. Abstain from a vote: not to be in substantial disagreement and to indicate a willingness to proceed to the next step..sec8 Vote 11/0	Facilitator	Feb. 21	Achieved

