



Fort St. James
Sustainable Forest
Management

Public Advisory Group

Minutes from the January 29th Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Location: Fort St. James Senior's Centre

<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Barb Rooke - Forest worker Joe Vogl – Milling, trapping Bob Frederick – trapping Beulah Broen – logging Larry Erickson - Guide Outfitter Orville Koette Joanne Vinnedge - Biologist Ron Timothy Bryan Muloin - prospecting Dexter – John Prince Research Forest (alt.) Randy Sulyma - Wildlife and Ecology Paul Swartz - Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Sue Grainger – John Prince Research Forest Rainer Glyckherr Henner Grimm - BC Wildlife Federation</p>	<p>FSJ Licensee Representatives:</p> <p>Darwyn Koch-Apollo Kevin Bedford-Carrier Leone MacDonald - BCTS Christie Hoy-Stuart Lake Lumber Allan McDonald-Tanizul Timber Glen- Canfor Houston Annette Constabel - Canfor</p>
<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Brian Robinson, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. <u>Scribe:</u> Anthony Giannotti, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd.</p>	<p>Guests</p>

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00am Saturday, January 29th 2005

Agenda

Here is the agenda for our fourth PAG meeting on January 29 from 9 AM to 4 PM (lunch provided) at the Fort St. James Senior's Centre:

1. Finish developing the matrix for water quality using information provided by licensees.
2. Finish developing the matrix for biodiversity using information provided by licensees.



3. If time permits, start developing the matrix for the criterion: Multiple Benefits to Society.

The whole meeting was spent discussing elements, values, objectives, indicators and targets for biodiversity. Refer to the meeting notes.

Note: During a discussion of species diversity, several PAG members wanted to record an avoidance of using herbicides and pesticides on the biodiversity matrix. When a vote was taken, 7 PAG members opposed the use of herbicides and pesticides for brushing, and 5 agreed to limited use. No consensus or general agreement was reached on this motion.

Notes: Jan 29, 2005 PAG meeting

1.1 Ecosystem Diversity

Use of Predictive Ecosystem Mapping
Use of Natural Disturbance Units

- Minimum retention of old growth and biodiversity
- Concerns over the larger patches 1000ha, connectivity and how it will impact wildlife
- Connectivity/corridors: Are they designed at the landscape or stand level?
- Need Best Management Practices for connectivity around the larger openings
- OGMA why don't we have any here? Spatial vs. aspatial
- Once OGMA's are established it is difficult to move boundaries.
- Licensees to come up with some ideas surrounding connectivity and large blocks and how this would look on the ground.
- Arrange for a presentation on the theory behind Natural Disturbance Units and cut block size and higher level planning (where standards come from). Arrange for research scientists and MSRM staff.
- Use various types of local Maps as visual aids.

1.2 Species Diversity

(Species shift) Percent of harvested areas, having free growing obligation, that are regenerated to species ecologically suited to the site

- Rework this one to focus on brush species or index of species diversity
- Need a plant community indicator to maintain diversity of plant species
- We can impact brushing and weeding and what we plant – concerns over herbicides
- Need a Best Management Practice for brushing that achieves free growing targets and preserves native plant species.



- Retain what grows back and accepting these species as part of the diversity
- **Note:** Several PAG members wanted to record an avoidance of using herbicides and pesticides on the biodiversity matrix. When a vote was taken, 7 PAG members opposed the use of herbicides and pesticides for brushing, and 5 agreed to limited use. No consensus or general agreement was reached on this motion.
- Licensees to provide information on local herbicide use for the next meeting (See addition to matrix)
- Recovery plans should be a part of managing for species at risk.
- Paul has suggestion to revise the objectives on 1.2 in the matrix. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

1.3 Genetic Diversity

- Retain a minimum of 5% of mature Douglas-fir as it exists within the stand - PAG wants info on why this number is so low and would like a higher number for retention
- Douglas-fir stands have other unique values
- Need a better strategy for Douglas-fir retention on cut blocks in addition to leaving Douglas-fir greater than 60 cm in diameter.
- Suggest a mark to leave based on wildlife tree specs?
- At the next meeting, Kevin will provide Information on how seed is collected for artificial regeneration in relation to genetic diversity.
- Percent wildlife trees and/or wildlife tree patches associated with areas harvested annually by licensee as measured across the DFA.
- Quality and location and diversity of WTP representative of pre-harvest stand

1.4 Protected Areas and Sites of Biological Significance

- PAG stated that guidelines for management around parks should be included in the matrix
- There was a concern over newly identified features that may be found during fieldwork and how will they be handled and mapped by the licensee. How will management objectives be measured?

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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 licensee	Dec 4	Achieved
5	Licenseses to complete matrix from Dec4th meeting and finish biodiversity.	Licenseses (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	Licenseses	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.	Licenseses	Feb. 18	Pending
14	Bring local NDU, BEC, satellite image and Landscape Unit maps to next meeting	Licenseses	Feb. 19	Pending
15	Arrange for Guest speakers (MSRM, NDU specialist)	Licenseses	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

