



Fort St. James
Sustainable Forest
Management

Public Advisory Group

Minutes from the May 14th Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Location: Fort St. James Senior’s Centre

<p>In Attendance: Henner Grimm Joe Vogl Ron Timothy Bryan Muloin Beulah Broen Sue Grainger Larry Erickson</p> <p>Absent: Phil and Annette – Pope & Talbot Barb Rooke Bob Frederick Paul Swartz Orville Koette Randy Sulyma Joanne Vinnedge</p>	<p>FSJ Licensee Representatives: Darwyn Koch-Apollo Paul Blomberg- BCTS Christy Hoy-SLL Kevin Bedford-Carrier Kerry Deschamps – Canfor Glenn McIntosh - Canfor</p>
<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Brian Robinson, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. <u>Scribe:</u> Darwyn Koch</p>	<p>Guests</p>

Meeting Called to Order at 9:10am Saturday, May 14th 2005

Agenda for May 14, 2005

1. Finish the matrix – PAG members will be given the opportunity to bring forward any items which they feel are missing from the matrix.
2. Finalize indicator # 53 (refer to enclosed matrix)
3. Kerry Deschamps from Canfor, Prince George will provide a summary of the “values” survey from the last meeting.



Meeting Notes

Element 1.1

No additional indicators proposed.

Element 1.2

Sue's proposed indicators:

Maintain hardwoods in proportion to their natural occurrence at the landscape and stand level.

- Larry - feels that natural occurrence of hardwood may be a problem – fire history. What about the future of hardwoods being harvested? The deciduous license in FSJ has stocking standards specific to reforestation of deciduous species. Larry would like deciduous stands left intact on the landscape – maintain what is naturally there to begin with. May need a deciduous cycle on conifer-managed sites to maintain site/soil productivity.
- Kerry – can look at climax hardwood communities on the landscape level and maintaining those types over time. Manage for X% of deciduous on the landscape level based on the proportion present now over the landscape. Ex: 4% on a landscape basis. The concept is that we don not want to loose the % of hardwoods over the landscape, rather than managing for hardwood replacement on the stand/tree level.
- Christie – propose to focus indicator on the stand level rather than the landscape level.
- Sue – would like to see indicators around both the landscape and stand level.
- Kerry – suggests that we focus on the landscape for now and look at the stand level over the next few years.
- Vote: 7/0/0 vote for having a hardwood indicator added to the matrix.

Maintain Douglas-fir at the landscape and stand-level

- Larry – concerned over historic levels of Fd on the landscape. When logging started in FSJ, Fd was the primary species targeted for logging. Does not want to see the percentages at current day levels, would rather see the historic levels of Fd.
- Kerry – use the hardwood indicator for landscape levels of Fd as it is now. Hire an ecologist to research historic levels of Fd.
- DK – propose to have the landscape level indicator with the current levels and set up a research study to look at historic levels of Fd (ecologist). **Put this into the continuous improvement matrix.**
- Copy stand level Fd indicator to species diversity.
- Vote: 7/0/0 vote for having a landscape level Fd indicator added to the matrix.

Maintenance of road densities under X% and the number of loop roads under X% for wildlife conservation

- Sue - An increase in road densities has a detrimental effect of wildlife numbers. Loop roads can also have a negative impact on wildlife populations.



- Kevin – Indicator #25 may cover this off by limiting the number of roads to < 5%.
- Ron – Cutblock size will also have a big impact on wildlife populations - 1000 ha. blocks.
- Vote: 4/2/1 vote for having an indicator for road density and effects on wildlife added to the matrix. No consensus reached for adopting this indicator into the matrix.

Percent wildlife trees and/or wildlife tree patches associated with areas harvested annually by licensee as measured across the DFA.

- Repeat of indicator under genetic diversity.
- Bring under species diversity – consensus to copy from genetic diversity.
- Sue – WTP quality?? PAG wants WTP quality, location, and connectivity to be put under the CIM for future consideration.

Develop management strategy for marten and moose

- Bring under species diversity – consensus to copy from MBTS.

Element 1.3

Sue’s suggestion - Regeneration of crop trees using seeds selected in such a way as to maintain a range of genetic diversity

- There are legally established rules for seeds and seed use.
- It is important to note that genetically diverse seed and seedlings be used.
- Because of the above, PAG agreed to not add this to the matrix.

Element 1.4

- Joanne is concerned over the word legally. The WHF will not be made legal.
- Christie – take out legally.
- PAG – the word legally taken out of the indicator – consensus reached to do so.
- Joanne’s comment was added under indicator # 17.

Element 2.1

No additional indicators proposed

Element 2.2

- Copy moose and marten indicator #45 to this section of the matrix. PAG – consensus reached for copying this indicator into element 2.2.

Element 3.1

No additional indicators proposed

Joanne’s comments added to indicator #24

Element 3.2

No additional indicators proposed

Indicator 31 – PAG agreed to add the word “adequate” as per Sue’s comments



Element 4.1 & 4.2

No additional indicators proposed

Element 5.1

Develop a landscape level strategy for protection of subsistence uses

- Larry – Native use and values can change over time, so we shouldn't lock it down. Will trails and berry patches be maintained over time.
- PAG vote – 7/0/0 to add this indicator into the matrix.
- After further discussion, Second PAG vote – 4/1/2 – general agreement
- Third vote – 4/2/1 – no consensus reached. Ron changed his vote to no from abstaining.
- After further discussion: Forth vote – 5/1/1 – Larry abstains so general agreement
- Henner – berry picking is variable. No sense in maintaining trails from berry pricking.
- Sue – Tanizul proposed to produce a map of the location of berries on an annual basis.
- Sub. uses include hunting, berry picking, fishing, and medicinal plants.
- Ron – we should scrap this indicator. Don't herbicide where there are berries.
- Joe – the berry patches change as the forest changes. Difficult to manage.
- Kevin – maintaining plant diversity is already in the matrix.
- Kerry – may be able to use PEM and to work with First Nations to develop a map, indicating locations of berries and medicinal plants
- Beulah – sub. Uses should not be restricted to First Nations. Recommend developing a proposal for a strategy, rather than a strategy.

Develop a landscape level strategy to respect recreational/cultural trails/sites, spiritual uses

- Christie – likely covered off by other indicators.
- Sue – archaeological information doesn't necessarily speak to spiritual values. Need something for landscape level consideration. Is related to First Nations values indicator.
- Ron – trapper and mining trails included? PAG says yes. Add commercial to the indicator.
- PAG vote – 7/0/0 for putting this into the matrix.

Element 5.2

NEW Road maintenance indicator

- Larry – feels that roads, where substantial wood has been hauled, should be maintained to a suitable level. Road maintenance is the issue.
- Ron – feels licensees should pay for road maintenance activities for all uses.



- Henner – people should have access to the lakes for recreation (fishing/camping).
- Kerry – in PG, the licensees noted this as an issue and made a commitment to send a letter to the District Manager expressing the PAG’s thoughts regarding road management issues.
- Beulah – would like to see an indicator stating that all roads in the DFA are maintained to a certain standard.
- PAG vote 7/0/0 – voted on having an indicator in the matrix covering off road maintenance.
- Brian and Sue votes yes for road maintenance.
- Types of roads? Mainlines, FSR, block, winter???
- Standard of maintenance? 2WD, 4WD, industrial???
- Kevin – licensees have no jurisdiction on highways (north road). On FSRs, the designated primary road user has the road maintenance obligations (grading, fix pipes, etc.). Licensees made it clear that this issue is beyond the control of the licensees and the PAG agreed to this, but they felt it was necessary to have this in the matrix.
- PAG wants Maintain roads in the DFA on a year round basis.
- PAG would like a letter sent to the FSJ District Manager (cc. To MLAs) expressing the PAGs concerns over road management. Kerry suggests sending this letter after the plan is finalized – in the fall 2005. Request a response in the letter. Letter added to the action items.

Element 5.3

No additional indicators proposed

Element 6.1

No additional indicators proposed

Add Sue’s comments to indicator #55

Indicator 53 – no additional comments regarding the paper provided by Sue.

Elements 6.2, 6.3, 6.4

No additional indicators proposed

Scenarios

Kerry presented the results of the element prioritizing and the scenarios for forecasting to the PAG. Kerry discussed 6 possible scenarios and asked the PAG for approval to run these scenarios over the summer. The PAG agreed to the scenarios as proposed.

Scenarios presented and approved by PAG

1. Base case
2. No harvesting
3. Enhanced harvesting
4. Enhanced biodiversity
5. Enhanced soil and water protection
6. Enhanced community benefits



Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Last Updated on March 6, 2005

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/Licen see	Dec 4	Achieved
5	Licensees to complete matrix from Dec4th meeting and finish biodiversity.	Licensees (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

Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Last Updated on March 6, 2005

ITEM NUMBER	ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN	STATUS (Achieved, Late, Pending)
11	Send info from Jan 8 PAG meeting and agenda for Jan. 29 PAG meeting	BR	Jan. 14	Achieved
12	Complete biodiversity matrix information	Licensees	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.	Licensees	Feb. 18	Achieved
14	Bring local NDU, BEC, satellite image and Landscape Unit maps to next meeting	Licensees	Feb. 19	Partially Achieved at meeting
15	Arrange for Guest speakers (MSRM, NDU specialist)	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved
16	Licensees to provide info on the local use of herbicides (ha treated)	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved
17	Licensees to provide ideas about connectivity on large blocks and how this would look on the ground	Licensees	Feb. 19	Achieved
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 and advanced regeneration on cut blocks	Licensees	April 30	Achieved, however, no PAG consensus
20	Update TOR, Section 8a: Add the following sentence. A PAG member abstaining from voting on an issue is deemed not to be in substantial disagreement and to indicate a	Facilitator	Feb. 21	Achieved



Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Last Updated on March 6, 2005

ITEM NUMBER	ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN	STATUS (Achieved, Late, Pending)
	willingness to proceed to the next step			
21	Provide UWR condition requirements to PAG for their information	Licensees	March 19	Achieved
22	Provide definition of regionally important wildlife to PAG	Licensees	When available	Pending
23	Provide wildlife habitat features information to PAG	Licensees	When available	Pending
24	Determine a target and variance for the indicator: “the number of individuals satisfied with the communication process” in MBTS matrix	Licensees	2006?	Pending; put into continuous improvement matrix
25	Determine the % of operational forestry contract value within the DFA serviced by north central BC to see if it agrees with the MBTS target of 90%; Define north central BC	Licensees	Fall 2005	Pending
26	Determine percentage of advertised employment opportunities target and variance in MBTS matrix.	Licensees	Fall 2005	Pending
27	Develop proposed matrix information for Criterion # 6 and #2	Licensees	March 19	Achieved
28	Develop target and variance for “Percent of individuals satisfied with the communication process”, element 6.1	Licensees	2006?	Pending; put into continuous improvement matrix
29	Determine variance for note 2.7 (% compliance to archaeological and cultural prescriptions)	Licensees	Fall 2005	Pending



Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Last Updated on March 6, 2005

ITEM NUMBER	ACTION ITEM	WHO	WHEN	STATUS (Achieved, Late, Pending)
30	(2.9) Determine type of resources to help First Nations develop forest values list (report to PAG)	Licensees	Fall 2005	Pending
31	Put indicator numbers 42, 54, 60 into a continuous improvement matrix and address them outside the main matrix. Also, "add % of Fd within the DFA" indicator (Element 1.2) to this continuous improvement matrix.	Licensees	2006?	Pending; put into continuous improvement matrix
32	Clean up indicator # 53 after PAG has read Susan's paper on FN appealing CSA certification.	PAG	May 14	Achieved
33	Send letter to the FSJames District Manager (cc. to MLAs) expressing the PAGs concerns over road maintenance. Request a response in the letter.	Licensees	Fall 2005	Pending

