



Fort St. James
Sustainable Forest
Management

Public Advisory Group

Minutes from the October 22/05 Fort St. James Sustainable Forest Management Public Advisory Group (PAG)

Location: Fort St. James Senior’s Centre

<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Henner Grimm Beulah Broen Susan Grainger Larry Erickson Paul Swartz Ron Timothy (left at 10:30) Bryan Muloin</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Joanne Vinnedge Barb Rooke Randy Sulyma Orville Koette Joe Vogl Bob Frederick</p>	<p>FSJ Licensee Representatives:</p> <p>Darwyn Koch - Apollo Glen MacIntosh- Canfor Houston Jeff Brown - BCTS Christy Hoy - SLL Kevin Bedford-Carrier Annette Constabel – P & T</p>
<p>Facilitator: Brian Robinson, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. Scribe: Anthony Giannotti, RPF, Industrial Forestry Service Ltd.</p>	<p>Guests:</p> <p>Antti Makitalo Jonathan Armstrong</p>

Meeting Called to Order at 9:10am Saturday, October 22, 2005

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review/discuss forecasted scenarios.
2. Reach consensus on a scenario.
3. Solicit comments and concerns from the PAG concerning the draft Sustainable Forest Management Plan and Darwyn’s letter outlining minor changes to some matrix indicators.

Darwyn – Provided a handout of the six scenarios used in the SFMP forecasting and explained how the scenarios are related to the SFMP.



After that, Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd. (Antti Makitalo and Jonathan Armstrong) provided a presentation to PAG providing an introduction to growth and yield modeling and describing the impacts of each scenario:

Comments/Questions from PAG Members and Answers from FES:

Antti's introduction:

- Larry: Have you modeled in a disaster factor? *Things like the pine beetle, impact of climate change and how this may influence other disasters.* Do you see deciduous increasing over conifers? *This depends how you manage the stand.* What about climate change? *Climate change was not modeled.*
- Ron: Does this model the tree or the forest? *There is growth and yield input into the model which includes forest inventory.*
- Larry: How about other values? – *You focus traditionally on trees, but it has changed to include other factors.* *Habitat modeling is big but there is very little current data to base models on.*
- Beulah – what about other silviculture options? *We will get to that and look at a simplified version of silviculture.*
- Ron: Problems and solutions all relate to harvesting. *Modeling does not prove that “marten” will not be affected. (wildlife in general). It’s black and white when we look at harvesting an area, but a lost value means wildlife has gone, but we must look at the bigger picture and see how we try to maintain values across the landscape. More people are trying to get habitat data to use for modeling.*
- Beulah: What about the US and what they have done; do you look at the information they have collected? *They have different systems and classifications so we stick to what is available B.C.*
- Larry: Is short range more important than long term? *We may see the short term, but looking at the longer term may help to do a short term plan where we factor in objectives for the long term.*

Jonathan's Presentation:

- Larry: What if trees grow faster, can they grow faster? Is it possible? *Yes it is, with things like fertilizer and other practices such as types of trees, thinning and spacing.*
- Beulah: Thin if you leave trees, thinning if you take wood to the mill. ????
- Larry: What if wood was better used, with no waste, or re-use wood in houses? *We look at volume available as a result of a decision.*
- Larry: Quality of trees is not part of this analysis.
- Paul: Is each of these a variable? *No. These are results (“Indicators” slide).*
- Paul: Are they given weight? *Things interact to produce the results; nothing is weighted more than others.*
- Larry: You're not looking at all sides; you're just focusing on one thing. *We have done that in other models, but not done for this model.*

- Beulah: Mixed species planting from farming, mixed stands tend not to be hit as hard by mountain pine beetle. Is that a reality? *Maybe, but there are so many beetles out there, pine is killed regardless.*
- Ron: This is still a case of harvesting first and all about money. Nothing will change. The licensees will still harvest at the same level as in the past. What you have modeled is good but it's still about harvesting and not about other values. (Ron has left the Meeting at 10:30) Only six PAG members remain.

Break at 10:35

- Larry: You should focus on do more with less.
- Beulah: Wants information on stand density curves.
- Larry: When you harvest pine because of mountain pine beetle, is spruce being left behind? *Darwyn - If it is mixed, the spruce gets cut. If the spruce can be left it will be. But in general we are focusing on pine harvest.*
- Larry: How much has the pine harvest level gone up? *We are not sure – the model targets pine first.*
- Paul: Previously, were there comments from the licensees about the effects on jobs on drop in harvest? *Darwyn: Kevin presented a graph showing the potential loss of job for the PG TSA.*
- Paul: Scenario 2 shows that if we went to the enhanced level of biodiversity (scenario 2) there is not an effect on employment, compared to the base case. This is provided you manage Fort St. James as a separate area. But things are not managed that way. They are managed over the whole PG TSA.
- Beulah: If we managed for this enhanced level of biodiversity and as well as the whole TSA, would there be an impact? *The cut is managed at the TSA level so there will be an impact.*
- Paul: If I am voting on this scenario, it shows no impact but there would be? *We have to remember that there is a TSA effect.*
- Paul: Would scenario 3 (increased conservation) reduce the forecasted harvest and reduce the employment? *We have numbers on employment and they are forest industry direct jobs, it does not look at things like recreation.*
- Larry: Level of harvest for scenario 6 (worst case beetle) - government and licensees) will not let this happen. They can not ignore legal constraints, so unless legal constraints change, this is what we forecast.
- Larry: Will harvest level go up and if they don't know how much wood will be unsalvageable, and if they up the level, can it be sold?
- Beulah – What is the capacity right now? Mills or the market? *Annette: Mill capacity is going up, and the markets are difficult to guess on.*
- Larry? What will it be like in the future if climate change continues? What if soil changes and trees can grow? *We did not forecast climate change.*
- Larry: (caribou habitat indicator) Does this graph show an attempt to increase the number of caribou or maintain the numbers? *This shows the availability of the amount of caribou habitat and the minimum requirement for caribou habitat. We do not look at changing the minimum level.*

- Henner – In Europe they have managed forests but no old forests. Are we going to get there?

Summary Table:

- Paul: Lots of zeros in scenarios 2, 3, and 4. There are no effects on ecological values. *Beetle is limiting the land base.*
- Paul: If I was a licensee then I would work at the lower level, but if I wasn't I might say keep restricting things until we see some negative impacts. *We could keep changing the matrix and restricting/upper/reducing levels until we see some negative impacts.*
- Larry: Discussed the validity of Caribou range / winter range / ecology / and caribou needs.
- Susan: I was not here for the selection of the scenarios. Which scenarios relate to the indicator matrix? I see scenario 2 and part of scenario 4 but not 3. So what am I actually voting on? *Darwyn: We pick a scenario and look at the matrix and see how things will fit into the indicators and maybe add indicators and or tweak targets.*
- Susan: We all voted on enhanced biodiversity in the matrix. You guys said it may be difficult. So, if we vote for enhanced biodiversity, can it really happen since PG is in a tough spot? *Darwyn: PG's cut will drop and Vanderhoof's cut will drop even lower. Increased biodiversity will be difficult to achieve.*
- Susan: So, should we consider these options if things will change anyway? *Darwyn: Other licensees will be cutting in this district. The volume would be made available to others.*
- Beulah: Increased conservation is half and half, but if we chose it, we will still lose timber to other licensees. If we have only so much habitat, it must be located and connected in a good fashion. We may not be able to enforce quantitative things but we may be able to enforce quality. Does that make sense? Paul: *No.* Larry: *Location of areas is important.* Beulah: *We may not be able to determine the amount of area in good habitat but we want you to make sure what is going to available must be in good areas.*
- Darwyn: *These are the six scenarios we chose.* Larry: This is all from a logging perspective.
- Brian Robinson: Can you vote on these right now?
- Susan: Why do they have to be mutually exclusive? Why can't we use enhanced biodiversity and increase incremental silviculture?
- Darwyn: *Can you prioritize them?* Susan: Yes. That would be good.
- Brian R: We need to move on so for each scenario provide a rank (6 will be your highest priority, 1 is your lowest).
- Larry: I don't like how this is set up.
- Six PAG members were given a ballot with each scenario number and they placed a priority ranking on each scenario.

PAG Input to Darwyn's letter and to the SFMP:



- Darwyn: The licensees had to go through and establish the current status. There were concerns over the measurability of certain indicators; therefore some wording changes were made. The intent of each indicator was kept intact.
- 21 and 22: (Larry) You have not gone to lowest variance so they should be separate.
- Susan: On this one, they are two separate indicators and they should remain that way. 21 and 22 should not be combined. This was agreed to later.
- 55 and 59: Susan: These are not the same, one speaks to process the other speaks to content. For 59 – it's a thing, developing something. You should engage a social scientist to interview people. There are different ways of going about this. It should be a strategy. This was agreed to later.
- 55: Darwyn: Can we replace the indicator proposed for 55 into 59?
- Beulah, Larry and Susan feel that they need to vote line by line or else, they need more time to read the letter.
- Paul: Shed light that licensees have sought public input and needed to tweak some things to bring PAG's input up to CSA standards and made measurable.

Darwyn is giving the PAG until next Friday to suggest changes for the document dated Oct. 6th 2005, which proposes minor changes to some matrix indicators to improve on how they can be measured.

- Number 17: Larry: Site plans –does it include roads? Suggested change- include “percentages of roads and cutblocks harvested” with site plans and cutblocks. This was done as a global change to applicable indicators.

Since there is no quorum at present, a PAG vote on the Oct. 6th letter is hereby deferred and will be included in a PAG member's reply to Darwyn by Oct. 28/05, along with suggested changes.

Proposed changes made to Darwyn (by vote) will be implemented where possible and be included into the document (SFMP), If the changes are not agreed to by the PAG, the wording will remain as originally agreed upon, even though they may not be measurable.

- The next meeting will go over the CANFOR audit and start working on the continuous improvement matrix.

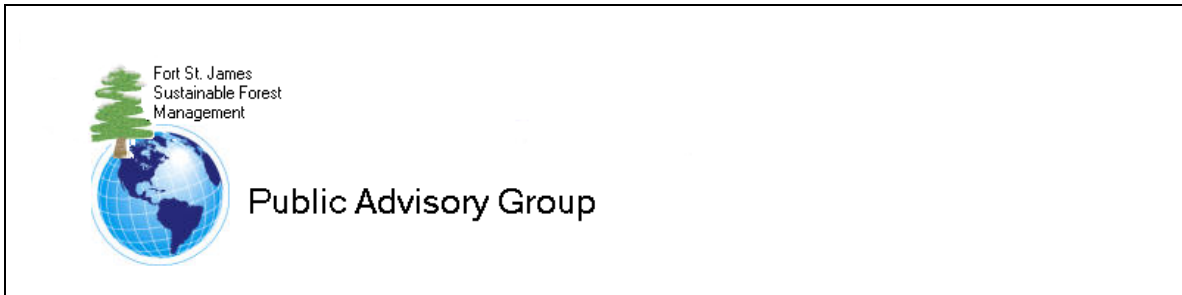
Comments on the SFMP:

- There was discussion on the process around how to make comments and what to look at. PAG were instructed to do an overview of the SFMP to ensure what is presented is what you agreed to.
- Paul noted that the pan was well collated.
- Brian: Are there any comments on the SFMP at this time?

- Paul: Footprints in the forest document – CSA process in general is the biggest critique. It is process oriented and does not directly set any targets different than government sets, so as long as you follow a process you are meeting the requirements and do not necessarily improve the environment. The PAG could set a process to exceed government standards. Try and aim for the highest goals and yes, economics may get in the way. This SFMP has the same shortfalls the CSA standards have; therefore we should try and aim higher.
- Beulah – some companies that have chosen the ecology options have shown economic profits in the face of choosing the environment.
- Generally the PAG members are not prepared to go into the SFMP at this time.

Since there was no quorum, PAG will provide comments on the SFMP to Darwyn by October 28 for incorporation into the document before Canfor’s audit. Since this is a living document, PAG is welcome to suggest changes at any time as a continuous improvement mechanism.

PAG decided that there was time to review the Oct. 6 letter for each indicator. This document was updated by Paul, Beulah, Susan, Henner, Bryan and Larry during today’s meeting. Refer to the agreed upon changes below. Since there was no quorum, Darwyn will solicit comments from other PAG members not in attendance.



October 6th, 2005

PAG Members:

Since we last met in May, the licensees and BCTS have been busy with the formation of the Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP). Avison Management from Vanderhoof was contracted to take the indicator matrix you created and pull it all together to form the main body of this SFMP. The SFMP is attached for your review and comment.

In the process of reviewing the SFMP, we encountered reporting difficulties with a few of the indicators. The licensees and BCTS worked together to propose revised wording to these indicators. Furthermore, indicators with similar intent can be combined for ease of reporting.

Below is a table summarizing our proposed revisions to the indicators.

Indicator #	Original Indicator, Target, and Variance	Proposed Revision to the Indicator, Target, and Variance	Rationale
8	Indicator: Proportion of site plans consistent with legally established ungulate winter range objectives. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks and Roads harvested that are consistent with legally established ungulate winter range objectives. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
9	Indicator: Compliance with the legally established (through FRPA Sect. 7.0 Notices) area, distribution, or area and attributes of areas, for the survival of species at risk and regionally important wildlife across the SFMP's DFA. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks and roads harvested consistent with approved provincial Species at Risk Notice/ Orders requirements as identified in operational plans. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
12	Indicator: Proportion of site plans consistent with management strategies for identified wildlife and blue and red listed species. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks and roads harvested that are consistent with management strategies for identified wildlife and CDC blue and red listed species. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
15	Indicator: Proportion of thinning and spacing prescriptions implemented annually that specify a post-treatment conifer density greater than the original planning density. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of thinning and spacing prescriptions implemented annually that specify a post-treatment conifer density greater than the original planning density Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Change "proportion" to percentage of prescriptions.
16	Indicator: Percent of future forest activities that are within protected areas or parks. Target: 0% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of harvest activities that are within protected areas and parks. Target: 0% Variance: 0%	Harvest activities include new harvesting and road building, where as forest activities could imply a whole set of activities that may still go on in a park (road maintenance, deactivation, silviculture obligations, etc.).
17	Indicator: Proportion of site plans consistent with established guidelines for wildlife habitat features. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks and roads harvested that are consistent with established guidelines for wildlife habitat features. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
20	Indicator: Proportion of site plans that adhere to the management strategies for the mapped sites of biological significance. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks and roads harvested that adhere to the management strategies for the mapped sites of biological significance. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
23	Indicator: Percent of audited cutblocks harvest annually, where the post harvest CWD levels are within the acceptable natural range of variability (as stated in m3/ha) Target: 100% Variance: -10%	Indicator: Percent of audited cutblocks harvested where post harvest CWD levels are within the acceptable natural range of variability (as stated in m3/ha) Target: 100% Variance: -10%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
24	Indicator: Soil disturbance levels within the net area to reforest (NAR) Target: Less than 5% on sensitive soils and 10% on other soils. Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of cutblocks harvested where the soil disturbance limits identified in the site plan are exceeded (typically 5% on sensitive soils and 10% on other soils) Target: 0% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement.
30	Indicator: Conformity to the DFA risk ranking system Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Conformity to the DFA risk ranking system developed for assessing stream crossings. Target: by April 1 st , 2007 Variance: 0	This indicator is associated with Indicator #29, which deals with the creation of the risk ranking system for stream crossing by April 1, 2006. We needed to change the

			target and make it time bound so we could prove to an auditor that we are conforming to the risk ranking system.
32	Indicator: Level of compliance to riparian management area commitments made in licensee FSPs. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of cutblocks harvested that are consistent with riparian management commitments identified in Site Plans. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement. Change to site plans rather than FSPs - not all licensees have FSPs in place.
34	Indicator: % of harvested blocks > 1.0 ha planted with conifers within 3 years of completion of harvesting. Target: 90% Variance: 20%	Indicator: Percentage of blocks > 1.0 ha harvested, 3 years prior to the reporting period, that have been reforested. Target: 90% Variance: 20%	Licensees and BCTS will assess blocks harvested 3 years prior to the reporting period for compliance with the indicator statement.
36	Indicator: Percent of watershed reviews completed where the baseline target is exceeded. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of watershed reviews completed where the baseline target is exceeded, and new harvesting is planned. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Watershed reviews will be completed where the baseline targets are exceeded and where new disturbances are planned.
37	Indicator: % of number of cutblocks declared annually that meet free growing requirements on or before the late free growing date. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of standards units declared annually that meet free growing requirements on or before the late free growing date. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	Standards units are what is declared in the current system, no blocks.
39	Indicator: Percent of cutblocks in known scenic areas with visual impact assessments completed. Target: Each year 100% of all visual quality assessments will be implemented according to recommendations. Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percent of cutblocks and roads harvested, in known scenic areas, which have visual assessments completed and implemented according to the recommendations. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement. Changed to visual assessments to recognize that there are different types and levels of assessments possible, not just VIAs.
49	Indicator: Percentage of advertised employment opportunities advertised locally. Target: 100% Variance: 0	Indicator: Percentage of advertised employment opportunities published in the local paper Target: 100% Variance: 0	Clean up of the wording.
51	Indicator: In November of each year, licensees will promote the concept of shopping local to all employees. Target: 100% promotion to each employee Variance: 0%	Indicator: Annually, licensees will encourage employees to shop local. Target: 1 promotion per licensee per year. Variance: 0	This allows a bit more flexibility for licensees to promote local shopping in a variety of ways during the times of the year that fit business needs.
56	Indicator: Percentage of archaeological field evaluations that have been referred to aboriginal communities for comment. Target: 100% of blocks and roads by licensee. Variance: 0%	Indicator: Percentage of archaeological assessments completed, on cutblocks and roads harvested, during the reporting period that have been referred to relevant aboriginal communities for review and comment prior to harvesting. Target: 100% Variance: 0%	The measure is tied to cutblocks harvested during the reporting period, relative to the requirements of the indicator statement. For blocks harvested in the reporting period, the licensees and BCTS will ensure that any AIAs completed on those blocks have been referred to the relevant aboriginal community.
10 & 11	Indicator: Develop management strategies for legally identified wildlife species that occur within the DFA that are likely to be affected by industrial activities. Target: Within 1 year of plan endorsement Variance: 6 months	Indicator: Develop management strategies for legally identified wildlife species, CDC ranked blue and red listed species, not already managed under UWR, regionally important species, species at risk, and IWMS, that occur within the DFA and that are likely to be affected by industrial activities.	Both these 2 indicators had similar requirements (management strategies) and similar timelines for completion.

	<p>Indicator: Develop management strategies for CDC ranked blue and red listed species, not already managed under UWR, regionally important species, species at risk, and IWMS, that occur within the DFA and that are likely to be affected by industrial activities.</p> <p>Target: Within 1 year of plan endorsement</p> <p>Variance: 6 months</p>	<p>Target: Within 1 year of plan endorsement</p> <p>Variance: 6 months</p>	
21 & 22	<p>Indicator: Percent of mappable non-forested types (>0.5ha) within cutblocks that are not planted.</p> <p>Target: 100%</p> <p>Variance: 20%</p>	<p>Indicator: Percentage of cutblocks harvested having mappable non-forest types (>0.5 ha) that are artificially converted to forested types through afforestation treatments.</p> <p>Target: 0%</p> <p>Variance: +20%</p>	<p>Original indicator #21 measure the number of non-forested types, where as original indicator #22 measured the areas of these types. The licensees and BCTS read these 2 indicators as one in the same, just a different approach. For this reason, we propose to combine them into 1 indicator based on cutblocks harvested during the reporting period.</p>
	<p>Indicator: Existing area of non-forested types artificially converted to forested types.</p> <p>Target: 0 ha.</p> <p>Variance: 0 ha.</p>	<p>Will be left as two</p>	
40 & 58	<p>Indicator: Percent of blocks harvested annually that follow recommendations contained in site level archaeological impact assessments.</p> <p>Target: 100% of blocks</p> <p>Variance: 0%</p>	<p>Indicator: Percent of blocks and roads harvested that are consistent with recommendations contained in site level archaeological assessments.</p> <p>Target: 100%</p> <p>Variance: 0%</p>	<p>Original indicators 40 and 58 are essentially the same measure. The licensees and BCTS propose to combine these 2 indicators to measure blocks and roads harvested during the reporting period and compliance with recommendations contained within completed site level archaeological assessments.</p>
	<p>Indicator: Compliance with archaeological and heritage prescriptions for blocks and roads.</p> <p>Target: 100% adherence of those prescriptions for blocks and roads by licensee.</p> <p>Variance: 20% of prescriptions</p>		
46 & 47	<p>Indicator: Percent of site plans that have incorporated information of known subsistence uses that have been brought forward.</p> <p>Target: 100% of site plans that have known subsistence uses that have been brought forward.</p> <p>Variance: 20%</p>	<p>Indicator: Percent of cutblocks and roads harvested that have incorporated information of known subsistence uses, recreational/cultural trails/sites, or spiritual sites that have been brought forward.</p> <p>Target: 100 %</p> <p>Variance: 20%</p>	<p>Original indicators #46 and 47 are very similar. The licensees and BCTS propose to combine these 2 indicators to measure blocks and roads harvested during the reporting period that have incorporated information of known subsistence uses, recreational/cultural trails/sites, or spiritual sites that have been brought forward.</p>
	<p>Indicator: Percent of site plans that have incorporated information of known recreational/cultural trails/sites, spiritual sites or have been brought forward</p> <p>Target: 100%</p> <p>Variance: 20%</p>		
55 & 59	<p>Indicator: Solicit participation in forest management from local aboriginal communities for areas of overlapping interest.</p> <p>Target: Bi-annually 100% of local aboriginal communities by licensee.</p> <p>Variance: 0%</p>	<p>Indicator: Number of communication opportunities (SFM or Forest Management related) provided to First Nations Bands annually whose traditional territories overlap with the area of the plan.</p> <p>Target: 8</p> <p>Variance: -2</p>	<p>The original indicators were not measurable and similar in the intent (communicate with First Nations). The revised wording will allow for communication with First Nations pertaining to SFM and related forest management issues. Furthermore, the revision makes the indicator more measurable and verifiable. The target of 12 reflects a combined commitment from the Licensees and BCTS to activity communicate with First Nations.</p>
	<p>Indicator: A list of important forest values and corresponding indicators from the First Nations whose traditional territories in which the licensees operate.</p> <p>Target: Within 1 year of adopting the SFMP</p> <p>Variance: 6 months</p>		

68 & 69	Indicator: Develop a proposal for a landscape level strategy for protection of subsistence uses. Target: within 1 year of SFMP approval Variance: 6 months	Indicator: Develop a landscape level strategy for protection of subsistence uses, recreational /commercial & cultural trails/sites, and spiritual sites. Target: within 1 year of SFMP approval Variance: 6 months	Original indicators #68 and 69 are very similar. The licensees and BCTS propose to combine these 2 indicators to develop 1 strategy instead of 2.
	Indicator: Develop a landscape level strategy to respect recreational /commercial & cultural trails/sites, and spiritual sites Target: within 1 year of SFMP approval Variance: 6 months		

If you have any concerns with this revised wording, bring your concerns to the PAG meeting scheduled for October 22nd, 2005.

Further to the proposed changes detailed in the above table, licensees and BCTS have elected to move all indicators that the PAG group did not reach consensus on to the continuous improvement (CI) matrix. These indicators will be maintained in the realm of the SFMP, but will not be reported out on when the plan is signed off. This will allow the PAG and licensees/BCTS further time to refine these indicators in the CI matrix so that they can be incorporated into the plan at a later date – likely during annual updates to the plan. The indicators that were moved to the CI matrix are #13, 38, 53, 57, and 67.

The road maintenance indicator (#70) has prompted a significant amount of discussion between the various companies and BCTS. During the May 14th PAG meeting, it was clearly stated that road maintenance was an important issue to the PAG. At this meeting there was quite a bit of discussion around what types of road would fall under this indicator (Forest Service Roads, Highways, Licensee roads), the standards of maintenance, timing of maintenance, how and who would be assessing the road maintenance, suggested road travel speeds, and who is ultimately responsible for these maintenance activities. Many of these concerns are still left unresolved. The Licensees and BCTS had to take a close look at this indicator to see if it would pass the CSA tests for measurability, predictability, relevance, understandability, validity, and feasibility. The indicator, as proposed in May, needs to be re-worked in order to meet some of these CSA tests. For this reason, The Licensees and BCTS have moved this indicator to the CI matrix so that further indicator refinement can be done during a future meeting.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this letter and the Draft SFMP.

Hope to see you all on the 22nd of October.

Sincerely

Darwyn Koch
Chair
Fort St. James SFMP licensee/BCTS Committee



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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/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

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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	May?	Pending
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



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	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	May?	Pending
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	May?	Pending
26	Determine percentage of advertised employment opportunities target and variance in MBTS matrix.	Licensees	May?	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	May	Pending
29	Determine variance for note 2.7 (% compliance to archaeological and cultural prescriptions)	Licensees	? May	Pending



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30	(2.9) Determine type of resources to help First Nations develop forest values list (report to PAG)	Licensees	? May	Pending
31	Send a letter/E-mail to PAG requesting priority ranking on the scenarios and comments concerning the Oct. 6/05 letter and the draft SFMP	Licensees	Oct. 23/05	Achieved

