

Prince George SFMP Public Advisory Group

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, April 9, 2005

Civic Centre (Room 208), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public Representatives
& Alternates, and First

Nations:

Betty Abbs

Mark Clark

Joseph Gagne

Yvonne Gaumont

Kate Harvey

Mike Morris

Esther Perry

Ken Pickering

Observers:

Gord Haines

Len Shankel

Licensee Steering Committee:

Chair: David Jewesson - Winton Global

Kerry Deschamps - Canfor

Cecil Gray – Lakeland Mills Ltd.

Shane Neukomm – Carrier Lumber Ltd.

Steve Webb - BCTS

Advisors:

Shannon Carson - MSRM

Facilitator: Roxanne Yanishewski (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

Scribe: Chris Bailey (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Welcome by chair of Licensee Steering Committee.
- b. Licensees and new PAG representatives introduced.
- c. Reviewed PAG March 31st, 2005 meeting evaluation results.

2. Reviewed Agenda

- a. Agenda accepted.

3. Reviewed Minutes

- a. PAG adopted the March 31st minutes as written.

4. Draft Performance Matrix – *Forest Ecosystems Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles* (Element 4.1 - Carbon Uptake and Storage, and Element 4.2 - Forest Land Conversion).

- a. Review of *Forest Ecosystems Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles* (Element 4.1 - Carbon Uptake and Storage, and Element 4.2 Forest Land Conversion).
- b. Discussion on *Forest Ecosystems Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles* (Element 4.1 - Carbon Uptake and Storage, and Element 4.2 Forest Land Conversion) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Forest Ecosystems Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles* (Element 4.1 - Carbon Uptake and Storage and Element 4.2 Forest Land Conversion) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Indicator 4.1.A.a.iii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Areas with stand damaging agents will be prioritized for harvesting; Target: 100% annually; Variance: -10%; Comments: Treatment may include no action.”
 - ii. Value 4.2.A accepted: “Forest Land.”
 - iii. Objective 4.2.A.a accepted: “Minimize the conversion of forest land to non-forest land.”
 - iv. Indicator 4.2.A.a.iii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The percentage of the Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB) in permanent access structures; Target: $\leq 5\%$ annually; Variance: +1%; Comments: Forest land is defined as per the CSA definition. Total Area PG FD = 2,999,487 ha, Total Area of Crown Forest = 2,215,522 ha, Current THLB PG FD = 1,326,164 ha, Area Removed for Existing Roads = 12,892 ha, Area Removed for Future Roads = ~58,438 ha. NOTES: To be reviewed by LSC; LSC is considering a 5-year rolling average of new permanent access structures.”

5. Draft Performance Matrix – *Multiple Benefits to Society* (Element 5.2 – Community and Sustainability, and Element 5.3 – Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs).

- a. Review of *Multiple Benefits to Society* (Element 5.2 – Community and Sustainability and Element 5.3 – Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs).
- b. Discussion on *Multiple Benefits to Society* (Element 5.2 – Community and Sustainability and Element 5.3 – Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.

- c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Multiple Benefits to Society* (Element 5.2 – Community and Sustainability and Element 5.3 – Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Value 5.2.A accepted: “Community well-being.”
 - ii. Objective 5.2.A.a accepted: “Support opportunities for maintaining a resilience and stable community.”
 - iii. Indicator 5.2.A.a.i and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Percent of money spent on forest operations and management on the DFA provided from North Central Interior Suppliers\Contractors; Target: 75%; Variance: -5%; Comments: North Central Interior = From McBride to Smithers and 100 Mile House to Mackenzie. The target applies to all licensees but will be reported out by licensee.”
 - iv. Indicator 5.2.A.a.ii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The percentage of the DFA volume advertised for sale through open competitive bid; Target: $\geq 20\%$ annually; Variance: -5%; Comments: Report out annually on actual volume sold. If possible, report out on locations of first scale of volume sold.”
 - v. Value 5.3.A accepted: “Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs.”
 - vi. Objective 5.3.A.a accepted: “Maintain the Distribution of Benefits and Costs.”
 - vii. Indicator 5.3.A.a.i and its target, and variance accepted: “Taxes paid on time to Governments; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: This includes all Federal, Provincial and Local Government taxes.”
 - viii. Indicator 5.3.A.a.ii and its target, and variance accepted: “Stumpage paid on time to Government; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
 - d. PAG Recommendations:
 - i. Add item to CI matrix: Licensees and BCTS participate in long-term strategic sustainability community planning in the DFA. For example: supporting small business, and educational opportunities, relocation opportunities, aboriginal business and current capital investments.
 - ii. Licensees and BCTS develop a value, objective, and indicator on safety for the DFA worker and/or include to the CI Matrix.
6. Draft Performance Matrix – Criterion 2.0 *Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity* (Element 2.1 – Forest Ecosystem Resilience, and Element 2.2 – Forest Ecosystem Productivity).
- a. Review of *Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity* (Element 2.1 – Forest Ecosystem Resilience, and Element 2.2 – Forest Ecosystem Productivity).

- b. Discussion on *Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity* (Element 2.1 – Forest Ecosystem Resilience, and Element 2.2 – Forest Ecosystem Productivity) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity* (Element 2.1 – Forest Ecosystem Resilience, and Element 2.2 – Forest Ecosystem Productivity) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Value 2.1.A accepted: “Resilient Forest Ecosystems.”
 - ii. Objective 2.1.A.a accepted: “Well-balanced ecosystems that support natural processes.”
 - iii. Indicator 2.1.A.a.i and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The amount of old forest by NDU/merged BEC within the DFA; Target: Target set as per the Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA; Variance: 0%; Comments: Report back annually on current status of objective (tables and maps showing locations of old forest and old interior forest areas). Members of the public who want to provide input on high quality old forest should inform the respective licensee for documentation.”
 - iv. Indicator 2.1.A.a.ii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The amount of interior old forest by NDU/merged BEC within the DFA; Target: Target set as per the Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA; Variance: 0%; Comments: Ensure that large patches are designed to ensure that patch/landscape retains values that are required by species that are dependent on that patch.”
 - v. Indicator 2.1.A.a.iii and its target and variance accepted: “The young patch size distribution by NDU within the DFA; Target: Target set as per the Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA; Variance: ±15%.”
 - vi. Indicator 2.1.A.a.iv and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Percent of areas planted consistent with operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: -5%; Comments: Ecological plans identify ecologically suitable species.”
 - vii. Indicator 2.1.A.a.v and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Trend towards the percentage of area of patches in 101-500ha range within the Wet Trench and Wet Mountain of the young patch size distribution class 101-1000ha.; Target: 75%; Variance: -5%; Comments: Wet Trench includes Valley and Mountain.”
 - viii. Value 2.2.A accepted: “Forest Ecosystems Productivity.”
 - ix. Objective 2.2.A.a accepted: “Maintain ecosystem conditions that are capable of supporting naturally occurring species.”

- x. Indicator 2.2.A.a.i and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Caribou Ungulate Winter Range requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: To be reviewed upon pending government direction regarding species at risk.”
- xi. Indicator 2.2.A.a.ii and its target and variance accepted: “The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Mule Deer Ungulate Winter Range requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- xii. Indicator 2.2.A.a.iii and its target and variance accepted: “The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Species at Risk Notice/Orders requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- xiii. Indicator 2.2.A.a.iv and its target and variance accepted: “The percentage of forest operations consistent with riparian reserve requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- xiv. Indicator 2.2.A.a.v and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “The amount of landscape level biodiversity reserves within the DFA; Target: Areas set aside to maintain natural forest conditions across the DFA as per the latest PG TSA; Variance: -1%; Comments: Refers to OGMA’s, parks, etc. Is intended to remain constant over time. (Areas not managed by MOF (parks, recreation areas, new protected areas, Herrick Old Growth Reserve)). 224,879.57 ha – Recreation, Parks; 4,480.59 ha – Herrick Old Growth Reserve; 44,908.56 ha – New Protected Areas; 274,268.72 ha – Total. Show total area of DFA, PG Forest District, and Forest Harvesting Land base.”

d. PAG Recommendation:

- i. The licensee and BCTS to explore ideas to present to the PAG with opportunities to enhance the ecosystem productivity beyond Free Growing obligations (Add to CI Matrix).

7. Update Actions

- a. See updated Action Table.
- b. Mar 5 – 04: Information handouts were provided to the PAG. The definition for Species at Risk was updated in Glossary Amendment #3 (March 8, 2005). Three new indicators were proposed in the Performance Matrix to address this action item (see 1.2.A.a.v, vi, & vii). The listing of the Species at Risk will be as per the BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer website.

- c. Review of new indicators under – Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity).
 - d. Discussion on new indicators under – Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity).
 - e. Consensus of PAG Representatives on new indicators under Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Indicator 1.2.A.a.v and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Percent of appropriate personnel trained to identify Species at Risk; Target: 100%; Variance: -10%; Comments: “Appropriate personnel” refers to key staff and consultants that are directly involved in operational forest management activities.”
 - ii. Indicator 1.2.A.a.vi and its target and variance accepted: “Percent of Species at Risk that have management strategies developed by April 2006; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
 - iii. Indicator 1.2.A.a.vii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Percentage of forest operations consistent with Species at Risk management strategies as identified in operational plans; Target: 100% annually commencing after April 2006; Variance: -5%; Comments: Variance will be re-evaluated once management strategies are developed.”
 - f. PAG Recommendation: Licensees and BCTS to develop a new indicator to ensure that all site plans are reviewed by someone with the appropriate species at risk training. Suggested Target: 100%; Suggested Variance: 0%.
 - g. Review of a new indicator under Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4 – Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance).
 - h. Discussion on a new indicator under Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4 – Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance).
 - i. Consensus of PAG Representatives on a new indicator under Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4 – Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance) indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Indicator 1.4.B.a.i and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “Hectares of unauthorized forestry related harvesting or road construction within landscape-level biodiversity reserves; Target: 0 ha; Variance: 0 ha; Comments: Refers to OGMA’s, parks, etc. Is intended to remain constant over time. This also includes areas not managed by MOF (parks, new protected areas, Herrick Old Growth Reserve).”
8. Evaluation Forms distributed and completed.

9. Next Meeting

a. Agenda:

- i. Review and finalize Performance Matrix
- ii. Rank Criterion in order of importance.

b. Time: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

c. Date: Saturday, April 23rd, 2005.

d. Place: Room 201-3, Prince George Civic Center.

10. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Nov 8 -02	Report back on ADA and Crown land within City limits when it is appropriate in the plan.	Steering Committee	Spring 2005	Ongoing
Dec 9 – 04	Find Representative for Commercial Fishing sector.	Steering Committee	Jan 15, 2005	Sector to be removed during the next review of the ToR.
Dec 9 –15	Steering Committee to respond to recommendation that indicator on roads in THLB is made more meaningful.	Steering Committee	Spring 2005	Outstanding. Consider having average over 5 or 10 years.
Mar 5 – 04	Respond to PAG recommendations on <i>Conservation of Biological Diversity</i> .	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	Completed
Mar 12 – 04	Respond to PAG recommendations on <i>Conservation of Biological Diversity</i> from March 12 th , 2005 PAG meeting.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	Completed
Mar 12 – 05	Respond to PAG recommendation to develop communication plan within DFA with special attention to rural communities. (See <i>Accepting Society's Responsibility for</i>	Steering Committee	September 2005	

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	<i>Sustainable Development</i>).			
Mar 31 - 01	Clarify the origin of the definitions in the final version of the PAG glossary (i.e., MoF, CSA, and PAG).	Steering Committee	September 2005	
Apr 9 - 01	Respond to PAG recommendation on <i>Multiple Benefits to Society</i> (Criterion 5.0 - item 5.d.i).	Steering Committee	April 23, 2005	
Apr 9 - 02	Respond to PAG recommendation on <i>Multiple Benefits to Society</i> (Criterion 5.0 - item 5.d.ii).	Steering Committee	April 23, 2005	
Apr 9 - 03	Review Performance Matrix to ensure that indicators and comments are consistent.	Steering Committee	April 23, 2005	
Apr 9 - 04	Respond to PAG recommendation on <i>Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity</i> (Criterion 2.0 - item 6.d.ii).	Steering Committee	April 23, 2005	
Apr 9 - 05	Respond to PAG recommendation on Conservation of Biological Diversity (Criterion 1.0 - item 7.f.iv).	Steering Committee	April 23, 2005	