

Prince George SFMP Public Advisory Group

9:00 – 4:30 PM, March 12, 2005

Civic Centre (Room 208), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs

Chris Andreschefski

Hilary Crowley

Yvonne Gaumond

Joseph Gagne

Jo Graber

Dawn Griffin

Virginia Karr

Dave King

Anne Migvar

Del Myers

Esther Perry

Ken Pickering

Jonathan Prince

Len Shankel

Observers:

Gord Haines

Chris Bailey

Licensee Steering Committee:

Chair: David Jewesson - Winton Global

Kerry Deschamps - Canfor

Cecil Gray - Lakeland

Shane Neukomm - Carrier

Tim Sproule - BCTS

Advisors:

Shannon Carson - MSRM

Loretta Drolet - MoF

Facilitator: Roxanne Yanishewski (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

Scribe: Gretchen Prystawik (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Welcome by chair of Licensee Steering Committee.
- b. Licensees introduced.
- c. Reviewed PAG March 5th, 2005 meeting evaluation results.

2. Reviewed Agenda

- a. Agenda accepted.

3. Reviewed Minutes

- a. PAG adopted March 5th minutes as written with the following changes:
 - i. Correct spelling of PAG member Hilary Crowley.

4. Update Actions

- a. See updated Action Table.
- b. Mar 5- 02: No studies on white tail deer currently underway in district. Deer are invader species and would not be in this area if it were not for a changing, milder climate.
- c. Mar 5 – 04: Steering Committee response to PAG recommendations on *Conservation of Biological Diversity*:
 - i. Recommendation: “Develop a work plan identifying and conserving “Interior Old Forests”. The work plan will show ways in which the public can be involved in the process. High quality old forest identified by the public will be forwarded to the Steering Committee.”
 1. Recommendation accepted by Steering Committee. Commitment demonstrated by adding issue to CI Matrix. Process to achieve work plan to be set up and implemented.
 - ii. Recommendation: “Include the SBSvk - Wet Mountain NDU in indicator 1.1.A.a.vi.”
 1. Recommendation accepted. Reviewed data on distribution of fire in 101 to 1000 ha range in wet mountain areas. Indicator 1.1.A.a.vi redrafted to include Mountain along with Wet Trench Mountain and Valley.
 2. Consensus of PAG representatives on indicator 1.1.A.a.vii and comments as modified: “Trend towards percentage of area of patches in 101 to 500 ha range within the Wet Trench and Wet Mountain of the young patch size distribution class 101 to 1000ha; Comments: Wet Trench includes Valley and Mountain.”
 - iii. Recommendation: “Develop an indicator for leaving additional Coarse Woody Debris (that is, more than what is currently required under the Forest and Range Practices Act).”
 1. Steering Committee found professionals disagreed on ideal amount of Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) due to conflicting values

- (utilization versus other values). Add issue to CI matrix to identify appropriate level of CWD retention.
2. Consensus of PAG representatives on indicator 1.1.A.a.vii and its target, variance, and comments: “Percent of cut blocks consistent with coarse woody debris requirements in operational plans; Target: 100% of blocks will be consistent with coarse woody debris requirements contained in operational plans; Variance: 0%; Comments: Efforts should be made to ensure that operational plans are based on research by ecosystem within the DFA to accommodate fauna, flora and soil dynamics.”
 - iv. Recommendation: “Develop an indicator for federally listed species at risk list (SARA legislation) and follow the recommendations coming out the Provincial legislation office.”
 1. Outstanding. Indicator developed by Licensee Steering Committee. PAG needs to work through to consensus.
 - v. Recommendation: “Develop an indicator that includes species identified by the Conservation Data Centre. (Contact Doug Wilson at WLAP for additional information.)”
 1. Outstanding. Indicator developed by Licensee Steering Committee. PAG needs to work through to consensus.
 - vi. Recommendation: “Develop an indicator for Marten and their habitat.”
 1. Completed. Marten is not a Species-At-Risk. Priority will be given to attending to Species-At-Risk. There is considerable overlap of habitat for Species-At-Risk with Marten. Therefore, the Licensee Steering Committee will not be proposing a separate indicator for Marten. Anyone with specific concerns regarding Marten should contact the respective licensee.
 - vii. Recommendation: “Include in the continuous improvement matrix a method on how to access information on animal populations and how they are being tracked.”
 1. Completed.
5. Draft Performance Matrix – *Conservation of Biological Diversity* Criterion (continued)
- a. Review of *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity).
 - b. Discussion on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments.

- c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Value 1.3.A accepted.
 - ii. Objective 1.3.A.a accepted: “Sustain natural genetic diversity on harvested areas.”
 - iii. Indicator 1.3.A.b.i accepted with one objection: “The Average percentage of stand-level retention in harvested areas within the DFA.”
 - iv. Indicator 1.3.A.b.i’s target, variance, and comments accepted: “7% annually within the DFA (minimum of 3.5% by block, no maximum %); variance: 0%; Comments: Process for monitoring and tracking will be identified in the SFMP. In the SFMP, provide comments on the process for maintaining the representativeness of what was in the stand and priorities for other values.”
 - v. Indicator 1.3.A.b.ii and its target and variance accepted: “Indicator: Percent compliance with Chief Forester’s Standards for Seed Use; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- d. Review of *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4- Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance) element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- e. Discussion on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4- Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance) element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- f. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.4- Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance) element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Value 1.4.A accepted: “Appropriate management to conserve identified sites of special biological significance.”
 - ii. Objective 1.4.A.a accepted: “Sites of special biological significance are identified and appropriately managed.”
 - iii. Indicator 1.4.A.a.i and its target modified and accepted: “Percent of appropriate personnel trained to identify sites of special biological significance; Target: 100%.”
 - iv. Indicator 1.4.A.a.i’s variance accepted with three objections: “Variance: -10%.”
 - v. Indicator 1.4.A.a.i’s comments modified and accepted: “Key staff and consultants that are directly involved in operational forest management activities. See definition in CSA standard for protected area and add definition to glossary. Sites of biological significance, which support red and blue listed plant communities and rare

ecosystems... Include features such as bald eagle or osprey nests, mineral licks, species at risk habitats and others provided by government.”

- vi. Indicator 1.4.A.a.ii and its target and variance accepted: “Percent of sites of biological significance that have management strategies developed by April 2006; Target: 100%; Variance 0%.”
 - vii. Indicator 1.4.A.a.iii and its target accepted: “Percentage of operations consistent with management strategies for sites of biological significance as identified in operational plans; Target: 100% annually commencing after April 2006.”
 - viii. Indicator 1.4.A.a.iii’s variance accepted with two objections: “Variance: -5%.”
- g. Recommendations of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- i. Add comment for indicator 1.3.A.b.ii: “In the SFMP identify the process for assuring seed for seedlings. Add to the CI matrix the issue of climate change and planting of the same mix of species or monocultures.”
 - ii. Steering Committee to propose indicator around introduction of exotic, non-native, and genetically modified species.
 - iii. Steering Committee to develop objective, indicator(s), target(s), and variance(s) for protected areas including legally protected (act and regulations) areas, OGMAs, parks, old growth reserves.
6. Draft Performance Matrix – *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development*.
- a. Review of *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights) indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - b. Discussion on *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights) indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Value 6.1.A accepted: “Aboriginal and Treaty Rights”
 - ii. Objective 6.1.A.a accepted: “Recognize and respect for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights”

- iii. Indicator 6.1.A.a.i and its target and variance accepted: “No unauthorized forestry activities within legally recognized (Provincial and Federally) treaty areas; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- iv. Indicator 6.1.A.a.ii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: “All FSP and associated major amendments are referred to affected aboriginal bands; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: Major amendments require government approval.”
- v. Indicator 6.1.A.a.iii and its target, and variance accepted: “Pesticide Management Plans and associated major amendments are referred to affected aboriginal bands; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- d. Review of *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.2 Respect for Aboriginal Forest values, Knowledge, and Uses) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- e. Discussion of *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.2 Respect for Aboriginal Forest values, Knowledge, and Uses) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- f. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.2 Respect for Aboriginal Forest values, Knowledge, and Uses) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Value 6.2.A modified and accepted: “Aboriginal Forest Values, Knowledge, and Uses.”
 - ii. Objective 6.2.A.a modified and accepted: “Incorporation of Aboriginal Forest Values, Knowledge, and Uses in Forest Management.”
 - iii. Indicator 6.2.A.a.i and its target and variance accepted: “Percentage of forest operations consistent with cultural heritage requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
 - iv. Indicator 6.2.A.a.ii and its target and variance accepted: “Percentage of forest operations consistent with Heritage Conservation Act; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
- g. Review of *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.3 Public Participation) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- h. Discussion of *Accepting Society’s Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.3 Public Participation) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Consensus by PAG representatives to Licensee Steering Committee’s proposal to record reasons for PAG representatives’ objections to a consensus-based decision in the meeting minutes.

- i. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.3 Public Participation) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Value 6.3.A accepted: "Public participation in decision making processes."
 - ii. Objective 6.3.A.a accepted: "A clear process for wide public participation in SFM."
 - iii. Indicator 6.3.A.a.i and its target and comments accepted: "Percentage of PAG satisfaction with public participation process; Target: 100%; Comments: Refer to detailed survey cards from PAG meetings."
 - iv. Indicator 6.3.A.a.i's variance accepted with two objections: "Variance: - 30%."
 1. Basis for two objections: Variance should be 20% because approval of 80% looks better, indicates more consensus, recognition of group diversity; - 70% is not enough approval).
 - v. Indicator 6.3.A.a.ii and its target, variance, and comments accepted: "PAG terms of Reference reviewed per year; Target: ≥ 1 ; Variance: 0; Comments: Part of the review would be to ensure that a diverse range of interests can participate in the process."
 - vi. Indicator 6.3.A.a.iii and its target and variance accepted: "Number of PAG meetings per year; Target: ≥ 1 ; Variance: 0."
 - vii. Indicator 6.3.A.a.iv and its target, variance, and comments accepted: "Percentage of public sectors as (identified in ToR) invited to participate in the PAG process: Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: Report out on attendance of public sectors."
- j. Review of *Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.4 Information for Decision Making) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- k. Discussion of *Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.4 Public Participation) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- l. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development* (Element 6.4 Public Participation) values, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Value 6.4.A accepted: "Informed, fair, and inclusive decision making."
 - ii. Objective 6.4.A.a accepted: "Adaptive forest management that is responsive to research, experience, and public input."
 - iii. Indicator 6.4.A.a.i and its target, variance, and comments accepted: "Percentage of PAG satisfaction with amount and timing of

information presented for informed decision-making; Target: 100%; Variance: -30%; Comments: Refer to detailed survey cards. Includes minutes, agendas, background information, and sources of additional information (amount, quality and content of the information).”

7. PAG Recommendations to Steering Committee on *Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development*.

- a. Steering Committee to develop communication plan within DFA with special attention to rural communities.

8. Evaluation forms

9. Next meeting

a. Agenda:

- i. *Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles*.
 ii. Complete *Multiple Benefits to Society* (Element 5.2 Community and Sustainability and Element 5.3 Fair Distribution of Benefits and Costs).

b. Time: 5:30 PM.

c. Date: Thursday, March 31st, 2005.

d. Place: Room 208, 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 year.

Mar 5 - 01	Add the definition for "tree length" to PAG glossary.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	Completed.
Mar 5 - 02	Investigate what work is being done on whitetail deer. (Contact Bill Arthur as suggested by Dave King).	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	Completed.
Mar 5 - 03	Provide PAG with federally listed species (blue and red) in the DFA and a list of their suitable habitats.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	Completed.
Mar 5 - 04	Respond to PAG recommendations on Conservation of Biological Diversity.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	Partially completed, see minutes (section 4.d). Licensees to present indicators.
Mar 5 - 05	Change the word "strategies" to "requirements" in the Performance Matrix for consistency.	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	Completed.
Mar 5 - 06	Provide PAG with a paper copy or web link for information on the Chief Foresters' Standards for Seed Use.	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	Completed. www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/cfstandards
Mar 5 - 07	Verify what process and detailed information is available for maintaining diversity (different seed zones and the way that seed is being collected). (Obtain information from tree improvement experts.)	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	Outstanding.
Mar 5 - 08	Determine if there is a Mountain pine beetle pine resistant program.	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	Outstanding.
Mar 12 - 01	Add to CI matrix the need to identify appropriate level of CWD retention.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
Mar 12 - 02	Add definition for "sites of biological significance" and CSA definition of "protected area" from the CSA Standards to the PG SFMP PAG Glossary.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
Mar 12 - 03	Update survey cards to capture the new indicator 6.4.A.a.i.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
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	

<p>Mar 12 – 05</p>	<p>Respond to PAG recommendation to develop a communication plan within DFA with special attention to rural communities. (See <i>Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development.</i>)</p>	<p>Steering Committee</p>	<p>Sept, 2005</p>	