

Prince George SFMP Public Advisory Group

9:00 – 4:30 PM, March 5, 2005

Civic Centre (Room 201-3), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs

Chris Andreschefski

Jocelyn Campbell

Hillary Crowley

Yvonne Gaumont

Jo Graber

Dawn Griffin

Virginia Karr

Dave King

Anne Migvar

Del Myers

Esther Perry

Ken Pickering

Jonathan Prince

Jim Reid

Karl Tress

Observers:

Gord Haines

Licensee Steering Committee:

Chair: David Jewesson - Winton Global

Kerry Deschamps - Canfor

Cecil Gray - Lakeland

Shane Neukomm - Carrier

Steve Webb - BCTS

Advisors:

Shannon Carson - MSRM

Loretta Drolet - MoF

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 introduced.
- c. Reviewed PAG February 26th, 2005 meeting evaluation results.

2. Reviewed Agenda

- a. Agenda accepted.

3. Reviewed Minutes

- a. PAG adopted February 26th minutes as written with the following changes:
 - i. Item 4.d.iv - Indicator 12 and its target, ~~variance~~, and comments accepted: ~~with notable objection by three PAG representatives~~:
“Indicator: Percentage of communication strategy requirements met;
Target: 100% (Annually); ~~Variance: -5%~~; Comments: Licensees and BCTS maintain list of interested parties and notify people on list when operations/developments are to occur. Private landowner and licensee/BCTS must mutually agree upon communication strategy. Forest health concerns around and adjacent to private land can be discussed during communication with private landowners.
 - ii. Variance for indicator 12 accepted with notable objection by three PAG representatives: Variance: -5%.

4. Update Actions

- a. See updated Action Table.
- b. Feb 26-01 – The City of Prince George and the MoF is conducting beetle salvage harvesting on Crown land within municipal boundaries. All public inquiries should be directed to the MoF District Office or to the City.
- c. Feb 26-03 – BCTS can report out on the town and intended scale site of the sales of the successful bidders and applicants.
- d. Feb 26-05 – Non-Replaceable Forest License holders are subject to the same rules, regulations and legislation as the major licensees. The Forest District informs all interested stakeholders of small-scale salvage activities. All interested stakeholders need to notify the Forest District office if they wish to be notified of small-scale salvage activities.

5. Draft Performance Matrix – Conservation of Biodiversity Criterion (continued)

- a. Review of *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 - Ecosystem Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- b. Discussion on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 - Ecosystem Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- c. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 - Ecosystem Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments:

- i. Indicator 1.1.A.a.v modified and accepted with objection from one PAG representative: “Indicator: The average percentage of stand level retention in harvested areas within the DFA.”
 - ii. Indicator 1.1.A.a.v’s target and variance modified and accepted: “Target: $\geq 7\%$ annually within the DFA (minimum of 3.5% by block, no maximum percentage); Variance: 0%.”
- d. Consensus of PAG Representatives on accepting Indicator 1.1.A.a.vi and its target and variance pending modification by including Wet Mountain in the Indicator. “Indicator: Trend towards the percentage of area of patches in the 101 to 500ha range within the Wet Trench Mountain and Valley of the young patch size distribution class 101 to 1000ha; Target: 75% target with a Variance -10% .”
- e. Review of *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 - Species Diversity) element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- f. Discussion on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 - Species Diversity) value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- g. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 - Species Diversity) value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - i. Value 1.2.A accepted: “Sustainable populations of flora and fauna native to the DFA.”
 - ii. Objective 1.2.A.a accepted: “Maintain habitat to support flora and fauna native to the DFA.”
 - iii. Indicator 1.2.A.a.i and its target, variance, and comments modified and accepted: “Indicator: The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Caribou Ungulate Winter Range Requirements as identified in operational; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: “To be reviewed pending new Government direction regarding Species at Risk.”
 - iv. Indicator 1.2.A.a.ii and its target, and variance modified and accepted: “Indicator: The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Mule Deer Ungulate Winter Range Requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
 - v. Indicator 1.2.A.a.iii and its target, and variance modified and accepted: “Indicator: The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Species at Risk Notices\Orders requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”
 - vi. Indicator 1.2.A.a.iv and its target, and variance modified and accepted: “Indicator: The percentage of forest operations consistent with riparian

reserve requirements as identified in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.”

- h. Review of *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity) element, value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - i. Discussion on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity) value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
 - j. Consensus of PAG Representatives on *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.3 - Genetic Diversity) value, objective, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
 - a. Value 1.3.A accepted: “Genetic Diversity.”
 - b. Objective 1.3.A.a modified and accepted: “Maintain natural genetic diversity.”
 - c. Indicator 1.3.A.a.i and its target, variance and comments modified and accepted: “Indicator: The amount of landscape-level biodiversity reserves within the DFA; Target: Area set aside to maintain natural forest conditions across the DFA as the latest PG TSR; Variance: -1%; Comments: Include the total area of DFA, PG Forest District and Forest Harvesting Land base.”
6. PAG Recommendations to Steering Committee on *Conservation of Biological Diversity*:
- a. 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.
 - b. Include the SBSvk - Wet Mountain NDU in indicator 1.1.A.a.vi.
 - c. Develop an indicator for leaving additional Coarse Woody Debris (that is, more than what is currently required under the Forest and Range Practices Act).
 - d. Develop an indicator for federally listed species at risk list (SARA legislation) and follow the recommendations coming out the Provincial legislation office.
 - e. Develop an indicator for that includes species identified by the Conservation Data Centre. (Contact Doug Wilson at WLAP for additional information.)
 - f. Develop an indicator for Marten and their habitat.
 - g. Include in the continuous improvement matrix a method on how to access information on animal populations and how they are being tracked.

7. Next meeting

a. Agenda:

- i. Complete Criterion 1.0 Conservation of Biological Diversity
- ii. Criterion 6.0 Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development

b. Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

c. Date: Saturday, March 12th, 2005.

d. Place: Room 208, Prince George Civic Center.

8. Evaluation forms

9. 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.
Feb 5 - 03	Respond to two recommendations by PAG under Conservation of Biological Diversity.	Steering Committee	Feb 26, 2005	Completed (Proposed indicators 5 & 6)
Feb 26 - 01	Investigate and report back on beetle salvage harvesting (time period, volumes, etc.) on Crown land within municipal boundaries.	Steering Committee	March 5, 2005	Completed
Feb 26 - 02	Provide written statement to PAG members clarifying mandate and scope of PAG and steering committee.	Steering Committee	March 5, 2005	Completed
Feb 26 - 03	Investigate legality and feasibility of tracking where BCTS sales are sold and how they are used.	Steering Committee	March 5, 2005	Completed

Feb 26 - 04	Chain of custody and tracking certified primary products during secondary manufacturing to be placed on CI Matrix.	Steering Committee	March 5, 2005	Completed
Feb 26 - 05	Investigate notification requirements and possibilities between small-scale salvage and non-replaceable forest licenses (NRFLs) and District Manager / license holders / stake holders. Report back on how to manage communication between salvage and planned activities.	Steering Committee	March 5, 2005	Completed
Mar 5 - 01	Add the definition for "tree length" to PAG glossary.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
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	
Mar 5 - 03	Provide PAG with federally listed species (blue and red) in the DFA and a list of there suitable habitats.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
Mar 5 - 04	Respond to PAG recommendations on Conservation of Biological Diversity.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	
Mar 5 - 05	Change the word "strategies" to "requirements" in the Performance Matrix for consistency.	Steering Committee	March 12, 2005	
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	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 31, 2005	
Mar 5 - 08	Determine if there is a Mountain pine beetle pine resistant program.	Steering Committee	March 31, 2005	