

Prince George SFMP PAG Subcommittee meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, November 23, 2006

Civic Centre (Room 202-3), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Virginia Karr
Dave King

Mike Nash
Ken Pickering

Dave Stevenson

Steering Committee:

Subcommittee Chair: Kerry Deschamps - Canfor
David Jewesson - Winton Global

Advisors & Observers:

Karl Bachmann
Aaron Deans
Gilbert Proulx
Darwin Coxson
Rhonda Thibeault

Facilitator: Roxanne Yanishewski (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

Scribe: Gretchen Prystawik (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Welcome by Kerry Deschamps

2. Reviewed Agenda - Agenda accepted.

3. PAG Old Forest Quality Subcommittee Mandate
 - a. Discuss and develop indicators for quality of old forest to be retained.
 - b. Identify options for stratifying the Defined Forest Area (DFA) and identifying old forest within those units.
 - c. Collect data/knowledge and brainstorm strategies and indicators to take back to full PAG. PAG will then decide whether to add indicators for Old Forest Quality to SFMP.

4. Old Forest Quality work plan – see handout “Old Forest Quality”
 - a. Consensus of PAG to reverse order of Steps 1 and 2 of work plan (see Action items).

5. Review of and discussion on current Old Forest status in Prince George
 - a. Maps of Old Forest and Interior Old Forest (roads and cutblocks buffered by 200 m to eliminate edge effects) provided for viewing.

6. Old Forest Quality Presentations:
 - a. Presentation: Assessing Old Growth Quality using Lichens as a Primary Indicator - Dr. Darwyn Coxson:
 - i. See handout.
 - ii. Discussion on Assessing Old Forest Quality.
 - iii. Invitation extended to presenter to provide information on areas having high old forest values (i.e., specific areas, maps with circles, GPS coordinates, UTM coordinates or latitudes and longitudes).
 - b. Presentation: Old Forest Considerations – Dr. Gilbert Proulx
 - i. See handout.
 - ii. Discussion on biological processes (ecosystems, animals, etc.) for establishing criteria for identifying quality Old Forest.

7. Brainstorming of categories for setting strategies for Old Forest Quality Management:
 - a. Suggestions on how to manage old forest quality landscape stratification:
 - i. North, south, east, west;
 - ii. BEC zones (ICH, ESSF, SBS);
 - iii. Natural disturbance unit and merged BEC; major watershed level – (between 8 and 20, may be connected to riparian management zones);
 - iv. Slope, aspect and elevation;
 - v. Physiographic units (i.e., Fraser Basin, Nechako Plateau, McGregor – Rocky Mountain complexes, Rocky Mountain Trench, Caribou Mountains complex, Hart Ranges);
 - vi. Species (tree); and
 - vii. Eco-sections.

- b. Consensus of Sub-committee to try using BEC, physiographic, and eco-section approach (nested) in scenarios as bases for stratification of management units for indicators of old forest quality. Scenarios will be brought back to PAG as options.

8. Evaluation forms distributed, completed, and collected.

9. Next Meeting:

a. Old Growth Sub-Committee Meeting:

- i. Agenda: Develop criteria and strategies to identify Old Forest “quality”
- ii. Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM
- iii. Date: December 7, 2006
- iv. Prince George Civic Center (Room 205-6)

10. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Nov 23 – 01	Update Old Forest Quality Work Plan by reversing order of 1 and 2.	Roxanne Yanishewski	Dec 7, 2006	
Nov 23 - 02	Provide paper on bird species associated with late successional forests to subcommittee group.	Kerry Deschamps	Dec 7, 2006	
Nov 23 - 03	Review eco-section methodology and provide to Roxanne Yanishewski.	Dave King	Dec 7, 2006	