

## Prince George SFMP PAG Meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, June 21, 2007

Civic Centre (Room 205-6), Prince George, BC

### MINUTES

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#### In Attendance:

##### Public & First Nations:

Gerald Bird  
Jo Graber

Virginia Karr  
Anne Migvar  
Esther Perry  
Ken Pickering

Jonathan Prince

##### Steering Committee:

**Chair:** Shane Neukomm - Carrier  
Janine Larmand – Canfor  
Cecil Gray – Lakeland  
Tim Sproule - BCTS

##### Advisors & Observers:

Scott Scholefield – BCTS

Matt Feagan – MoFR

Facilitator: Dwight Scott Wolfe (Tesera Systems Inc.)

Scribe: Gretchen Prystawik (Tesera Systems Inc.)

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1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Welcome by chair of steering committee.
  - b. Reviewed evaluation results for March 1, 2007 PAG meeting.
2. Reviewed Agenda – Agenda accepted with addition of “CSA National Standard Update” and “BCTS Audit Results.”
3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG adopted March 1, 2007 PAG minutes as written.
4. Annual Report : Review and Comment – Shane Neukomm
  - a. See attached presentation.

- b. This is the second annual report and includes format and content revisions suggested by the PAG members after last year's review. A BEC map, acronym definitions and clarification on license A70174 have been added.
  - c. 45 of 55 indicator targets were met. Eight indicator targets were missed and additional information on 2 indicators is pending and will be included in the final version.
  - d. Details are provided in the Annual Report handout and summary presentation.
  - e. See Actions.
  - f. Comments from PAG members:
    - i. BCTS should spend more money locally to support local suppliers.
    - ii. Lost time accidents are only tracked for direct employees. Licensees should be reporting all accidents. This issue was noted in audits and is a priority for the licensees and BCTS.
    - iii. A definition of "Key Employees" should be provided in the section on Species at Risk Training
    - iv. Concern from PAG members that there is very little silviculture reporting in the Annual Report besides Hectares Planted. No information is provided on the level of silviculture activities such as herbiciding, brushing, site preparation, etc. These activities have an effect on air and water quality, non-timber forest products. Details on types of applications and delivery procedures are important. The Continual Improvement Matrix has an action regarding herbicide use.
    - v. Range Tenure holders are required to deal with noxious weeds. How is this issue being addressed by the licensees? Licensees are required in their FSP's to have measures to prevent the spread of noxious plants. The Licensees are working on FIA projects to address this issue.
    - vi. The ability to measure the continuity of harvesting, planting and Free Growing should be addressed in the SFM Plan as a way to assess the effectiveness of management practices. Currently, these indicators are reported separately. An observer from the Ministry of Forests noted that a recent Forest Practices Board investigation found that Free Growing obligations are being met by licensees and BCTS across the province. A copy of the report will be provide to PAG members.
5. Peak Flow Index – Reporting and Indicator Development – Cecil Grey/Shane Neukomm
- a. Presentation on Peak Flow Index and results. See attached presentation.
  - b. Presentation on Proposed Peak Flow Index indicators and Watershed Evaluation and Risk Assessment Process

c. Discussion and Comments on Presentations.

- i. Review of Indicator 3.2.A.a.vi (Peak Flow Index)
- ii. Discussion on Indicator 3.2.A.a.vi (Peak Flow Index)
- iii. See Actions.
- iv. Concern that some watersheds are unnamed in the Peak Flow Index Table. The intent by the licensees over time is to give them unique names to help identify where they are
- v. Would like to see a definition of watershed areas and a discussion of parameters in the Indicator Detail Sheets
- vi. Other resource users and water uses are incorporated into the watershed risk evaluation procedures.
- vii. Concern that “lack of flow” is not addressed along with “peak flow”

d. Consensus of PAG Representatives on Indicator 3.2.A.a.vi (Peak Flow Index) target, variance, and comments:

- Add Indicator 3.2.A.a.vii (Indicator, Target, Variance, Comment) “The percent of active watersheds with PFI greater than the minimum threshold that have had a watershed risk evaluation complete.” Target: 100%: Variance: -10%: Comment: “In general watersheds with PFI  $\leq$  30 are considered low risk. Once above 30 then an evaluation of the watershed condition must take place to see if a hydrologist or other professional must be consulted. Evaluation can be complete by planning foresters. Some licensees have minimum thresholds established by professional hydrologists already. PAG would like to review process in future.”
- Add Indicator 3.2.A.a.viii: “The percent of active high risk watersheds that are assessed by a qualified professional.” Target: 100%: Variance: 0%: Comment: “Active watersheds are watersheds that have current or proposed harvesting.”
- Add Indicator 3.2.A.a.ix: “Percent of active operations within high risk watersheds that are consistent with recommendations of Hydrologic assessments.” Target: 100%: Variance: 0%: Comment: None

6. Access Sub Committee Update – Next Steps

- a. Deferred to October PAG meeting

7. Old Forest Quality Subcommittee Update

- a. Deferred to October PAG meeting.

## 8. 2007 Field Tour Update

- a. September 15, 2007 is the date for a Field Tour.
- b. PAG Members are encouraged to provide their suggestions for topics to the PAG Facilitator.

## 9. Updated Actions (see Action Table).

## 10. Other

- a. CSA Standard
  - i. See handout.
  - ii. CSA's Technical Committee on SFM is revising the SFM Standard and may contact PAG members requesting a review and feedback on the CSA Z809-07 SFM Standard.
- b. BCTS Audit results
  - i. Deferred to next meeting.
- c. Canadian Forest Service Reports on Public Involvement and SFM
  - i. Three reports referenced at the PAG meeting on March 1, 2007 are available from the PG SFMP Website [www.sfmptsa.com](http://www.sfmptsa.com) or contact the PAG Facilitator ([PGPAG@tesera.com](mailto:PGPAG@tesera.com)) if you would like a digital or printed copy. The reports are:
    - *Public involvement in Alberta forest management: do advisory groups represent the public?*
    - *Forest values and attitudes of the public, environmentalists, professional foresters, and members of public advisory groups in Alberta*
    - *Identifying indicators of community sustainability in the Robson Valley, British Columbia.*

## 11. Next PAG meeting:

- a. Agenda: Field Trip
- b. Time: TBD
- c. Date: September 15, 2007
- d. Location: TBD

## Actions

<b>ID#</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Nov 2 - 03	Provide updates on attempts to recruit representation for Non-Renewable Resource Extraction.	Steering Committee	Dec 2006	In progress: positive responses received from Enbridge, PMG, and BC Hydro.
Jan 18 - 04	Update Terms of Reference with formal details around Sub Committees.	Steering Committee	Dec 2007	
June 21 - 01	Annual Report Indicator 4.1.A.a.ii Free Growing Requirements: Explain why Canfor percentage is 101.2%	Steering Committee	In final version of Annual Report	
June 21 - 02	Review the CI Matrix issues and rank by priority	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
June 21 - 03	Provide a copy of Forest Practices Board report on reforestation practices	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
June 21 - 04	Provide % Hydrologic Recovery Table from Interior Watershed Assessment Procedure Guidebook (referenced in Peak Flow Index presentation)	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	
June 21 - 05	Consolidate Peak Flow Index presentation materials and provide to PAG	Steering Committee	Next Meeting	