

Prince George SFMP PAG Subcommittee meeting

5:30 – 9:00 PM, March 29, 2007

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

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public & First Nations:

Betty Abbs
Gerald Bird
Jocelyn Campbell

Dave King
Anne Migvar
Ken Pickering
Len Shankel

Dave Stevenson

Steering Committee:

Subcommittee Chair: Kerry Deschamps – Canfor
Shane Neukomm – Carrier
Tim Sproule – BCTS
Cecil Gray – Lakeland Mills
David Jewesson - Winton Global

Advisors & Observers:

Karl Bachmann
Aaron Deans
Rachael Holt
Kathy Juncker
Janine Larmand
Hugh Perkins

Facilitator & Scribe: Dwight Scott Wolfe (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Welcome by the chair of the PAG Subcommittee
2. Reviewed Agenda - Agenda accepted.
3. Reviewed Minutes – PAG Subcommittee adopted December 7, 2006 Subcommittee minutes as written.
4. Presentation by Manning, Cooper & Associates on “*Old Forest Quality Indicators in the Prince George Forest District*”
 - a. See attached presentation.
 - b. Discussion:
 1. Concerns about the resolution – too broad

2. Concern that model does not adequately address quality old forest greater than 250 years of age
 3. Questions regarding reasons for using the identified suite of “Additive” Indicators.
 4. Discussion of whether other indicators would be more useful as “Intrinsic” indicators
 5. Discussion about the identified suite of “Intrinsic” indicators and the potential for bias in the model.
 6. Concerns about the small amount of high quality old forest identified in the Plateau given the input parameters used.
 7. Acknowledgement that the approach and framework are relevant and that more detailed spatial analysis is required.
- c. Recommendations to Licensee Committee
1. Change “Patch” to “Polygon” in MCA report
 2. Add Ecosystem Rarity and Site Series as “Intrinsic” indicators.
 3. Small Scale: Needs to be broken down to smaller scale with a different set of “Intrinsic” indicators tailored to the Natural Disturbance Unit / Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) scale
 4. Aesthetic and Economic Values – can a similar formula be identified and assessed?
 5. In the Plateau, explore relative value of uncommon old patches of species other than Pine (additive indicator).
 6. The system (model) works and the process for fine tuning is good – needs more detail.
 7. Take recommendations from sub-committee and revise model inputs and report back to sub-committee.
 8. A good approach to identify “Old Growth”. Not as good for identifying “Antique” forest.
 9. In the wetter BEC subzones, the model may need to be run at the sub-zone level.
 10. Model is currently running on too broad of a scale for Indicator and Strategy development.

- 11. Need to identify a “final” scale that can be used to provide information for Indicator and Strategy development.
- 12. Look at developing focused Indicators and Strategies in the quality old growth areas of the wetter BEC subzones.
- 5. Next steps: Licensee Steering Committee will take recommendations from the PAG sub-committee and work with Manning, Cooper & Associates to refine the model and results:
- 6. Next Meeting:
 - a. Old Growth Sub-Committee Meeting: TBD
- 7. Actions

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