

**CSA - TFL30****Public Advisory Group Meeting**

January 21, 2006, 9:15 am – 5:00 pm  
 Prince George Civic Centre - Room 202-3

**Minutes**

## Attendance:

<p><i>Public Advisory Group:</i>          Doug Beckett - Public Interest          Ryan Bichon - McLeod Lake Indian Band          Jo Graber - Historical/Cultural          Gord Haines - Hunting, Fishing - recreational          Dave King - Recreation (non-commercial)          Sandra Kinsey - Environment          Anne Migvar - Agriculture/Ranching          Len Shankel - Trapping          Dave Stevenson - Local Community</p>	<p><i>CSA Advisors:</i>          Kerry Deschamps - Canfor          Rhonda Thibeault - ILMB</p>
<p><i>Facilitator &amp; Scribe:</i>          Roxanne Yanishewski (R. Yanishewski &amp; Associates)</p>	<p><i>Observers:</i>          Adrien A.J. Voyer</p>

**A. Welcome & Introduction**

1. Members signed in
2. Introductions
3. Confirmed agenda
4. Meeting evaluation results for January 9, 2006 meeting reviewed.
5. Minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting accepted as written.

**B. Canfor's draft SFMP Performance Matrix for TFL 30**

1. Draft Performance Matrix: Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity*.
  - a. Review of Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 – Ecosystem Diversity) values, objectives, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
    - i. The following maps were provided:

- TFL30 Management Plan No. 9 Timber Supply Analysis – Landscape Units
- TFL30 Management Plan No. 9 Timber Supply Analysis – Natural Disturbance Types
- FSP Natural Disturbance Units
- FSP Natural Disturbance Units Merged Biogeoclimatic Units

ii. Additional information available on the following websites:

- PGTSA Biodiversity Order & Background documents:  
[ftp://ftpprg.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/requests/Oct2004\\_PG%20TSA\\_Biodiversity\\_Order/](ftp://ftpprg.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/requests/Oct2004_PG%20TSA_Biodiversity_Order/)
- Biodiversity Guidebook at:  
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/fpc/fpcguide/BIODIV/biotoc.htm>

b. Discussion on Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 – Ecosystem Diversity) values, objectives, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.

c. Consensus or general agreement (with dissensions) of PAG Representatives on Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 – Ecosystem Diversity) indicators, targets, variances, and comments:

- i. Indicator 1.1a and its target, variance, and comments accepted: The amount of old forest by landscape unit/Natural Disturbance Type within the DFA; Target: Targets set as per the “Provincial non-spatial old growth order”; Variance: 0%; Comments: The Provincial non-spatial old growth order can be found at the following website: <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/oldgrowth/>. Run scenario using natural range of variability and variance with the objective of setting new target and variance based on natural variability.
- ii. Indicator 1.1b and its target, variance, and comments accepted: The amount of interior old forest by NDU/merged BEC within the DFA; Target: Targets set as per the “Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA”; Variance: 0%; Comments: The Landscape Biodiversity Order (LBO) for the PGTSA can be found at the following website: [ftp://ftpprg.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/requests/Oct2004\\_PG%20TSA\\_Biodiversity\\_Order](ftp://ftpprg.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/requests/Oct2004_PG%20TSA_Biodiversity_Order). Bigger interior forest areas are preferred to a lot of smaller ones. Run Scenario with higher targets with more variance.
- iii. Indicator 1.1e and its target and variance accepted: The amount in hectares of landscape-level biodiversity reserves within the DFA; Target:  $\geq$  the (existing hectares) set aside as per the latest Management Plan; Variance: 0%.

- iv. Indicator 1.1f and its target and variance accepted with two dissensions: The average percent stand level retention in harvested areas within the DFA; Target: > 7% Annually within the DFA (minimum of 3.5% by block, no maximum %); Variance: 0%.
    - Dissension 1 – in agreement with 3.5% by block but natural disturbance shows as areas get bigger the stand retention should be higher, therefore wants a sliding scale based on size block, i.e., larger retention in larger blocks.
    - Dissension 2 – decision pending on what comes out of the BMP book action.
    - A third individual expressed general concern that 7% will not get the intention/purpose of the indicator but agrees with the indicator and its target and variance.
  - v. Indicator 1.1g and its target, variance, and comments accepted: Percentage of site plans that have CWD retention within the natural range appropriate for the site.; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%; Comments: Site may be updated to a different ecological unit as new information becomes available. CWD also includes recruitment.
  - vi. Indicator 1.1h and its target and variance accepted: Percentage of cut blocks consistent with coarse woody debris requirements in operational plans; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.
- d. Review of Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity) values, objectives, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- e. Discussion on Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity) values, objectives, indicators, targets, variances, and comments.
- f. Consensus or general agreement (with dissensions) of PAG Representatives on Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity) values, objectives, indicators, targets, variances, and comments:
- i. Value 1.2.A accepted: Sustained populations of flora and fauna native to the DFA.
  - ii. Objective 1.2.A.i accepted: Maintain habitat to support flora and fauna native to the DFA.
  - iii. Indicator 1.2a and its target, variance, and comments accepted: The amount of Caribou Ungulate Winter Range habitat within TFL 30; Target: 7171 ha in high value habitat and 5459 ha in corridors; Variance: 0%; Comments: Caribou populations to be monitored and actions taken as appropriate.
  - iv. Indicator 1.2b and its target, variance, and comments accepted: The percentage of forest operations consistent with approved provincial Species at Risk Notice/Orders

applicable to TFL30; Target: 100% Annually; Variance: 0%; Comments: Currently does not apply on the DFA.

- v. Indicator 1.2d and its target and variance accepted: The percentage of forest operations consistent with riparian reserve requirements as identified in site plans; Target: 100% Annually; Variance: 0%.
- vi. Indicator 1.2e and its target and variance accepted: The percentage of appropriate personnel trained to identify Species at Risk and their habitat; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.
- vii. Indicator 1.2f and its target and variance accepted: The percentage of forest operations consistent with Species at Risk management strategies applicable to TFL30; Target: 100%; Variance: 0%.
- viii. Indicator 1.2g and its target, variance, and comments accepted with one dissension: Native plant species diversity index by plant associations within the DFA; Target: Sxw – devil's club >2.03, Sxw – Oak Fern > 2.04, Sxw – Huckleberry > 1.42, Sxw – Horsetail > 2.22, BI – Oak Fern > 2.04; Variance: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0; Comments: Only the top 5 plant associations representing around 80% of the landbase are currently being monitored.
  - Dissension 1 – Risk that measuring as is will allow a narrowing of the distribution.
- ix. Indicator 1.2h and its target, variance, and comments accepted: Proportion of mature and old deciduous tree species by BEC subzone within the DFA; Target: SBS mk1 > 1%, SBS wk1 > 5%, ICH vk2 > 2%, ESSF > 0%, SBS vk > 3%; Variance: 0%; Comments: Measured every 5 year re-inventory period. Over time improve the database for younger deciduous trees.

### **C. Consensus of PAG Members to recommend to Canfor on:**

1. Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.1 – Ecosystem Diversity) the following:
  - a. Detailed analysis be done to assess the implications of converting to the PGTSA biodiversity order versus the provincial non-spatial old growth order.
  - b. Add to CII Matrix: Once old and interior old forests are identified and mapped along with Canfor's choice of old and interior old forests, Canfor will provide these maps to the public to review and request input on the value of each old and interior old forest.
  - c. Add to the CII Matrix: Obtain additional information about the significance and value of buffers.
  - d. Add to the CII Matrix: The percentage area of each distinct habitat types in the non-harvesting landbase. Add goal to this indicator.

2. Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity* (Element 1.2 – Species Diversity) the following:

- a. Add to the CII Matrix: Report out on the research that Canfor is supporting on riparian management. (See indicator 1.2d.)
- b. Add to the CII Matrix: Investigate either adding in Alder as a plant association or as a separate indicator. (See indicator 1.2h.)

#### D. Update Actions – see Action Table

E. **Meeting Feedback (PAG questionnaire):** TFL 30 PAG questionnaire distributed, completed, and collected.

#### F. Next meeting

1. Agenda:
  - a. Criterion 1.0 *Conservation of Biological Diversity*
  - b. Criterion 2.0 *Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Conditions and Productivity*
  - c. Criterion 5.0 Multiple Benefits to Society
2. Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
3. Date: Saturday, February 4, 2006
4. Place: Room 208, Prince George Civic Centre

#### G. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
June 04-03	Conduct ground collection sampling.	Kerry Deschamps	August 1, 2004	To start in early January 2006. Contract signed and pre-work to be done before surveying begins.

Oct 04-03	Invite Mike Green to represent trapping interest.	Kerry Deschamps	Spring 2005	Completed. Len Shankel will represent trapping interest.
Oct 20 – 01	Provide PAG with TFL 30 map showing BEC and NDU.	Kerry Deschamps	November 9, 2005	Completed.
Oct 20 – 02	Provide PAG with brief description of BEC and NDU.	Kerry Deschamps	November 9, 2005	Completed.
Oct 20 – 03	Provide PAG with a comparison of BEC versus NDU amounts of Old Forest.	Kerry Deschamps	November 9, 2005	Completed.
Oct 20 – 04	Provide PAG with the Craig DeLong articles on Young Patch Size Distribution.	Kerry Deschamps	November 9, 2005	Completed.
Dec 1 – 01	Add the following questions to the ground survey: Are you a member of a local club? If so, which club? Are you a First Nation user engaging in a traditional use of the land?	Kerry Deschamps	January 3, 2006	
Dec 1 – 02	Add the following to the CII Matrix: Develop strategies addressing Aboriginal Forest values, knowledge, and uses (for example, Culturally Modified Trees, cultural use, etc.) with local First Nations.	Kerry Deschamps	January 9, 2006	Completed
Jan 9 – 01	Add the following question to the Meeting Evaluation form, along with a new heading "Public Process" and comment section: Your overall satisfaction with the public participation process.	Roxanne Yanishewski	January 21, 2006	Completed.
Jan 9 – 02	Add to CII Matrix: Meet with local Aboriginal Bands to discuss best communication pathways regarding public plans; within 6 months; refer to "meaningful communication" target.	Kerry Deschamps	January 21, 2006	Completed.

Jan 9 – 03	Add to CII Matrix: Develop cultural heritage coverage for the DFA; one year.	Kerry Deschamps	January 21, 2006	Completed.
Jan 9 – 04	Develop an exit interview survey for public members leaving the PAG	Kerry Deschamps	Spring 2006	
Jan 9 – 05	Send reminder to PAG to provide their comments on Public effectiveness on planning processes.	Roxanne Yanishewski	January 10, 2006	Completed.
Jan 9 – 06	Develop indicator and target on Public effectiveness on planning processes.	Kerry Deschamps	January 21, 2006	
Jan 9 – 07	Send PAG information from other SFMP's on Criteria 6	Kerry Deschamps	January 21, 2006	
Jan 9 – 08	Add the following question to the Meeting Evaluation form: Your satisfaction with the amount and timing of information presented.	Roxanne Yanishewski	January 21, 2006	
Jan 9 – 09	Add the following to the CII Matrix: Look at including antique forests to 1.4.a. Definition needed. (Consult with Trevor Goward, Dave Radies, and Craig DeLong)	Kerry Deschamps	January 21, 2006	
Jan 9 – 10	Contact Les Husband about absence from PAG meetings and that another PAG member has been appointed for his area.	Roxanne Yanishewski	January 21, 2006	
Jan 9 – 11	At the category "public interest" to list of public areas when the Terms of Reference are next reviewed.	Roxanne Yanishewski	December 2006	
Jan 21 - 01	Respond to PAG recommendation C.1.a.	Kerry Deschamps	February 2, 2006	
Jan 21 - 02	Obtain info on species dependent on and amount of buffers needed.	Kerry Deschamps	February 2, 2006	

Jan 21 - 03	Add items from January 21, 2006 minutes to the CII Matrix	Roxanne Yanishewski	February 2, 2006	
Jan 21 - 04	Follow up and report back on stand-level best practices standards.	Kerry Deschamps	February 2, 2006	
Jan 21 - 05	Check if Canfor is continuing to use Gilbert Proulx's connectivity corridors and if so, consider developing an indicator.	Kerry Deschamps	February 2, 2006	
Jan 21 - 06	Add Species Diversity Index to the Glossary	Kerry Deschamps	Spring 2006	