

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Final Minutes – June 9th, 2016

Advisory Group Members

R	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation		Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
Y Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists	Y Y	Tracy Andrews Mary Toews	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
Y	Sheena Falconer Bob Cole (alt)	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic		Jim Creighton Neil Malbon (alt)	Small Business/Tourism
R	Lucas Banton John Jack (alt)	A.C. Regional District	Y Y R	John Smith Brigitte Arndt Len Cherry	AV Hill Climbers AV Hill Climbers (alt)
	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game	Y R	Dan Washington Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
		Parks Canada (information only)	R Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Keith Hunter	Multiple Goods & Services
		Catalyst	Y Y	Jim Messer Jim Muress	WFP General Manager of Alberni Operations

Y = attended R=regrets blank=did not attend V=vacant seat

Quorum Present

Resources Present:

Western Forest Products (WFP) Port Alberni Forest Operations (PAFO)

Erin Badesso – WFP PAFO, Operations Forester
 John Deal - WFP, Strategic Planning Biologist
 Sue McDonald - WFP, Wildlife Biologist
 Will Sloan - WFP, Certification Coordinator
 Jim Messer - WFP General Manager of Alberni Operations
 Jim Muress – WFP Forest Operations Manager
 Guests–
 AVEA – Libby Avis

Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
 Michele Laminski - Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm, introductions were made around the table.

Safety Orientation

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

Follow up to last meetings questions:

- Will Sloan - LEED Building Standard – Pilot project to accept all wood endorsed by the PFC, for example SFI certified wood.
- Erin Badesso - Klanawa Ecological Reserve is not part of the DFA
- Jennifer distributed the letter from WFP
- Goshawk / MAMU – Clarification concerning last meetings comment that numbers will decline. John Deal spoke to this. Samples have been done, but we don't really know yet. The statistics are not a clear indication at this point.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the WFP WIWAG April 14, 2016 meeting approved and will be posted to website.

Action Item #1: JD to post approved minutes to website

WFP Updates –

- Jim Messer – APD – running 2 shifts, no scheduled shutdowns for the summer. Fir cut coming up in July. Somass is at three weeks' worth of inventory, little tighter but stable. Running 1 shift, 5 days on 10 hour shifts.
- Forest Operations rate dispute with prime contractor on going – management remains optimistic this will be resolved soon. Exploring options with union and contractor structure.
- Jim Mures – Helicopter will be flying wood next week (SNUG), and Great Central Lake (GCL) logging is taking place. Volume from GCL will start end of June, until about the end of October. Publicity about inventory currently on the ground: the ministry has let us know this is not a concern, there has been no loss on revenue and the wood is not rotting.

Goshawk/ MAMU –

John Deal Presentation

- Northern Goshawk – federal recovery strategy posting for public comment imminent
- Marbled Murrelet – Recovery strategy not posted yet. This will reduce critical habitat for West and North Island Vancouver Island. Marine critical habitat will be taken into consideration.
- Private and Treaty lands are included in Federal, not provincial. Private land and Treaty lands are being encouraged to participate but the provincial government does not have jurisdiction. John reviewed BC's response to what the Federal government is proposing. Federal strategy has no flexibility whereas the provincial strategy has some.
- Uncertainty around finalizing WHA's. Some key decisions haven't been made yet, and once they are made the finalization will go forward.
- Engagement sessions completed and results compiled
- Reviewed decisions pending:
 - Marbled Murrelet – Habitat targets and distribution, spatial vs. aspatial and scale
 - Northern Goshawk – Habitat targets and distribution, breeding area size and for-age research
- WFP will work with FLNRO once decisions have been made

- Memorandum of Understanding – interim agreement to provide protection until the agreement is finalized (could take a few years). Being negotiated between CFPA and BCFLNRO (including BCTS)
- Goshawk genetics project – submitted to Genome BC for potential funding
- Managing Forest Birds in Coastal BC (the other 295 species) – At Issue: Accidentally destroying or disturbing an active bird nest may occur as part of logging practices. Migratory Bird Act issues penalties for “harming of migratory birds and the disturbance or destruction of their nests and eggs”. The maximum penalty is \$300,000. Heron and Osprey are protected year-round.
- Of the 297, 211 are native species that breed on the coast. Determine habitat requirements, assign species to habitat group, and identify species of conservation concern. Tracking – communicating with other operations in order to track where and how the birds are being impacted (i.e.: shutting down a road because a nest is found). Bird Management Plan in process for WFP. Elements include: avoidance, mitigation, and Monitoring.
- Avoiding and buffering known active nests, timing of activities, regional/landscape/stand level reserves, special management zones, central coast ecosystem-based management and training.
- Mitigation – retention silvicultural system, habitat restoration, limited herbicide application and research. Herbicide is more of an interior issue. On the coast, we are more likely to spot applications, not blanket applications like the interior.
- Habitat Monitoring – amount, elements and patterns
- Species Monitoring – validate/ refine assumptions, species with localized habitats and low levels.
- CFPA Initiative – Summary
- Questions: number of migratory birds? John not sure, would have to look up that number. How do we determine nests in a cut block? Nests are not identified but population of the bird is a factor.

Action# 2 John Deal presentation to be posted to website

Will Sloan Certification Forestry.

Audits – 2016 external audits are complete and are in the process of finalizing audit results. Two DFA's were audited. New auditing company was used this year. WFP had not tested the market for pricing for auditing in about 10 years. 2017 is our re-registration audit and in the past, this has included Port Alberni and Stillwater.

Mid Island – Mid-Island recommencing advisory group next week. New terms of reference after an investigation by SAI Global took place after four complaints by one individual. 8 recommendations were made by SAI Global. WFP has agreed to apply the 8 recommendations and they will extend to WFP's other DFA's as applicable.

ALL PAG Meeting – Scheduled Thursday, Friday in Port McNeil September 22 and 23. If you are interested in attending, let Jennifer know by the end of the month. Will went over the draft agenda.

Appendix 2 Detailed Missing Indicators & 2015 Results:

Will Sloan reviewed the Carbon Uptake and Storage

4.1.1: Carbon Uptake and Storage – Will presented the findings and reviewed how the number is determined. The data is now being generated in the GIS system, and the delay was due to errors in the dataset that needed to be addressed. Aviation is the only number we know for sure, is not estimated. Heli fuel is built right into the contract.

Action Item 3: Structural lumber (long lived) products – question – what is a long lived product? Date ranges between short and long lived? Net Carbon Uptake for 2015 is

144,541. WFP has restored more carbon than took in 2015. Erin reviewed past year's data, 2011 – 2014.

Erin Badesso reviewed the following Indicators not available at the last meeting.

1.1.1: Ecosystem Area by Type – Did not meet target but met Variance. One of the zones was at 50% and the target to be met needs to be higher than 50%.

1.1.2: Forest Area by type or species - report on this indicator every 3 years. Yes, Target was met. Very little change from 2012.

1.1.3: Forest Area by Stand Age – Yes, target was met. Instead of reporting every 5 years, Erin suggests a rolling 5 year average, so it'll be reported out every year. Also, change the target from 2% to 1%. Discussion

3.2.1: Watershed Disturbance – Target - the annual number of watersheds greater than 3000 hectares in size that have more than 30% of their area in the 0-20 years age class is two or less – Target was met for 2015.

Change from review in April

6.3.3: 11 contractors (more than 10,000 of exposure hours) were reported on, only 10 contractors. **Indicator updated.** Of the 10, 1 contractor was not SAFE Certified. The company was registered, but had not completed the process. They are SAFE Certified now. Erin proposes that the wording of the target reworded that the contractor has applied to become SAFE Certified rather than are SAFE Certified. "Large contractors must be Safe Certified or registered to become Safe Certified" with no variance. Discussion – general agreement with proposal.

Some of the targets being met easily, Erin proposed setting the bar a bit higher for some of them. Also, Indicator 2.2.2 needs to be reworked, since the cut control can be set annually.

Rick Avis – Western Painted Turtle Habitat:

DNA project. Not found on TFL44 yet. Christian Engelstoff Distributed widely which indicates wild habitat, not introduced. The eggs hatch in 72 days, and then they wait until spring to come to the surface. When hatched, about the size of a loonie. Males grow up to about 17 centimeters, females 25 centimeters and they can live up to 40 years. A number of turtles were caught, measured, marked etc... Blood samples were taken too. Turtles need logs (large woody debris) to sunbathe on. More accurate inventory needs to be done. Water sampling is being done to see if turtle DNA can be detected. We are not sure how the turtles got to this area. The DNA is correlated with the turtles on the Sunshine coast, not the turtles found north island.

Satisfaction Survey Results – Discussion

Action Item 3: Jennifer will post minutes and handouts from this June 9 meeting as the photocopier did not print all pages.

Announcements:

- Let Jennifer know by June 25th if you are attending the PAG event in September
- Fall Fair – If you want to volunteer at the WFP booth, let Jennifer know.
- Next WIWAG meeting November 10th 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

WIWAG Action Items

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1	JD to post approved minutes from last meeting to WIWAG website	April 9th	JD		JD
2	LEED – CSA Forest Certification	June 9	Will Sloan	2016-06-09	
3	Presentation on Sites with Management Strategies	June 9	Brad		
4	Distribute letter Erin wrote on behalf of WFP in regards to Goshawk/ MAMU	June 9	Jennifer	2016-06-09	
5	Follow up on Indicators that could not be reported on: 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 3.2.1, 4.1.1	June 9	Erin	2016-06-09	
flag	Tour of the mill possibly in the spring- Catalyst	November 7			
	Date ranges and examples of short / long lived structural lumber products	November 10 th	Will Sloan	2016-11-10	
	Send electronically April's minutes and handouts for June's meeting	June	Jennifer	2016-06-09	