

**West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products**

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

**Final Minutes – April 14, 2016**

**Advisory Group Members**

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

WFP – Brad Bayley, GIS Analyst

WFP - Lance Wingrave, Area Planner

Guests–

Councillor - Ron Paulson, City of Port Alberni

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.

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the WFP WIWAG February 11, 2016 meeting approved and will be posted to website.

## Action Item #1: JD to post minutes to website – Approved

### WFP Updates –

- **Jim Messer** – Somass has about 15 days of fiber, fairly static, trying new wood. Somass is running 50 hours a week. Timber market is strong right now. APD is running two species, fir and hemlock. Not uncommon for this time of year. PAFO continues to not operate on the east side of the canal. Currently, logging in Henderson and will start in Great Central Lake area soon. Mediation is scheduled for early May with IPL, and if not resolved will go to arbitration. If TFL44 was running full operations (east side), it would supply 20% or 1 day a week of wood to APD.

## LEED Recognizes CSA Forest Certification in Green Building Standards - Discussion.

Action Item #2- Ask Will Sloan for further information

## Appendix 2 Detailed Indicator & Results - Data set - Erin Badesso

### WFP is certified to the Z809 standard.

Erin made an introduction to the CSA Indicators. Harold summarized which companies he believes are certified. Island Timberlands, for example, certifies with the SFI. Their certification does not require a public advisory group.

### 2015 Results:

At this point in time, not all CSA Indicators (5) can be reported out on at this time, due to a new methodology being implemented at the corporate level. Erin will provide the results as soon as the data becomes available.

1.1.1: Ecosystem Area by Type – 1 of the 5 that cannot be reported out on at this time.

1.1.2: Forest Area by type or species - report on this indicator every 3 years. Report year is 2015. 2 of 5 that cannot be reported out on at this time.

1.1.3: Forest Area Age class – 3 of 5 that cannot be reported out on at this time.

1.1.4: Stand Level Retention – Reviewed retention photos of the Klanawa as examples. 22% for harvesting done in 2015. Retention levels increased as a result of a new system, single entry, being implemented in order to preserve environmental aspects or cultural heritage features.

1.2.1: Habitat Protection – Yes, the target was met. Erin reviewed 2014 to 2015 results. Numbers were changed for Red-legged Frog and Scouler's Corydalis. Brad explained this is a result of database clean up. Judy asked if the ecological reserve is outside of the DFA? Erin will follow up.

Action # 3: In response to Indicator 1.2.1 the change in numbers was a result of the database clean up and it was asked if the ecological reserve is outside of the DFA? Erin will follow up.

1.2.2: Suitable Habitat – Discussion around riparian leave zone widths. Report required every 5 years, next report in 2018.

1.2.3: Native Species Regeneration – minimum 99% planted will be native on a 5 year rolling average. The 5 year rolling average is 99.5%. Target met. Noble fir and California redwood are two examples of non-native species planted. Results for 2015 99.5% - Noble Fir was planted this year, no California Redwood.

Erin will provide pictures of both species at a future date.

1.3.1: Genetic Diversity – 0% GMOs planted in 2015.

1.4.1: Sites with Management Strategies – Identified 38 sites in 2014 that required a management strategy. 2015 – 25 sites (3 nest trees, 21 bear dens and 1 karst feature) in cut blocks that we finished harvesting in 2015. Brad Bayley explained how the sites are identified, recorded and updated in the database. Nest Trees, Bear dens, and Karst, are examples of features that require a management strategy.

Jennifer suggested Brad present on this topic in the future.

1.4.2: Cultural Sites - specific to archeological sites. In 2015, three cut blocks had cultural modified trees. 150 trees were found in total, which are unusually high with the majority being in one block. Erin reviewed the AIA (Archaeological Impact Assessment) that had the majority of CMT's. 32 of the CMT's were cut down (obtained permit). When this happens Lance explained a cookie is taken, and the rings are counted to ensure it meets the criteria to be considered a CMT.

1.4A: Sensitive Ecosystem Training – 97% trained (Big improvement from 2014).

2.1.1a: Reforestation Success - Hectares of forest land missing its milestone obligation annually is zero. 2015 met indicator (127.4 Hectares of Regen and 677.7 Hectares of Free Growing).

2.1.1b: Reforestation Success - Less than 1 (0.62) year of average annual harvest has not been reforested and is well within the target.

2.2.1a: Additions/Deletions to Forest Area – For 2015, Total Area Under Prescription (TAUP) was 7% which meets the target.

2.2.1b: Additions/Deletions to Forest Area – For 2015, no forest land was converted to other uses.

2.2.2: Sustainable Harvest – The 5-year average annual harvest level is 100% of the Long Term Harvest Level (LTHL); (last year comments) Current goal is to end the cut control period at 110%. Over 110% and the government will penalize with increased stumpage rates. Anything under 100% could be awarded to another party. 2015 – Harvested 637,334 (estimated). The allowable cut control average 2013-2015 is estimated at 103.6%.

3.1.1: Soil Disturbance – Can compromise the soil integrity to be able to plant/grow trees. Always a bit of soil disturbance must be less than 5%. 2015 - 0 exceeded 5%, target met.

3.1A: Limit Herbicides – Target met. The herbicides, if we do use them, are forestry approved.

- 3.1.2: Downed Woody Debris – 2015: 120m<sup>3</sup> per hectare – Target met. Volume went up from 2014 as a result of logging more old growth in 2015. Old growth has more woody debris.
- 3.2.1: Watershed Disturbance – 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 met. High in a few watersheds, the numbers are being closely monitored. This is the 4 out of 5 that cannot be reported on yet. Available at or before the next meeting.
- 3.2A: Watershed Condition  
The landslide inventory of the DFA is updated every three years by Glynnis Horel.  
Next update 2016
- 3.2B: Community Watersheds – No harvesting occurred in community watersheds in 2015. Erin discussed the terms Conformance vs. Compliance as conformance to harvest plans or compliance to legislation.
- 3.2C: S4 Streams – 2015  
As discussed in a previous meeting the S4 Stream report was revised, not to compromise the integrity, but to make the reporting easier to compile and consistent in methodology. Measuring the 15m buffer is very challenging. Erin/Brad and sub-committee brought back a proposal Rick, Harold and Stefan part of the subcommittee. Target met in 2015 (Harvested 1.3 Hectares of 7.0 which is 82%).
- 3.2D: S5 Streams – Methodology revised similar to S4 streams. Target met in 2015 (Harvested 12.4 Hectares of 59.3 which is 79%).
- 4.1.1: Carbon Uptake and Storage – There is evolving science around this measurement. 2014 Calculation method was changed slightly, since there is now the ability to measure on a micro stand level. 5 out of 5 indicators that cannot be updated at this time.
- 5.1.1: EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization) – Updated indicator in order to understand it better and be able to report out on it easier. Now includes Stumpage (\$3,020,544), Employees & Contractors (\$34,312,876) and Local Purchases (\$276,908).
- 5.1A: Park Perimeter – Target met (5 year rolling average). 2.96% for 2015 (below 4%). Erin showed pictures of reforestation in the Klanawa.
- 5.1B: Recreation Access – Target met
- 5.1C: Mushroom Habitat Access – Target was not met but within variance in 2014. Next report 2016.
- 5.2.1: Communities and Sustainability – Donations made to the community. Target met.
- 5.2.2: Training & Skills Development – Target Met. The average person days of Professional Training in 2015 was 6 days.
- 5.2.3: Employment – Target Met. Erin explained the importance of the indicator and how the indicator is calculated. Stefan pointed out the variance has not been updated. Erin will update accordingly.

## **Reviewed First Nations Overview Map**

- 5.2.4: Aboriginal Lands & Tenure – Target met. Target was 8 and in 2015, there were 11 Contractual Agreements.
- 6.1.1: Understanding Title & Rights – Target met. WFP employees attended training to ensure title and rights are understood. Erin reviewed the training provided.
- 6.1.2: Acceptance of Management Plans – Target Met.
- 6.1.3: Cultural Activities & Practices – Target Met.
- 6.2.1: Respect for Aboriginal Knowledge – Information Sharing – Target Met
- 6.3.1: Local Economy – Target Met – Erin reviewed
- 6.3.2: Improve Safety Standards –Target Met.
- 6.3.3: Safety Program – SAFE company certification. Target not met. 2 companies are not SAFE certified. One company is in the process of obtaining SAFE Certification. The second company was not certified and is not working on our DFA at this time.
- 6.4.1: WIWAG Satisfaction — Survey to be done tonight and will be reported on next year.
- 6.4.2: WIWAG Capacity Building – Target Met.
- 6.4.3: Aboriginal Participation in SFM – Jennifer invited First Nations to participate and provided results of the indicators.
- 6.5.1: Educational Outreach – Target Met. Erin said this target might be changing.
- 6.5.2: Public Concerns – Target Met

**Action 4: Missing Indicators 1.1.1: Ecosystem Area by Type, 1.1.2: Forest Area by type or species - 1.1.3: Forest Area Age class – 3.2.1: Watershed Disturbance - 4.1.1: Carbon Uptake and Storage, report at next meeting**

**Goshawk/ MAMU Consultation** – Judy said there were about 15 people that attended the public meeting. The strategy is a holding pattern.  
Rick expressed concern about how the strategy does not apply to private land.  
Harold said there was frustration that three different meetings were held (public, company, political) Discussion.

**Action #5 Jennifer to distribute to the group the letter from WFP in regards to the Goshawk/MAMU.**

**Future Presentation(s):**

- **John Deal – Jennifer will see if he’s available to present at the next meeting, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. He is part of the implementation team for Goshawk/MAMU.**
- Biological Diversity/ Regionally protected areas

**Announcements:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

**WIWAG Action Items.**

#	<b>ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS</b>	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	<b>LEED – CSA Forest Certification</b>	June 9	Will Sloan		
3	<b>Presentation on Sites with Management Strategies</b>	June 9	Brad		
5	<b>Distribute letter Erin wrote on behalf of WFP in regards to Goshawk/ MAMU</b>	June 9	Jennifer		
6	<b>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</b>	June 9	Erin	June 9, meeting	
flag	<b>Tour of the mill possibly in the spring-Catalyst</b>	November 7			