

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

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

**Minutes – November 8, 2018**

**Advisory Group Members**

Y Y	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation			Logging and Roads Contractor
Y Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists	Y	Cassandra Silverio	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
Y	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic	Y	Solomon Schachner	General Interest
Y	Mike Kokura John Jack (alt)	A.C. Regional District	Y Y	John Smith Brigitte Arndt Len Cherry	AV Hill Climbers AV Hill Climbers (alt)
Y	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game	Y Y	Dan Washington Ron Corbeil	City of Port Alberni
Y	Francois Warren	Small Business	Y Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Keith Hunter (receives minutes)	Multiple Goods & Services

**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
- Jim Muress – WFP General Manager of Alberni Operations
- Yasmine Boilard – PAFO WFP, Assistant Field Planner, Forestry
- Will Sloan – WFP Certification Coordinator, Corporate Forestry
- John Deal – WFP Senior Biologist

**Guests:**

- Molly Hudson, Manager, Stewardship & Engagement, TimberWest
  
- Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
- Danielle Burrows - 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.

## WFP Updates:

### Jim Muress – PAFO Operations

- Last update, Jim reported five contractors in place and picking up momentum. Logging was curtailed due to the Forest fires this summer. Due to the loss of logging and under-cut situation, PAFO has picked up one more harvest contractor.
- During the storm last weekend, it rained about 200mm in the North Fork area. The road damage and slides shut down production for two days and will continue to be slow this week.
- Met with the Mayor and Ron today, felt it was positive and good energy.
- Jim thanked the members who volunteered at the Fall Fair.

## Goshawk Presentation

### Manager, Stewardship & Engagement at TimberWest, Molly Hudson

- Side note – IT and TimberWest have affiliated as of last week, not a lot of details as of yet, but will be working as one company in the future. The slide in the presentation showing TimberWest's land base does not include this amalgamation.
- Working with Genome BC – will be providing an updated map of the habitat of Goshawks and their sub-species in the near future
- Closed canopy question – can be subject to some predation when the birds are small and vulnerable from owls like the Barn or Grey Horned, maybe ravens. Goshawk babies grow fast and Goshawks are quite defensive of their nest site.
- Goshawks seem to be foraging and verging out over the winter. Goshawks have been spotted in Washington area
- Management of the Crown and Private land Question -management is seamless, except private land information is not shared with the government.

## Goshawk and Marbled Murrelet Presentation

### Senior Biologist at WFP, John Deal

#### Goshawk

- Question if Port Alberni means TFL 44 – yes, 14 nests confirmed in Port Alberni/TFL 44
- Non-contributing land base would be made up of wildlife habitat, riparian, ungulate etc...
- **Action Item 1 – when the manuscript is posted, let the WIWAG members know the link**
- The real range of the subspecies will hopefully be determined by the genetics study. The results will not change anything right away. The results could change the protection status of the bird, but realistically could take 3-5 years. Until then, the implemented strategy plan is in place.
- Crown and Private land can be managed differently. All federally regulated conditions can be met on crown land.
- Question – what happens when a Goshawk nest is found? All logging activities are stopped, immediately. A biologist is brought in to confirm and identify where the nests are.

## **Murrelet**

- With the case studies John is working with, he is finding smaller patches of murrelet habitat are brought into larger patches due to the close proximity of the smaller patches, then manage the area as one unit.
- Crown land first strategy, not private land. If the habitat is critical on private land, then the private land owner is to be compensated by the government. Private land is not regulated by the government.
- Diet of the Marbled Murrelet has changed and weather conditions influence the bird's patterns as well.

## **Highlights of the external audit of Stillwater in April/ Future of CSA and WFP's commitment to maintaining WIWAG**

### **Certification Coordinator at WFP, Will Sloan**

External Audit of Stillwater – focused on the new standards. Going forward, the audit report summaries will be found on the corporate website, rather than individual operations sites.

#### **Action item 2 – let the WIWAG members know when the report is posted**

- Stillwater did pass certification, auditors did find some issues.
- The audit found a disconnect between Corporate and Stillwater offices with reporting
- Bridge inspection program had some opportunities for improvement due to retirement and the person not being replaced
- Not all culverts were functioning properly
- Audits can take up to a week, and usually 4-5 auditors. They have their own matrix to follow, as well, that dictates days and auditors required.
- How is their Public Advisory Group (CAG) set up? A less traditional set up for their advisory group, but it works for them. Two people share Erin's role.
- Port Alberni will be audited sometime in the last two weeks of May. Discussion of having the WIWAG meeting during the audit, then the auditors can attend and have their own discussion with the group. If not, then the auditors will contact a few members if you put your name forward, won't have time to interview everyone.
- There is nothing wrong with not meeting a target, as it encourages continual improvement
- CSA certified, 9 companies left, 10-12 million hectares. WFP plans to continue with CSA for as long as it's viable.

### **Erin Badesso - postponed until next meeting**

Review of Action Items from WIWAG June 14, 2018

- Question about what happened to the staff at Woss – Erin to follow up
- Murrelet and Goshawk data on our DFA – Erin will bring forward at a future meeting.
- 1.1.4: Stand Level Retention How effective is the retention in boosting the regrowth? Erin presented information from an internet search. Jennifer will send link to the presentation
- Jennifer will distribute information from Erin on Swiss Needle Cast
- 3.1.2: Downed Woody Debris – review Target – Erin proposed >60m<sup>3</sup> for the new target and -10m<sup>3</sup> per hectare for Variance, further discussion at a future meeting.
- Satisfaction Survey – Suggestion that the survey is handed out sooner, so group has more time to fill in.

### **- Klanawa update**

### **- Slash burning Report**

### **- Fall Fair - thank you to volunteers**

**2019 Calendar** (Potential dates: Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Announcements:** Next Meeting – February 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

## WIWAG Action Items

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommended Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
Recurring:	JD to post approved minutes from last meeting to WIWAG website	after each meeting		Done	ML
1	Woss staff – where did they go?	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>		Erin
2	Implementation plans - email to group	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>		JD
3	Gather and present Murrelet and Goshawk data on our DFA	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Done	Erin
4	Send link to Erin’s presentation on “How effective is the retention in boosting the regrowth?”	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Done	JD
5	Swiss Needle Article – distribute to group	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Done	JD
6	Downed Woody Debris – new Target / Variance	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Done	Everyone
7 flag	Satisfaction Survey – Jennifer to re-distribute to group	June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Done	
flag	Tour of the mill possibly - Catalyst	November 7			
	Presentation Dr. Richard Hebda	April 6 <sup>th</sup>			JD
1	Let WIWAG members know the link of the Genome BC study results	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>			Erin Badesso/ John Deal
2	Let WIWAG members know when the report is posted	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>			Erin Badesso/ Will Sloan