

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Final Minutes – June 14, 2018

Advisory Group Members

Y Y	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation			Logging and Roads Contractor
Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Revolving	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	Dan Washington Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
Y	Francois Warren	Small Business	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
Marissa Hallaway – PAFO WFP, Field Planner, Forestry
Brian Marcus – PAFO WFP, Area Planner, Forestry

Guests:

John Douglas
Mary Toews – Ecosystem Biologist, South Island Natural Resource District

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.

WFP Updates – Erin Badesso

- Working hard to meet our allowable cut
- Many employment opportunities in WFP, truck drivers specifically across the industry
- Finished logging in the Henderson Lake area of the DFA for this year
- Tseshaht will be logging in Great Central Lake, as per contractual agreement
- Weather, watching closely, as May was dry and hot.

Action Item 1: Question about what happened to the staff at Woss – Erin to follow up

Mary Toews - Presentation on Marbled Murrelet and Goshawk Implementation Plans

Goshawk:

Question: if Goshawks cannot be found, as there is a gap in bird counts, could it be because they don't exist.

- Yes, that is one possible answer.

Discussion – is the area being protected, actually protecting the birds?

- Current strategy is to establish protection. Lots of research is being done.

Question: Is the research being done now, in order to be able to make a key decision in 2020?

- Yes, the research is currently funded and active.
- June and July are the most active months to find nests.
- Port Alberni area, has approximately 10 known Goshawk nests and 3 or 4 are active.
- 408 Home ranges to be under protection across coastal BC, and there is believed to be about 735 home ranges.

Marbled Murrelet:

There is management of wildlife on private lands, but the government is not legally able to manage it. The private land management is not considered in the government research. There are about 99,000 marbled murrelets in BC.

- Discussion around having reserves and slowing the rate of logging in certain areas, to give the birds more protected habitat.

Action Item 2: Murrelet and Goshawk data on our DFA – Erin will bring forward at a future meeting.

Discussion - WFP supports and actively participates in industry research. There is some pressure to have a provincial plan in place, or the federal government could become more involved.

Marissa Hallaway – Forest Strategy Presentation (to be posted on WIWAG website)

Big Tree Retention Policy – there are 42 big trees retained in TFL 44 since 2016. Generally, the opportunity to discover big trees is while establishing cutblocks. The block can be altered to not include the tree, there can be a leave area in the block which includes the tree, or a single leave tree.

VILUP – Vancouver Island Land Use Plan

Spatial distribution of the leave areas are a balance between internal and external influences. Sometimes, four or five smaller patches work better than one or two large patches. The decisions are made block by block.

Action Items from WFP April 12, 2018

1. 1.1.4: Stand Level Retention – Target met. The increase in retention reflects cut blocks where dispersed retention was left to conserve soil values associated with steep terrain.

Action Item 3 - How effective is the retention in boosting the regrowth? Erin presented information from an internet search. Jennifer will send link to the presentation.

2. What is considered sustainable in SFI? Answered last meeting.

Forester's meeting May 31-June 1, hosted in Port Alberni focusing on Silviculture

- Erin reviewed agenda items from the meeting: Swiss Needle Cast, Alder Management, and Karst Management– some discussion
- Swiss Needle Cast

Action Item 4 Jennifer will distribute information from Erin on Swiss Needle Cast

3.1.2: Downed Woody Debris – Target met. Action - review Target – Erin proposed >60m³ for the new target and -10m³ per hectare for Variance. Discussion

Action Item 5 – changes to target will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Action Item 6 - Satisfaction Survey – Suggestion that the survey is handed out sooner, so group has more time to fill in.

Fall Fair Sept 6th – 9th - Volunteer opportunity!

Announcements: Next Meeting – November 8th 2018
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

WIWAG Action Items.

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