

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group - Island Timberlands Limited Partnership
Thursday, February 7, 2013 FINAL Minutes Held at the ACRD Boardroom

Advisory Group Members:

✓ ✓	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation		Stefan Ochman	Bamfield
✓ ✓	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Keith Hunter	Multiple Goods & Services
✓	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries	✓	Jim Creighton Neil Malbon (alt)	Small Business/Tourism
✓ ✓	John Jack Lyle Price	A.C. Regional District	✓ ✓	John Smith Brigitte Arndt	AV Hill Climbers AV Hill Climbers (alt)
✓ ✓	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment	✓	Dan Washington Jack McLeman (alt)	City of Port Alberni
✓	John McIntosh	Parks Canada		Darlene Clark Bob Czerenzia	Alberni Fish & Game
	Lee Blais	Alberni Valley Riders			

✓ = attended R = regrets blank = did not attend

Resources Present:

Morgan Kennah – ITLP
Kraig Urbanoski– ITLP

Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
Rob Powelson – Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions @ 5:30 – 5:40pm

Safety Orientation:

Minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting approved by consensus

The concept of “in-camera” was discussed and the importance of dialogue and the best way to continue to have this dialogue with Island Timberlands.

- ITLP reinforced that “in camera” allows for candid conversation.
- There is NO mandate for ITLP to communicate with WIWAG as per CSAWFP.
- In 2008 it was mutually agreed by ITLP and WIWAG that the conversations continue.
- This also needs to be a table where we are not afraid to ask questions and expect some answers. In the past WIWAG has been instrumental in changing the way a harvest would precede.
- There is a general belief that there has been great benefit to this conversation even if WIWAG as a whole has not agreed with the overall approach.

- WIWAG key issue is about sustainability and there is concern that the sustainability of ITLP DFA is not being addressed.
- Concern about a lack of a overall plan
- Many felt there is a need to continue as is: if there is no communication, we are left in the dark or the company is forced to deal with a myriad of groups and concerns.
- ITLP does value WIWAG's input; not everyone is going to be happy with everything.
- This group is very willing to continue with ITLP
- JD did stress that it is imperative that we be respectful. Disagreement is valid. With regard to posting on social media information shared within meetings does not create the best grounds for trustful communication.
- Information is not meant to be shared on social media and that ITLP feels it is appropriate to discuss issues with ITLP internally first before going to public forums.

Some discussion of do we need to call a meeting “in-camera” to close the meeting or do we call this something else?

- It was agreed that meetings are intended for WIWAG members only unless deemed to be open to the public

WIWAG Terms of Reference Review

The terms of reference clearly states that one individual is to be designated to speak to the media on behalf of the group. Facilitator

- JJ: if WIWAG didn't exist the understanding of ITLP and WFP processes would be severely diminished. I believe it is our responsibility is to understand ITLP's and WFP's processes first
- JM: I thought there would be another meeting before the logging on the hump for us to discuss this
- MK: it is not possible to give unlimited time for public engagement as business does need to continue, but there is a possibility for more engagement
- HC: it would be good to review plans further ahead as possible, and then it gives the group time to digest and come up with good suggestions
- JJ: plan our meetings to coincide with the harvest planning: have a meeting before a planned harvest, and then meet after to discuss how it went.
- MS: possibly have a smaller group to meet with ITLP: may be easier than having a large group meeting.
- Barb: weather affects logging: lower down continues all year round due to less snow, etc.
- Repeated comments that detailed maps would be appreciated, showing imminent and future projected harvesting plans
- ITLP does have an internal rating system that identifies areas that may be “hot button” areas {Kraig}
- MK: perhaps the group would be interested in a field trip to the local office?

ACTION 1: invitation for field trip to ITLP office

- JS: sustainability over total landholdings: what exactly does this mean?
- Areas are being logged and roads are being built faster than people can keep up with.
- NM: when logging in watersheds, is there overcutting in some and undercutting in others? Is the number based over a geographical area as opposed to individual areas?
- JM: sustainable can mean different things to different people: we are not talking about the same use of the word “sustainable”.

- Some discussion of the logging that has been put on hold on the hump.
- (as per maps shown by MK and KU)
- **Loon Lake:** road building is almost completed, harvesting may commence next year (on West side of the lake)
- **On East side of lake, possible harvesting** around November or December of 2013.
- Some discussion of a possible avian nesting site
- MK: possible joint project with ADSS

ACTION 2 : MK will keep WIWAG informed about possible joint project

- HC: how can we manage access to this area? Lots of garbage being left by users.
- Many stated that we cannot cut off public access to this area: boat ramp here.
- Trails are known to ITLP: just not sure what to do at this point.
- KU: will manage the visual impacts in this area
- JM: can we have a field trip before harvest begins so we can share concerns “on the ground”? KU: absolutely

ACTION 3: KU will organize WIWAG regarding a field trip around Loon Lake to Dog Lake areas – tentative February 20

Discussion around various cut blocks: what has already been harvested; what has yet to be harvested?

- Some light hearted discussion around marmots on the island: apparently they like peanut butter!
- MK: briefly discussed the helicopter harvesting plan that ITLP has.
- Brief discussion of harvesting plans in the Cherry Creek watershed: still in discussion stages.

Announcements

Tours: Loon Lake to Dog Lake: Feb 20th Noon. Further details will be forthcoming.

**Next meeting date – (TBD) ITLP
WFP March 14, 2013**

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	New Action Items	Date of request	Projected Completion Date (Progress)	Person Responsible
1.	Posting of previous ITLP Meeting minutes on WIWAG website	Pending approval of minutes	After minutes approved (next meeting)	Jennifer
2.	Examine how information on understory species could be incorporated with data collected by mushroom pickers on the ground	February 9, 2012	ongoing	Keith and Morgan
3.	Investigate options for forest safety training for public use	February 9, 2012	Ongoing/Blog/WIWA G	Recreation committee
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All Completed Actions see file [Actions completed\ITLP Complete tracking.doc](#)