

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group - Island Timberlands Limited Partnership
Thursday May 13, 2010 Final Minutes

Held ACRD Boardroom - Advisory Group Members:

✓	Harold Carlson	Forest Recreation	✓	John Smith	ATV
✓	Barbra Baker (alt)		✓	Phyllis Biggs	
✓	Rick Avis	Naturalists	✓	Jim Creighton	Small Business/Tourism
✓	Judy Carlson (alt)		✓	Neil Malbon	
✓	Dave Chitty	Watershed/ Fisheries	✓	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish & Game Club
✓	Dave Clough (alt)		✓	Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
✓	Ken McRae	A.C. Regional District	✓		
R	Mike Kuruliak (alt)	Port Alberni & Dist. Labour Council	✓	Jane Morden	Environment
✓	John McIntosh	Parks Canada	✓	Stephan Ochman	Bamfield
	Bob Redhead (alt)				

✓ = attended R = regrets blank = did not attend V = vacant seat Q = Quorum

Resources Present:

Makenzie Leine – Island Timberlands, Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs

Don Lutes – Island Timberlands

Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator

Holly Massop – Recording Secretary

Guests

Jim Sears, Chair of Port Alberni Community Forest

Ed Proteau, Community Forest

Paul Dagg, Huu-Ay-Aht Forestry

Steven Gray, General Manager, Huu-Ay-Aht Forestry

Kevin Hunter

John Cook, Timber Export Advisory Committee, Export Policy Forester, Ministry of Forests and Range

Welcome and Introductions

Safety Orientation

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

Approve Minutes; Minutes approved

Action Items

February 11, 2010 Approved by consensus to accept minutes

Action Item 1: Minutes to be posted to website

Action Item 2: JD possible presenter, Keith Hunter from First Nations Wildcrafters

Island Timberlands Updates – Makenzie Leine (ML)

- Internal audit update; SFI and Environmental System were renewed; next year is re-certification audit
- Alberni Motor-Cross track; closed right now based on a report that sediment was going into a stream by Cold Creek; AMC needs to come back with a plan to make sure this is managed immediately; DFO has been notified as well; AMC not allowed to start up their track until they have a long-term water management plan; there have been no issues around this and the AMC is very cooperative; they have addressed the immediate concern with sandbags and other geo-materials
- ITL is getting a lot of feedback through their info@islandtimberlands.com email

Presentation from John Cook, Timber Export Advisory Committee (TEAC)

- John was asked to demystify the log export process and the role of the TEAC
- This is a Provincial committee, but also works with the Federal Govt., to advise on contracts
- Domestic mills have the opportunity to claim logs first; if they don't want them they are considered surplus; the TEAC works with the surplus
- How is surplus determined; the wood is advertised via MoF (an advertising list), applications are submitted to the MoF office in Nanaimo; then advertised for a 2 week period, 98% of wood advertised never has any interest
- TEAC does not make decisions but makes recommendations and offers advice
- Majority of log exports are from VI
- TEAC takes an offer that has been provided and assess the quality of the offer; fairness is judged according to the domestic marketplace price; there are special applications and provisions made for cultural requirements, i.e. yellow cedar;
- TEAC is bound by confidentiality to the Minister; minutes are not made public – although they can be released in extreme cases i.e., legal cases

John McIntosh (JMcl); Does TEAC have a role in Aboriginal logging exports?

JC; TEAC has no bearing on logs from First Nation Reserve Lands; TEAC will ensure fair treatment of the First Nation – but it is a Federal call; source of the timber is the critical issue

Jack McLeman (JMcl); what about Interfor exporting logs to the USA & shutting down the mills here

JC; there is a system in place to ensure that the wood is surplus however there is a flaw in the system where this is concerned; the volume of logs is there and the mills that want them and can afford to pay for them can get them; Interfor probably did not shut down their mills just to ship logs to the States, it is a lot more complicated than that

Stefan Ochman (SO); how is it more economical to transport local wood out of the valley rather than process locally?

JC; TEAC is only focused on what is happening within the province; an argument is for the utilization of the timber; if it is going to be wasted but someone else could use it, then provisions can be made for that; it is a complicated process

Barb Baker (BB); how long is this process?

JC; 2 weeks

Ken McRae (KM); when a person makes an application; they are checked out and it is sure the organization is legit; there is room for growth in PA; softwood lumber tariff to be lifted in June

Neil Malbon (NM); what is the range of the wood

JC; Provincial Land does not allow high-grade wood to be exported, Federal land does

NM; is the value is based on the daily domestic fair market value

JC; yes

Harold Carlson (HC); does this include land grants

JC; forest act does not apply to the land grants; this is federal for export

HC; what about environmental concerns?

ML; depends of the forest; how it is managed either under federal or private; has to be managed forest to have the land acts apply

ML; please explain what is meant by the term “fee in lieu”

JC; 15% for fir, 10% for spruce, 5% for low-grade

SO; does this just set the stage for loggers to cut over the amount of needed logs so that there is always surplus

JC; maybe, but there is always the consideration of value & it needs to be proven that the wood is surplus

Judy Carlson; why can't domestic mills make profits; where is the legislation?

JC; tariff for lumber is collected through the federal level – this is not a question that TEAC could answer

John Smith (JS); if the domestic mills can't use it; why are we cutting it?

JC; again TEAC cannot answer this question; not their area of the industry

ML; there are mills that would not get any fibre if there was not the opportunity to export; as for the idea of “why not leave it all standing”; currently there is one job in the mill for every 2 jobs in the woods – this would be devastating to the job market

Guest; log exports have always been around & have kept a lot of loggers alive and mills operational in climates that they otherwise wouldn't be able to; saying there should be no log exports is not feasible; it is part of the market make-up

NM; the issue is that the logs that are being exported at one time were milled in PA; that is the lens/perception that a lot of people are looking through

Dave Chitty (DC); log export needs more communication to understand the complexities of the situation; coming to this group is very helpful; there is a tremendous amount of misinformation

Island Timberlands; June 10th 2010 tour options

Suggestions; “Candy Store” area, McLean's Mill, Ash River, Salvage and Grinding options

JD; does the 10th still work for a tour? It is the 2nd Thursday of the month – it will be in the afternoon

Group approves June 10th as a good date; 2pm – 6pm; there will be a boxed dinner will be provided

Group suggestion that tour starts @ “Candy Store”, then moving out to the McLean's Mill area and meeting up with an engineer

Action Item #3; JD and ML will arrange this event; JD will get something more concrete out to everybody

JD; the topic of potential work on a salmon habitat restoration for the two watersheds being logged in Roger Creek / Stokes Creek; this maybe something that could be addressed at the June 10th tour meeting

JD; Presentation on Ungulate Winter Range put off until fall; as well as the discussion around sustainability

Jane Morden; What about road deactivation in the Ash Valley?

ML; for environmental reasons there will be deactivation out at the Ash Valley as ITL is not working out there

Darlene Clarke; what about Branch 108; there has been some concern around gates and road deactivation

Action Item #4; ML (along with WIWAG and JD) will work on a Recreation Access Inventory

Action Item #5; JD to work with ML on keeping WIWAG informed on road deactivations, gates, closures and shutdowns

ML; will commit to major roads – but ITL has a lot of roads and cannot commit to notifying of every road shut down; just use all roads with caution all the time

Announcements

Harold Carlson; an agreement has been struck between AVCRD and ITL for the Inlet Trail

JD; in the fall it would be nice to see some great PR on this trail; it will be a tremendous asset to the Alberni Valley community

ML; ITL will be making some splash around this when the trail is complete

ML; ITL wanted to be able to commit to being able to build a nice trail head and parking lot on there piece of land @ Shipcreek Rd., this decision was on that ITL took very seriously and wanted to ensure that all the safety and other concerns were addressed; this will be a parking area worthy for a the “world-class trail network” that is being proposed.

KM; Tseshaht has an application in with ICE-T for funding to develop a trail from the orange bridge to the Sproat Lake bridge and join up with the existing trails out there

DC; Gently Down the Creek was a great success; ITL support was great & WFP is coming back on board slowly

Next Meeting(s)

- 1) Western Forest Products – June 17, 2010 (focus on the new standard)
- 2) Island Timberlands – June 10 Tour

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	After minutes approved		Jennifer
2	Possible presentations - Keith Hunter from First Nations Wildcrafters	May 13, 2010		Jennifer Dyson and Makenzie
3	Fieldtrip details sent out to WIWAG	May 13, 2010	JUNE 10th 2010	Jennifer and Makenzie
4	Recreation Access Inventory for WIWAG	May 13, 2010		Makenzie along with WIWAG
5	Road Closures and deactivations	May 13, 2010	Posted to ITLP site	Makenzie and Jennifer Dyson
4	Presentation on Ungulate Winter Range	February 11, 2010; Postponed until Fall		Makenzie
5	DC, ML and KU to potentially work on a salmon habitat restoration presentations for the two watersheds being logged in roger creek / stokes creek	February 11, 2010; Postponed until Fall		Makenzie, Dave, Kraig
6	Setup having Ally Gibson come to a ITLP meeting to discuss the salvage and grinding operations	November 12	Presentation at woods tour June 10	Makenzie Leine and Jennifer Dyson

All Completed Actions see file [Actions completed\ITLP Complete tracking.doc](#)