

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Final Minutes – April 12, 2018

Advisory Group Members

Y Y	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation		Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
Y Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Revolving	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
R	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic	R	Solomon Schachner	General Interest
Y 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)
R	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game	Y	Dan Washington Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
		Parks Canada (information only)	R Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Keith Hunter	Multiple Goods & Services
			Y	Francois Warren	Small Business

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.

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.

Action Items from WFP February 8, 2018

- 1. What is considered sustainable in SFI?**
- 2. Percentage of SFI/ CSA in BC?
Certification breakdown in BC:**

	Ha	%
CSA	21,197,994	41%
SFI	29,714,390	57%
FSC	1,399,128	3%
Total	52,311,512	100%

This has the areas for Tolko and BCTS that switched from CSA to SFI in early 2018 included.

This is the definition of Sustainable Forestry that SFI has made:

sustainable forestry: To meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful products and ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air and water quality, carbon, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation and aesthetics.

<http://www.sfiprogram.org/about-us/sfi-strategic-vision/sustainable-development-goals/>

- 3. Taking the stream shape into consideration, how is the 30-meter corridor determined – Bring in diagram from previous meeting – Covered during meeting**
- 4. BC's Big Tree Registry – Jennifer sent out link**
- 5. From November 2, 2017 Indicator 5.2.3 - how accurate is a cubic meter logged equate to jobs or hours of work available – Covered during meeting**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the WFP WIWAG February 8, 2018 - Approved and will be posted to website.

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

WFP Updates –

Jim Muress – Continually ramping up production for 2018, looking for more logging Contractors. The plan is to log ~710,000 m³ this year. Logging in all three areas (Franklin, Henderson and Great Central Lake), majority on east side (Franklin) No exports planned at this time. Volume is flowing through Ship Creek Dryland sort and Sarita Dryland Sort primarily. China Creek sort is Island Timberlands, our volume does not go through there. Very busy time of year, for example, 14 road building sides active at this time.

Erin Badesso – Forester's meeting May 31-June 1, hosted in Port Alberni focusing on Silviculture. Opportunity for two WIWAG members to attend the field portion, if interested, please let Jennifer know.

2017 Results:

Erin reviewed the *Sustainable Forest Management Plan 2017 Summary Report* associated with the Defined Forest Area (DFA).

1.1.1: Ecosystem Area by Type – The CWHvh1 is off by 1 percent, Target Met – No / Variance Met – Yes.

1.1.2: Forest Area Species – Next report is in 2018. Prefer to plant Hemlock rather than Hemlock seeding itself. Have good genetic gain through a breeding program.

1.1.3: Forest Area by Stand Age- Target met.

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 associated with helicopter logging.

Action ITEM 2 - How effective is stand retention in boosting the regrowth via mycelial interactions...any research?

1.2.1: Habitat Protection – Target met. Goshawk Implementation plan – John Deal to address at a future meeting.

1.2.2: Suitable Habitat – Next report is 2018 (every 5 years)

1.2.3: Native Species Regeneration – Target Met – 2017 - Only non-indigenous trees planted were 1890 Noble Fir.

1.3.1: Genetic Diversity – No GMO trees were planted. Target met.

1.4.1: Sites with Management Strategies – Target met. 13 of 13 sites identified (6 nest trees and 7 bear dens) in 2017 had implemented management strategies. Management strategy does not necessarily mean the feature is preserved in every situation. What is the management strategy for bear dens? To preserve as many as possible and leave enough retention that the feature will remain useful. There are no regulated guidelines for leave area.

1.4.2: Cultural Sites – Target met – One feature found in 2017.

1.4a: Sensitive Ecosystem Training – Target met. 84% trained on a 2 year rolling average.

2.1.1a: Reforestation Success – Target met.

2.1.1b: Reforestation Success – Target met. 553,270 trees were planted in 2017. Had more trees than area to plant them due to reduced logging. Surplus seedlings traded or sold.

2.2.1a: Additions/Deletions to Forest Area – Target met.

2.2.1b: Additions/Deletions to Forest Area – Target met.

2.2.2: Sustainable Harvest – the under-harvest in the DFA is significant.

3.1.1: Soil Disturbance – Target met. Erin showed examples of soil disturbance.

3.1A: Limit Herbicides – Target met. Six cut blocks had herbicides applied as a basal spray in 2017. Some herbicide planned for 2018 to target a small patch of Japanese knotweed found near Camp B.

3.1.2: Downed Woody Debris – Target met.

Action Item #3 review Target again to potentially increase the volume per hectare.

3.2.1: Watershed Disturbance – Target met.

3.2A: Watershed Condition – Next scheduled update - 2019. Landslides outside of the high frequency landslide area is not captured in this indicator

3.2B: Community Watersheds – No harvesting in a community watershed in 2017

- 3.2C: S4 Streams –Target met. Some S4 streams will dry up and others can flow all year. Stream flow does not affect this indicator.
- 3.2D: S5 Streams – Target met. Harvesting over the slope break of an S5 stream can create soil disturbance if windthrow occurs. Pruning helps mitigate windthrow. Majority of the pruning is done by helicopter now.
- 4.1.1: Carbon Uptake and Storage – Target met. More wood (carbon) carbon grew than what was harvested, so the net carbon uptake remains high. Burning of debris has a large impact on the carbon uptake value.
- 5.1.1: Benefits Derived – Target met. Stumpage doubled from 2016 due to increase in log pricing.
- 5.1A: Park Perimeter – Target met.
- 5.1B: Recreation Access – Target met.
- 5.1C: Mushroom Habitat Access – Next report is in 2018
- 5.2.1: Communities and Sustainability – Target met.
- 5.2.2: Training & Skills Development – Target met.
- 5.2.3: Employment – Target and Variance not met. Forecast is we will start climbing back up next year, as the logging ramps up. The more mechanized we are, the less jobs are required, but more indirect jobs are created (such as maintenance).
- 5.2.4: Aboriginal Lands & Tenure – Target not met 7/8 contracts, were within variance.
- 6.1.1: Understanding Title & Rights – Target met.
- 6.1.2: Acceptance of Management Plans – Target met.
- 6.1.3: Cultural Activities & Practices – Target met. One area identified, small old growth piece.
- 6.2.1: Respect for Aboriginal Knowledge – Target met. (Information sharing)
- 6.3.1: Local Economy – Target met.
- 6.3.2: Improve Safety Standards – Target met.
- 6.3.3: Safety Program – Target met. All companies have to be SAFE certified.
- 6.4.1: WIWAG Satisfaction – Results will be reported next year. Survey conducted in 2018.
- 6.4.2: WIWAG Capacity Building – Target met.
- 6.4.3: Aboriginal Participation in SFM – Target met.
- 6.5.1: Educational Outreach – Target met.
- 6.5.2: Public Concerns – Target met.

Announcements: Next Meeting – June 14th 2018 Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

WIWAG Action Items.

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1	JD to post approved minutes from last meeting to WIWAG website (November's Meeting Minutes)	April 12th			ML
2	How effective is the retention in boosting regrowth of the forest via mycelial interactions...any research?	April 12th	June 14th		EB
3	Review Target for Indicator 3.1.2 Downed Woody Debris	April 12 th	June 14 th		EB
flag	Tour of the mill possibly in the spring-Catalyst	November 7			
	Presentation Dr. Richard Hebda	April 6 th	November meeting		JD