

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Final Minutes – February 8, 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
	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic	R	Solomon Schachner	General Interest
Y	Mike Kokura John Jack (alt)	A.C. Regional District	R 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
Y	Jim Muress	WFP Manager Port Alberni Forest Operations	Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association	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)

Will Sloan – WFP Certification Coordinator, Corporate Forestry
Erin Badesso – WFP PAFO, Operations Forester
Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
Michele Laminski - Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions:

Guest – John Douglas
New Member – Francois Warren Small Business

Safety Orientation

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

Action Items from WFP November 2, 2017

1. Jennifer will send members a handout on the PEFC (Chain of Custody) -Done
2. Difference between SFI and CSA – Tonight's Meeting
3. Tyson Berkenstock, WFP Stewardship Forester to send presentation to Erin and will be posted on website – On website in the next few days (in progress)
4. Indicator 5.2.3 – how to describe the indicator can be updated – how accurate is a cubic meter logged equate to jobs or hours of work available – Postponed to next meeting

WFP Operations Update: Jim Mures

- 5 Contractors in place and actively working
- Operations ramping up this year, in part to address an undercut position
- WFP and Huu-ay-aht continue to build their working relationship in forestry
- Tshesht are scheduled to begin harvesting in Great Central Lake
- Somass – no decisions have been made what to do with the site
- APD – went to 60-hour work week, 10-hour days/ 6 days a week
- No export at this time, wood is staying domestic
- APD – Fire occurred in the middle of the night, it was extinguished, and started with regular shift in the morning
- By legislation, cedar is not exportable in raw log form – article in Vancouver Sun – Don Demens spoke to Somass being closed
- Question – How are the saw mills certified? PEFC Chain of Custody – tracking the flow of wood. Lumber is produced comes from a certified source.

Will Sloan Presentation on the differences between CSA and SFI.

What is Forest Certification?

- One definition “an established and recognised procedure which results in a certification confirming the quality of forest management in relation to a set of predetermined standards, based on an independent (third party) assessment”

Why Certification?

- Respond to the environmental movement
- Ensure market access
- Position a company as environmentally and socially responsible
- Manage risk
- Independent endorsement of environmental and forest management
- Improved operational efficiencies
- Requires a structured approach to managing potential impacts

What are the different Forest Certification schemes?

- 3 Schemes used in Canada – CSA (Canadian Based), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) US based with Canadian offices and participants, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) International
- 1 Scheme in Europe – PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC))
- At least 40 others world wide
- CSA is the only one that requires a public advisory process
- PEFC endorses CSA and SFI

CSA – Based on criteria set by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, established in 1996 and administrated by CSA, non-profit corporation.

SFI – Established in 1994 by the American Forest and Paper Association, National standards coordinated by the Sustainable Forestry Board. Used by Canadian companies for reasons such

as private land and more acceptable to US forest product customers. Environmental/ Social and Economic components. 13 Principles, 15 Objectives, 37 Performance Measurements and 101 Indicators – Set as part of Standard, cannot be changed locally.

SFI Also – Promotes training for certified / qualified loggers, has large annual conference, funding for community and conservation project, significant supporter for Ducks Unlimited and Habitat for Humanity, provides training material to school's grade pre-K – 12 on the environment through Project Learning Tree and requires participants to support research, science and technology.

SFI Fiber Sourcing – Unique to SFI

SFI also has standards for facilities that consume fibre, such as saw mills. Program participants must show that the raw material in their supply chain comes from legal and responsible sources, whether the forests are certified or not.

Current Status?

167,797,442 ha or 92,626,690 m3 Certified in Canada

51,953,410 ha or 50,089,251 m3 Certified in BC (31% of Canadian total)

Reviewed Canada companies and which scheme they are certified with – 11 using CSA and 55 using SFI. 3 companies use both CSA / SFI in Canada but in different areas (no overlapping)

Questions – CSA requires a Public Advisory Group – SFI allows one if the company wanted one, but not a requirement.

Action Item #1 – Percentage of SFI/ CSA in BC

Action Item #2 – What is considered sustainable in SFI?

Preparedness for the New Standard (Erin)

Update – External Audit has been postponed in Port Alberni to next year (2019) due to the ramping up of our logging activities. Audit take place in the Stillwater Operation in 2018.

Erin - propose changes to the Indicators based on Michel de Bellefeuille review.

Indicator 1.1.1

- Update target from “over time” to “annually”
- Update Variance from “-5% by type” to “From 45 – 50% for up to 10 consecutive years”
- Discussion – Addresses the trend and describe it better in the variance update
- Suggested - less than 5% for up to 10 years

Indicator 1.1.2

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- Update to variance
- Suggested to build in target and variance into the columns
- 2012 is the new baseline because around 2010 when the indicator started there were a significant changes to the DFA e.g. reductions for Maa-nulth Treaty.

Indicator 1.1.3

- Propose new language to objective, target and variance

Indicator 1.3.1

- Update to wording to reflect maintaining older age stands to better align with the Value

and remove the concept of gradually reducing older aged stands. Accepted by PAG as presented.

Indicator 2.1.4

- Update to target wording – to reflect incorporating the potential to re-set the 5 year cut control period. Accepted by PAG as presented.

Indicator 3.2.2

- Update to target wording to reflect the concept of an identified water feature – This is a new core indicator but the PAG as identified other indicators that enhance the Value of water quality and quantity e.g. S4 and S5 streams

Indicator 3.2.2c S4 Streams

- Update to target wording suggested for clarity – discussion
Action Item #3 – taking the stream shape into consideration, how is the 30-meter corridor determined – Bring in diagram from previous meeting

Discussion on WFP’s Big Tree Policy and general retention of Old Growth

- Old Growth that will not be harvested in the DFA is estimated at – 23,036 ha
- Total Potential Forest of Old Growth including recruitment from previously harvested areas never to be re-harvested is estimated at – 38,571 ha
- Big Tree Retention – trees over the specified diameter should be identified for retention subject to safety, windthrow hazard, and topography. British Columbia has a Big Tree Registry – WFP used the Registry as a factor to assist in building its Policy.
- Discussion if any Big Trees are registered in TFL 44

Action Item #4 – Jennifer will send link to BC’s Big Tree Registry

Announcements:

Move the meeting back to the second week

Next WIWAG Meeting – April 12th, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

WIWAG Action Items

Actions Items from February 8th 2018 WIWAG Meeting

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1	Percentage of SFI / CSA in BC	Feb 8 th	April 12 th		Will
2	What is considered sustainable in the SFI scheme?	Feb 8 th	April 12 th		Will
3	Taking the stream shape into consideration, how is the 30 meter corridor determined – Bring in diagram from previous meeting	Feb 8 th	April 12 th		Erin
4	Link to Big Tree Registry send to members	Feb 8 th	April 12 th		Jennifer
5	Indicator 5.2.3 - how accurate is a cubic meter logged equate to jobs or hours of work available	Nov 2 nd	April 12 th		Erin