

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group - Island Timberlands Limited Partnership
Thursday October 11, 2012 Final Minutes Held at the ACRD Boardroom

Advisory Group Members:

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

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

Guests:

Rod Davis: Guest Speaker (PMFLC)
 Edna Cox
 Jack Thornberg
 Maureen Sager
 Myron Jespersen
 Judy Thompsons
 Graham Hughs

Resources Present:

Morgan Kennah – ITLP
Tony Norris – ITLP

Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
Rob Powelson – Recording Secretary

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

Safety Orientation:

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.
 Jennifer spoke of Glen Wong's passing and shared her admiration and respect for him.

Action Items

Jennifer reviewed the action items. (outlined in detail below)

Minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting approved by consensus

Action Item #1: Minutes to be posted to website: APPROVED

Action Item #2: Understory inventory and mushroom pickers (Keith Hunter): ongoing

Keith is waiting for rain: weather is too dry for chanterelle mushrooms to grow undergoing a pilot project with Ministry of Agriculture on good agricultural practises working with Min. of Ag, Min. of Forests, Min. of Environment re: integrity of the study blocks. Also working with Min. of Forests on economic revitalization and diversification

- JD asked that KH consider doing a presentation on mushrooms for the group.

JC asked question: will fertilizing the mushrooms boost tree growth

JC asked question of ITLP re: do they use fertilizers in their operations?

Action Item #3: Public safety – carried into recreation committee area

Trail closures and logging activity is posted on ITLP's blog and signs are posted at the entrance of all trails indicating closure lengths and times.

**Rod Davis, Chair Private Managed Forest Lands Council (PMFLC): (from Victoria)
PMFLC is an independent provincial agency established under the Private Managed Forest Land Act to administer the Managed Forest Program and protect key public environmental values on private Managed Forest land in BC**

(From Website)

Managed Forest Classification

Managed Forest is a BC Assessment property classification (class 7) established in 1988 to encourage private landowners to manage their lands for long-term forest production.

Eligibility & Requirements

- A minimum of 25 hectares is required. The property may consist of more than one parcel provided the parcels are contiguous. If the land is 50 hectares or less, at least 70% of the land must be productive. If the land is more than 50 hectares, at least 50% of the land must be productive.
- A signed Management Commitment filed with the Council that signifies the owner's commitment to use the property for production and harvesting of timber and associated forest management activities.

Obligations

- Annual administration fee paid to the Council. The fee is determined each year by Council and is based on a rate per \$1000 of bare land assessed value, plus \$100. The 2010 rate was \$0.435/\$1000.
- Annual declaration form that highlights forest management activities completed during the year, including harvesting, destroyed timber, road construction, and reforestation.
- Comply with the Private Managed Forest Land Act and regulations, including protection of key environmental values.
- Notify council within 24 hours of becoming aware that a landslide or debris flow has occurred and has deposited debris into a stream on the owner's land. Environmental Incident Form
- Pay an exit fee if the property is withdrawn from the Managed Forest land class within 15 years. The fee is based on the differences in taxes between the next highest property classes, with a discount related to the number of years classed as Managed Forest. Exemptions apply in certain circumstances, such as the expropriation or donation of land for public purposes.
- Provide a Notice of Sale if the property is sold, that notifies the Council that the property has been sold and provides contact information for the new owner.

Benefits

- Property assessed values are generally lower than for other classes such as residential
- Owners are assured the right to harvest trees, unrestricted by local government bylaws
- Assessments are reasonably stable through years of no harvesting, and increased assessments apply only following a year in which harvesting occurs
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- QUESTION: How do we protect the water quality?
- QUESTION: Why no regulations set up around land use planning re: tree farm licensing?
- (J Carlson) what kind of regulations can council make?
- QUESTION: Do regulations apply to small wood lot owners? (KH)

WIWAG Terms of Reference Review

Review led by Jennifer with discussion. Document needs review from ITLP perspective, particularly after recent news items. Has been CSA-oriented historically; may need some language changes to reflect SFM.

Terms of Reference: help us to define our role as a group

JD asked everyone to review and revisit this at another meeting if any questions?

(JS) Pleased to see website and to see terms of references of WFP and ITLP on the site
– does need some updating.

Next ITLP meeting possible January 2013

ITLP Updates

Cold Creek:

Shaw Cable has a small blurb on Shaw Cable 4 re: activities and plans for this area.

(KH) Would there be a possibility of harvesting from natural growth maple trees for syrup?

*not enough call for it: very hard on the trees, but may happen in small lots in future years.

Labour Day Lake/Mt. Moriarty:

Pass Main/Mount Arrowsmith CPR Trail:

Underwood Cove/Shoemaker:

Sproat Lake:

Lots of positive feedback from the public and goodwill even though the logging activity is right beside the roadway.

Cameron Fire Break harvest activity:

Ungulate Winter Range form a subcommittee – is there an appetite for this? Ideas have been tossed around, but nothing firmed up yet. What would be the goals?

Tour for the group either during harvest or just after? Dates will be posted to group later.

Announcements

Report a Wildfire: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from your mobile

Island Timberlands blog - <http://blog.islandtimberlands.com/>

Morgan asked:

- is the blog working well?
- blog contains updates re: trail closures and for how long.

Noted: maps need to be updated.

KH asked if updates on trail closures can be forwarded to user group Facebook pages for instant communications?

**Next meeting date – (TBD) ITLP December 13, 2012
WFP November 8, 2012**

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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 understorey 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](#)