



Certification Shorts: Jan. 2005

Highlights from West Island Woodland Advisory Group

Private Land Management

- ◆ With the removal of private land from the TFL the pressure to create a second set of objectives and indicators for private land has increased. The SFMP currently applies to both private and crown land equally. This will be a key aspect of negotiations for the 2005 SFMP.

Stream Management

- ◆ A sub-committee is getting outside advice about buffers on S4, S5 & S6 streams for the 2005 plan. The goal is to create a management practice that is integrated into planning, cost-effective, yet still ensuring stream protection.

Staff Training

- ◆ Planners will receive training in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory in 2005.

Local Employment & Purchasing

- ◆ WIWAG members have requested a meeting with Steve Smith, VP of Sustainable Management to discuss corporate policy and practice around local employment and purchasing. Results of this discussion will be reflected in the 2005 SFMP.

Public Education & Awareness

- ◆ Part of the Youth Forestry Awareness strategy for 2004 was to have Hayes delegate a liaison for the High School Forestry Program. This has not been achieved this year. WIT did however support "Gently Down the Creek", a forest education program for grade five students.

What is a Sustainable Harvest Level?

- ◆ WIWAG members will meet with Peter Koefed in January to continue their discussions about sustainable harvest levels. Some of the questions they have:
 - a. What is the inventory by age class by Landscape Unit?
 - b. How does this compare to the harvest levels in each Landscape Unit?
 - c. What is the strategy to move from current rotations (40-60 years) to the projected rotation of 80 years in the future, second growth forest? What impact might this have on employment and when?

Next meeting:

- ◆ January 13th, 5:30 PM, AC Regional District board room: "Harvest Levels". Guests are welcome and should rsvp to Ryan Dvorak: 723-5782 or rdvorak@shaw.ca

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