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WIWAG Minutes January 9, 2003 **1 of 4 pages**
West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
January 9, 2003
Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni

Present :

Advisory Group Members:

*	Carlson, Harold	Forest Recreation		McKay, Mike	Independent Sawmills
*	Avis, Rick (alt)				
			R	Alison Mckenzie	Logging Contractors
*	Edgell, Phil	Watershed/Fisheries			
			R	Creighton, Jim	Small Business/Chamber
			*	Ed Sanders	A.V. Sportsman's Association
*	McIntosh, John Bob Redhead (alt)	Parks Canada	*	Swann, Gary	S. I. Woodlot Owner's Assoc.
*	Leo Tak	Bamfield	R	Thornburg, Jack	Environment
			*	Chris Law (alt)	
*	Lem, Tawney	Hupacasth	*	Amanda Lord	City of Port Alberni
			*	Ken McRae	

Resources:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser
Neil Malbon- Weyerhaeuser
Mike Player – Weyerhaeuser

Michelle Colussi – Facilitator
Ryan Dvorak –Recording Secretary
Frank Stini - Guest

1. Safety Orientation:

2. Welcome and Introductions: Welcome to the group.

3. Agenda:

- Will fit in a presentation by Dan Garland President of the Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors
- Addition under New Business – The Social Impacts of the Hayes take-over

4. Minutes of November 21st

- Emphasis on the need for Old Growth recruitment in the Ash River Landscape Unit
- Indicate that the recommended cut Peter Kofoed presented in 50,000 cubic metres less than the AAC
- **Minutes of November 21, 2002 approved with changes.**

5. WIWAG Terms of Reference:

- There are limited changes to this document from the last draft ToR
- 1.1 Minutes will be posted on the Web-Site in draft form
 - 1.2 A new section titled ad hoc committees has been added
 - 1.3 Integrated communications plan for WIT Division and WIWAG has been added
 - It was indicated that it has been 3 years since WIWAG has held an open house
 - An interest in holding this event in conjunction with some other piece was indicated, also, that with the current re-structuring within Weyerhaeuser the open house should be held ASAP
 - Focus Groups: eg. Value-Added Sectors access to fiber

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- A point was raised that Weyerhaeuser is both a seller and a purchaser of logs and would relate to the indicator in the SFM Plan relating to non-competing interests (Goal #39)
- **There were no objections to leaving the Stakeholder Dialogues/Focus groups (WIWAG) and Annual Public open house (WIWAG) components in the ToR. It was also indicated that an annual report on the progress of WIWAG and the SFM plan should be developed and made available to the public.**

1.4 Education in schools

- WIWAG will not be able to decide this issue at this time pending further discussion within Weyerhaeuser

Michelle will add Weyerhaeuser's responsibility to produce the Recreation and Logging Road & Recreation Guide

Any other issues?

- Typo pg.4 2nd line of Observers Section; change "import" to "importance"

There were no objections to approving the WIWAG ToR with attached communications plan.

6. Membership:

- Michelle has continued, and will continue talking to the I.W.A. re: re-claiming their seat on WIWAG
- Comments were made on including the NTFP and Value-added sectors to WIWAG
- The group indicated that the Value-added sector should be included for sure, and take priority: Possibilities: Joey Wong, Coulson's, Naagards, Woodworkers Guild, Log Home Builder, Timber Tonewood, Norse.
- Ken Matthews would like to make a presentation on changes to the Timber Sale Provisions
- **There were no objections to Michelle pursuing a Value-added representative on WIWAG**
- NTFP's: due to the lack of a legislative framework around NTFP's this forum may not be appropriate in terms of addressing the concerns of this sector
- The biggest issue around NTFP's is how they relate to sustainable forest management
- Malispina will be hosting a North American expert on NTFP's perhaps a WIWAG representative at the conference would be beneficial
- Steve will be speaking to Ken Matthews re: including the MoF's SBFEP in receiving information and direction from WIWAG
- **There were no objections to postponing the search for a NTFP representative on WIWAG**
- It was indicated that the NTC has began to put together a forestry council, and that would be a great link for WIWAG

7. Work Plan Priorities for 2003 – Based on discussion at the last meeting:

- There was an orientation session held for new WIWAG members and it was suggested that this orientation should be on-going for all members as an opportunity to work out any questions or concerns that they may have as well as an opportunity for further education.
- It was indicated that Weyerhaeuser will not update to the new CSA Standard until 2004, and that the 2002 Data Set will likely come in March.
- Additions to the Work Plan:
 - FIA Funding and preparations for WIWAG objectives
 - Social issues and impacts
 - Trail & Site recreational inventory and priorities
- It was noted that the Powell River Advisory Group received \$100,000 for trail building
- Clarification: the fossil fuel goal relates to Carbon Budgets and Fossil Fuel issues
- The FIA discussion will occur during the February meeting. Members should bring suggestions and proposals at that time.

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- It was noted that Greg Farris has been tasked with coordinating the FIA allocations within TFL #44
- **Steve will send Greg's e-mail address to Ryan who will then send it to the WIWAG membership**

8. Vancouver Island Association of Wood Processors Presentation – Dan Garland President

- The big questions here are: Access to Fiber & Opportunities for Port Alberni
- The regions in B.C. are so diverse, and with some many different challenges that each region is treated as an independent entity with an independent Association
- The VIAWP is in negotiations with the MoF re: changes to legislation and the impact that this will have on small scale wood processors
- The issue of fiber supply is generally a “round log” issue, and the primary challenge has been to get an assured fiber supply.
- This leads to several issues:
 1. Difficulties in finding and securing business financing
 2. Promotes a system of almost exclusively spot buyers
- Employment in this sector on Vancouver Island could be quadrupled with an assured fiber supply. Eg. Dan's company has 3 programs waiting to be put into production and would employ an additional 25 people, but are lacking a secure fiber supply
- This really is a big vs. small issue; however, Dan recognized Weyerhaeuser for taking the time to deal with his small company
- ? How small is small: From 500 mbf spot orders to 100,000 mbf/day production needs
- Small businesses are forced away from fiber by an inequality of resources, and when available are forced with an marginal pricing issue where they must pay top dollar for fiber
- The demand for (quality)logs for the export market is placing additional stress on the demand for logs
- Relating to log exports, 95% of Vancouver Island East/Central logs are exported
- Small mills may be inefficient, but they provide jobs @ 3 jobs/ 1000 cubic meters of fiber, and they provide the customer with exactly what they want. Eg. Dan has product in Bill Gate's house
- Species and Grade: Lower grade wood will not be processed, as it is too inefficient, most small and large companies seek the highest value logs
- Pricing issues are a large concerns, always paying the marginal price, and the price is a highly unstable variable
- It is difficult to get the Provincial Government to recognize the value of small businesses to the community. The B.C. Timber Sales program is likely going to be financed (Fiber wise) by the SBFEP, and the rules around the BCTSP will likely be very difficult for small business to secure fiber; however, this may be salvage by section #21.
- Solutions: Need to get the community and the Province behind Small Business:
1000 cubic meters of fiber = 3 jobs * multiplier effect (3jobs) * \$270,000 Economic Activity/1000 cubic meters * \$135,000 in tax revenue; you would think that with numbers like this the Government would get behind small business
- We need to look at a regional solution
- Small businesses need a secure and stable fiber supply; we need to look at encouraging small business – diversity is a good thing
- Programs that Dan has waiting for a secure fiber supply:
Utility Cross Arms – 20 – 25 jobs
Fencing Program – Dan has a standing order of 5000 mbf/month
- In the search for major industry so many small opportunities where missed that collectively they add up to a big opportunity
- ? Is the small business program working: The current policy of the Provincial Government is that we would give up major components of the TFL agreements

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- Section 20: Put unencumbered wood on the market – unfortunately this provision elevated itself to the level of big business
- Section 21: Value-added program – this provision required many condition (job creation programs, etc.)
- What we need is a market where small business can access species, market and grade. Extra large woodlots greater than 2500 ha would help to accomplish that goal, as well community forests would help small business immensely with the different criteria taken into account in making timber allocation decisions.
- Small Business can make a go of it without special considerations, but they need to have the right species and grade of timber
- Timber West Story – With a secure source of 10,000 cubic meters a year of gang cedar Dan would set-up a mill in Port Alberni tomorrow that would employ between 20 -25 people
- F.Y.I. The Bamfield Community Forest is set to harvest 1000 cubic meters and is looking for buyers

9. Break – 7:20pm

10. Frank Stini - Proposal re: Proposed Woodlot and the Log Train Trail:

- On the Log Train Trail there is an area of Crown Forest that is being proposed as a woodlot
- It would be nice to have this area as an Old Growth recruitment reserve
- Could bring out windfall to the McLean's Mill
- It would also be nice if the area around the McLean's Mill could be designated as an Old Growth Recruitment reserve
- The proposed area is a top-up to an existing woodlot
- If preserved, the area would act as a wildlife corridor as well as a filter for impacts from logging activities further up the Beaufort
- It was noted that the Forest Service does not have the same process as Weyerhaeuser for the allocation of woodlots vs. FDP's
- It was suggested that this issue should be brought back to individual sector groups to see if this would be an issue that their organizations would support
- It was noted that WIWAG should look at the other issues and stakeholders in this proposal. Eg. Woodlot owners
- This is a good example as to why SEI needs to be conducted over the entire Alberni Valley, and not just Weyerhaeuser lands
- ? – Where does WIWAG want to go with this issue; are there individuals who would feel comfortable working to forward this issue – Rick Player, Ken McRae, Chris Law, Gary Swann, Frank Stini – Will meet January 20th at City Hall 10am

11. First Nation's Letter:

- **Michelle will talk to Wayne & Tawney re: path finding for who would be best to send the letter to.**
- **Would this letter be appropriate for the NTC Forestry Committee – No objections**
- It was suggested that a letter should be sent to the Bamfield Community Advisory Group
- For the proposed Bamfield meeting, WIWAG may consider a sight-seeing & fact-finding trip
- **Steve will provide Leo with information about Weyerhaeuser's maintenance of the Bamfield Road**

12. Gary Coupland's Work Follow-up:

- If you are interested in additional information relating to Gary Coupland's work, e-mail Ryan and he will send it out to you
- M&B historically and now Weyerhaeuser has prided themselves with research around plots (long term test areas) set aside for research into growth and yield

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13. **Water Quality Measures:**
 - Indicator #22: Suggest that indicator #22 be modified to reflect the data gathered and presented and to utilize the information from table #34 on. These are being proposed by Weyerhaeuser data collected: Ph, Dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and conductivity
 - **No objections to re-drafting indicator #22**
 - It was suggested that data from these sampling areas be collected and examined by the group to further modify the indicator
 - Leo – Bamfield school for Field Studies has additional information
 - It was suggested that an effort should be made to see if watersheds have any historical data available

14. **Hayes Take Over & Social Issues:**
 - **Chris will send his questions to Steve and Michelle**

15. **Work Plan Priorities:**
 - **Michelle will send out a list for WIWAG members to prioritize in preparation for the February meeting.**

16. **End Issues:**
 - **Is there any way that Weyerhaeuser could provide prior warning of logging in the Port Alberni Community Watershed to City Hall?**
 - **Do Weyerhaeuser representatives wish to attend the recreational outreach meeting? – Steve will circulate the invitation within Weyerhaeuser and to contractors**
 - **February Meeting: Stillwater, Results Based Code, FIA(?)**

Next Meeting:

	Location:	Regional District Boardroom 3008 Fifth Avenue Port Alberni
February 13		
March 13	Time:	5:00pm – Dinner
April 10		5:30pm – Meeting

Actions From the January 9, 2003 WIWAG Meeting

	Action:	Completion Date	Person responsible
1	Prioritize work plan list as sent out by Michelle	February	WIWAG
2			
3			
4	Add Old Growth, etc. Data to TFL maps as per the minutes	February Meeting	WIT Planning Dept.
5	Look at list of species on Page 13 of Data set and get back to Neil with changes	ASAP	Phil and Rick
6	Rank Significance of Recreation Trails	ASAP	Rick
7			
8	Continue to talk to potential members: IWA & Value Added	Ongoing	Michelle
9	Look into the Sproat Rec Access issue		Steve
10			