

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
June 14, 2000
Regional District Office**

Present:*Advisory Group Members:*

✓	Carlson, Harold	Forest recreation	✓	McKay, Pat	Independent sawmills
R	Carter, Mike	Tourism	✓	McKay, Jack	Logging contractors
	Cootes Jr., Charlie	Uchucklesaht	✓	Morris, Rhonda	Provincial government
✓	Edgell, Phil	Watershed Committee		Parker, Eileen	Small business
✓	Flynn, Shawn	Small woodlots	✓	Randles, Bill	Labour
✓	Johnsen, Gary	Toquaht	✓	Swann, Gary	Regional government
	Johnson, Larry	Huu-ah-aht	✓	Thornburgh, Jack	Environment
	Lavolette, Brian	Education/Youth		Touchie, Maureen	Ucluelet
✓	Lem, Tawney	Hupacasath	✓	Trumper, Gillian	City government
R	Levis, Jim	Bamfield	✓	Watts, David	Tseshaht
✓	McIntosh, John	Parks Canada			

Resource/Other:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser

Neil Malbon - Weyerhaeuser

Mark Hanley - Facilitator

Diane Morrison - recorder

1. Opening Remarks

At June 21 meeting there will be presentation on Critical Element 6.2 (Aboriginal and treaty rights) and 6.3 (Social and unique needs for Aboriginal Peoples).

Question raised as to how the WIWAG can make any decisions until we know what treaty rights are going to be.

As well as one last meeting to review SFM Plan before it goes to auditors, need to discuss aspect of forecasts.

July 5 meeting will be opportunity to raise particular areas for further brief discussion/clarification before Weyerhaeuser prepares final report. Members should let Michelle know what areas they wish to discuss so the agenda can be prepared.

2. SFM Draft Plan Review continued:

- **new indicators/objectives for #5 and #6**

CE 5.1 (extraction rates), Value 25 - Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP)

Objective for second indicator, add "Publish summary of research projects."

CE 5.1, Value 26 - Wildlife habitat

ADD Indicator 18 to present Indicator 4

Indicator 5

The 1 per cent increase will be in effect for approximately 15-20 years.

Question raised as to whether extraction rate already makes allowances for habitat. The answer is yes. Concern raised for deciding when enough habitat has been protected.

NEW OBJECTIVE ? - Maintain habitat areas (birds, ungulates, bears, etc.) and incorporate into Forest Development Plan (FDP).

CE 5.1, Value 25 - Timbre harvest

Remove "regional economic stability" from Goal because harvesting impacts a greater area than just regionally.

Objective of <1.15 LRSY - If the group is developing a sustainable forest management plan (as the name suggests) the company should be logging at LRSY, not above it.

FLAG

Suggestion that more information was needed on how <1.15 LRSY impacts sustainability. Flag to have a presentation at September meeting and change the objective for next year.

CE 5.1, Value 24 - Timber harvest

Discussion

- need to move to community sustainability
- Need to tie jobs, company has to have commitment to community
- Need to look at whole coastal region. How do those communities feel about the logs coming into the Alberni Valley?
- Generate maximum local economic activity from timber harvested in the DFA
- More aggressive in forestry if could export
- Goal needs to be related to economic benefit in both 24 (Timber harvest) and 29 (Local economy).
- Bring forward Indicator 50 and Objective (?)
- Eliminate Conversion and look at it in ?

CE 5.1, Value 27 - Recreation and tourism

Discussion -

- can't make blanket statement that recreation and tourism will drive harvesting
- HCV areas not necessarily related to recreation areas

Goal - two goals eliminated. Retain "Recreation and tourism are accommodated in the DFA."

Change Indicator 3 to 3A (?) - delete percentage, re-word "areas of identified recreational value within the DFA under special management." (?)

Indicator 44 - in objective, delete "and expand in response to user demand."

Add Indicator XX - maintain inventory of Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs)

CE 5.1, Value 28 - Community stability

GOAL - replace "ensured" with "enhanced".

NOTE: Indicator 46 - use income, GDP, taxes, etc., to track link between extraction and community health.

CE 5.1, Value 29 - Local economy

Discussion -

Plan needs something more concrete for supporting local business

Indicator XX (50A?) - distribution of total log supply from DFA, import and export

NOTE: Weyerhaeuser is currently looking at corporate strategy for purchasing.

Indications are that there will be less local purchasing and more central purchasing.

Complex issue. Central purchasing saves money which can then be re-invested elsewhere in company.

Show numbers for local/regional purchasing by company and then have discussion in future.

CE 5.1, Value 30 - Open market

It needs an Indicator related to volume sold by species and grade to local entrepreneurs (Ucluelet, Tofino, Bamfield, Port Alberni, Parksville).

Objective - create a benchmark for future reference.

Discussion -

- 10% of local harvest for sale locally
- 50% of log supply needs to be on open market to create real market value
- sales available to IWA certified companies

CE 5.1, Value 31 - Timber companies

Joint ventures (currently Value 34)

Indicator - Joint ventures and agreements with local value-added companies.

Objective - develop benchmark and increase in future.

Profitability (Indicator)

Indicator - expressed as margin / m³

Objective - ? (secret document)

Security of tenure (Indicator)

Suggestion it be deleted here. Addressed in 32 Tenure

(Unclear what, if any, changes to plan were made.)

Discussion -

- tenure is within company's control. Can put 50% on open market.
- 5% to small business program. Based on AAC in 1987. AAC higher then so more than 5% going to this program.
- letter from IWA that 50 % of TFL offered to competitive bidding
- IWA-certified companies only
- IWA and Local still not comfortable with 50% rate
- need to be more than that (50%?) .Displace crews here.
- does 50% refer to logging activities or to log sales?
- IWA referring to logging activity, 50% logs harvested
- tremendous ramifications for community stability if there is potential to ship out 50% of manufacturing.
- secure land base for forest activity is critical. Need to re-invest and increase tenure to 50 years, one rotation, to encourage spacing and pruning company does

- need to set # for acreage, hectares, logs harvested
- not issue for this table
- tenure is ownership

Value 32 (Tenure) REMOVE - "50% of the TFL will be offered to competitive bidding."

CE 5.1, Value 32 - Tenure DELETE

CE 5.1, Value 33 - Pricing DELETE

CE 5.1, Value 34 - Joint Ventures NO CHANGE (re-number)

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday June 21 (Start with 5.3 in draft SFM plan)

Thursday, June 29

Wednesday, July 5

6:00 p.m. for dinner, 6:30 p.m. for meeting

Location: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office (confirmed)

3008 5th Ave.

Port Alberni

NOTE: One last meeting in July (date to be decided) to look at final plan.

