

WIWAG Draft Minutes September 9, 2004

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West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group*September 9, 2004***Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni****Present:**

Advisory Group Members:

*	Carlson, Harold Avis, Rick (alt)	Forest Recreation	R	Carol Cutforth	Independent Sawmills
			R	Alison Mackenzie	Logging Contractors
*	Edgell, Phil	Watershed/Fisheries	R	Andrew Whittock	Placer Mining
R	Ken McRae Lyle Price (Alt)	A.C. Regional District	*	Creighton, Jim	Small Business/Chamber
			*	Ed Sanders Darlene Clark (alt)	A.V. Sportsman's Association
R	McIntosh, John Peter Whyte (alt)	Parks Canada	*	Swann, Gary	S. I. Woodlot Owner's Assoc.
*	Dennis Morgan	Bamfield		Chris Law	Environment
*	Lem, Tawney Brandy Launder	Hupacasth	*	Amanda Lord	City of Port Alberni

* = attended R = regrets blank = did not attend

Resources:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser

Michelle Colussi - Facilitator

Ryan Dvorak - Recording Secretary

Guests:

Jack Dryburgh - MoF

Attila Gereb - MoF

Judith Sayers - Hupacasath FN

1. Welcome and Introductions: Welcome to Jack, Attila and Judith

2. Safety Orientation

3. Agenda:

Flip Old Business and New Business to address the Private land issue and Judith's presentation.

Addition under Old Business - Tawney's report on the CSA National Technical Committee update

4. Announcements:

- The Alberni District Sportsman's Association will host GPS training on November 13, 2004 from 9am - 4:30pm. If you are interested please contact Darlene Clark @ 724-4657
- There will be a Natural Step Framework seminar October 22, 2004 at Glenwood Centre. There are only 100 seats available. To register call Echo Centre @ 723-2181.
- Mayor McRae raised several questions with the Minister of Forests - These included; the removal of Weyerhaeuser's Private Lands, concern over the lack of resolution in the 20% take-back process, and the poor communication of HAYES with the City of Port Alberni.

- Steve has a newsletter that outlines some concerns raised by Janet Schlackl of the EDC.
- Steve presented a report entitled "Hydrological Effects of Forest Harvest on the Pacific Northwest" – Ryan has a copy if you are interested.
- Katimavik is in Port Alberni, and the young people are volunteering in consortium of local organizations.

5. Minutes of June 3, 2004 and June 10, 2004: Approved

6. Private Land Issues and Concerns:

Judith Sayer – Hupacasath First Nation

- The lack of consultation with First Nation's over the removal of the Private Lands is a serious concern. There has been a good working relationship in the past with Weyerhaeuser, the Ministry of Forests and the Hupacasath First Nation, and it was a shock to the Hupacasath when the announcement of the removal of these lands was made.
- The consultation issue and the lack of respect for First Nations in this process is the #1 concern.
- The preservation of sacred and cultural sites in the Private Lands are a serious concern, as well as hunting, trapping and gathering rights. Drinking water issues are another concern.
- The conditions imposed by the MoF on Weyerhaeuser's Private Lands are not sufficient from the perspective of the Hupacasath. The Hupacasath does not believe that the Private Forest Land regulations are valid.
- The Hupacasath wonder what kind of relationship can they have with people that they now cannot trust?
- The Hupacasath will now have no say over 1/3 of the Hupacasath traditional territory. The Hupacasath feel very strongly over this issue, and consider that due to Supreme Court rulings, First Nations title exists on the landscape. There are serious concerns over the lack of consultation, impacts on rights and the resource.
- It was also noted that there was no consultation over the 20% take-back.
- Weyerhaeuser indicated that Mike Davis is the formal First Nations liaison for TFL#44.
- Private lands will remain under the CSA process, and the SFMP will still cover those lands. This should address concerns on some levels.
- FDP's will not apply to Private Lands
- ? – which is better, CSA or Private Land Regulations.
- There were concerns raised over what is reported to WIWAG vs. what is happening on the ground. If anyone from WIWAG would like to accompany GMI through it's audit process, that is an option.
- The WIWAG process should be about raising the bar re: Forest Management, CSA, etc. there is a feeling that we are slipping backwards.
- It was noted that the Private Lands Regulations are lacking.

Concerns and questions for September 30th:

#1 – the process of consultation or the lack thereof.

#2 – Impacts on the resource, water and culture.

- Access on Private Lands for recreation.
- What is the motivation for Weyerhaeuser to want their Private Lands removed? The motivation would likely be the export regulations over logs.
- What version of CSA will be applied to the Private Lands. The SFMP as a whole, or with concessions?
- External forces will have impacts, but WIWAG should look at the current plan under the new CSA standard. How long must the CSA standard apply to the Private Lands?
- There are huge concerns over access and ungulate winter ranges?
- The closures of areas to access are based upon environmental and area specific factors. There has been a major failure around communications around closures and road access.
- What is the impact on the AAC for TFL#44? When there is a major deletion in the TFL the AAC is reviewed by the Chief Forester.
- What is Weyerhaeuser's position on the sale and development of their Private Lands.
- There were concerns expressed over Old Growth management in the Private Lands.
- The designation of a Managed Forest is a Tax specific designation.

The September 30th panel will include:

Tom Holmes – Weyerhaeuser's philosophy on Private Land Management.

Bill Waugh – The differences between the FPC and Private Lands regulations.

Lawrence Pilon – Broad differences between Crown and Private Lands.

Shelly Higman – Watershed Management process.

Mike Davis – Wildlife, ungulate winter ranges and Old Growth.

Steve will ask Bill Waugh to review the WIWAG SFMP prior to the September 30th meeting.

Steve will think about the process over First Nations and Cultural Sites, and bringing it to WIWAG.

Steve will bring maps outlining the Private Lands to the September 30th meeting.

WIWAG needs to look at the SFMP and determine if the indicators are as strong as they need to be to address concerns.

7. Jack Dryburgh and Attila Gereb MoF:

- Jack has spent a good portion of his career in Port Alberni and has been with the MoF for 15 years, and is now the District Manager. Attila will be the official MoF liaison to WIWAG, he is responsible for First Nation's issues, Stewardship, and other portfolios.
- Attila would like Weyerhaeuser to notify MoF of road closures.
- Stewardship plans are moving forward but the LUP needs to be done first. LUP's and FSP's do not apply to Private Lands outside of the TFL.

- Undercut allocations have not been finalized, but there will be dispensations of this fibre in the future. There will be several hundred thousand cubic metres allocated. ? – will the allocations fall under CSA certification. Would the Ministry contact those who have received allocations and see if they are interested in following the CSA process.
- There were concerns raised over the AAC determination, undercut awards and the role of WIWAG or lack thereof in the AAC determination and undercut process.
- There is an issue over the scope of the SFM/certification not meeting the expectations of legislation.
- The Chief Forester could explain this process.

8. WIWAG priorities for 2005:

Add – recreation access and improved communication

Continue to participate in the LUP process.

Need to identify and establish OGMA's

- **Steve to E-mail Bill Beese re: providing an update on the LUP process for WIWAG**
- WIWAG should look at less process related issues, and instead work towards more on the ground changes and moving the company towards Sustainability.
- Need to have a discussion around how much Old Growth and where it is placed on the landscape is enough to maintain biodiversity. The Hupacasath Old Growth strategy will be finished in 2 months – it quantifies Cedar needs and determines site series, age classes and access. **Tawney will bring the % of the Sproat Landscape Unit that the Hupacasath would like to see managed for Cedar to WIWAG.**
- Seminar series: - are the net downs in the LUP's adequate.
- **The Hupacasath has drafted a forestry standard for their traditional territory – Tawney will provide copies of the plan when they are ready.**
- The group may want to look at the work of Western Forest Products as opposed to Stillwater. A presentation on FSP's would likely be the best use of WIWAG's time around this issue.

The list will be broken down into sub-committees and what has to be addressed by WIWAG as a whole – Michelle will organize a meeting schedule for the sub-committees.

9. Bamfield Meeting:

- **Black Lake – Dennis will check this out and bring information back to WIWAG**
- **Elk in the Klanawa – Michelle will e-mail Attila for follow-up with MWLAP – Ed will do further research to determine if the re-introduction was successful.**
- **Mike Davis will address the issue of harvesting in the Klanawa at a future WIWAG meeting.**
- **Mike Davis to respond to the concerns of the Huu ay aht in the form of a letter to be brought to WIWAG as well.**
- There is a concern in Bamfield over road safety in the Klanawa.

Outstanding correspondence will be posted on the back of the minutes. – Ryan and Michelle

11. CSA National Technical Committee Update:

- They are hoping to develop a standard for small defined forest tenures
- There are concerns over the public process due to the nature of this type of tenure.
- The group is looking at the 2007 edition of the CSA standard.
- CSA will be soliciting local group input into the 2007 revisions to the standard.

12. End issues:

- a. The web-site has been updated.
- b. **Mike Davis will investigate the opportunity to look at recent harvesting areas through photos, satellite imagery, etc. – Mike to talk to Attila re: Map Maker.**

Next Meeting: Sept. 30th
October 14th

Location: Regional District Boardroom 3008 5th Avenue
Port Alberni

Time: 5:00pm Dinner
5:30pm Meeting

Action Items Sept. 2004

	Action:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	Black Lake – Dennis will check this out and bring information back to WIWAG	ASAP	Dennis
2.	Plan for a public seminar	To be determined	Steve, Rick, Ken
3.	Make Forest Tour an annual event	Annually	Michelle/Steve
4.	Michelle will organize a meeting schedule for the sub-committees.	ASAP	Michelle
5.	Analysis of MAI and 80 year rotations relating to the LTHL determination	?	Peter & Steve
6.	Tawney will bring the % of the Sproat Landscape Unit that the Hupacasath would like to see managed for Cedar to WIWAG	November	Tawney Lem

7.	Elk in the Klanawa – Michelle will e-mail Attila for follow-up with MWLAP – Ed will do further research to determine if the re-introduction was successful.	ASAP	Michelle and Ed
8.	Contact HAYES to follow-up on the Forestry Liaison for the High School	ASAP	Mike Davis
9.	Mike Davis to respond to the concerns of the Huu ay aht in the form of a letter to be brought to WIWAG as well.	October	Mike Davis
10.	Steve to E-mail Bill Beese re: providing an update on the LUP process for WIWAG	ASAP	Steve
13.	Steve will think about the process over First Nations and Cultural Sites, and bringing it to WIWAG	Pending	Steve

Correspondence Outstanding (in the fields?)

- Stan Coleman, May 6, 2004, re: completion of SEI in the Ash
- Jeff Hayes, June 24, sent again following phone conversation on Sept. 22, no reply to date, re: request to meet with him
- Tseshaht Chief & Council, Sept. 20, re: request to replace Darleen Watts as representative