

**WIWAG Minutes June 26****1 of 5 pages****West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group***June 26, 2003***Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni****Present:**

Advisory Group Members:

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

## Resources:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser  
Neil Malbon – CCEMichelle Colussi – Facilitator  
Ryan Dvorak – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Safety Orientation
3. Agenda:
  - New Business – Replace letter to the editor with letter to Stan Coleman
  - Addition – 2002 Data Set Summary
4. Minutes of June 12, 2003 – No objections to approving these minutes
5. Forest Education Network
  - Sandy McKellar (Faculty of Forestry UBC) presented to the Truck Loggers Association on a recruitment crisis at UBC relating to students enrolling in the program, and that a leading cause of this potential crisis is a lack of education around forestry and forest management at the elementary level
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> to last objective in the SFM plan is directly related to this issue
  - Follow-up – since this is an objective in the SFM plan this issue could be moved on – **Action Item – Steve will talk to the CCE about having Neil Malbon being contracted to write a guiding document regarding education in the classroom.**
  - Could look at Robertson Creek's "Gently Down the Stream" program as an example
  - Could look at developing some videos for different age groups
6. Landscape Unit Planning Process Update:

- WIWAG will receive invitations to upcoming meetings related to Landscape Unit Planning held by Weyerhaeuser
  - Action Item – Ryan to get in touch with Glen Dunsworth regarding the Landscape Unit Planning meeting schedule**
7. Coastal Advisory Group Workshop:
- There was a concern expressed that the discussion spent too much time on process and not enough on – the – ground discussion.
8. Stillwater Open House:
- Harold and Rick attended
  - Interesting how the Stillwater group handled access and recreation issues: eg. They have 150 kms of buffered trails, and immense amount of materials and information available and very well maintained trail systems
  - The open house was very professionally run with a good turnout
  - There were door prizes and booths were provided for interested parties to present information eg. ATV's club, Jobs for Youth
  - It was noted that they could have done a better job in letting people know about their accomplishments
  - August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Weyerhaeuser will be holding an open house re: FDP amendment, WIWAG would be more than welcome to join in the Open House – suggestions that we should pursue the Open House on our own
  - Should the idea of an open house be included in WIWAG's Fall list of priorities – no objections
  - Cathy has indicated that she would be willing to come to a WIWAG meeting to discuss the open house concept and their experiences
9. 2003 SFM Plan:
- The substantive changes to the plan have come out of committee, input on the language and how indicators may line up with goals has come from Steve
  - This plan is suggested to be a 2003 – 2005 plan, with the understanding that any part of this can be changed at any time
- I.1 (obj): Will talk to the total of each species plus or minus 8%
- I.2: Percent of the productive DFA that has more than 30% of it's area in the 0 – 20 year age class within a given landscape unit – suggested objective would be less than 2%
- I.3 Will look at modeling Old Growth re: impacts on species – Steve spoke to Peter Kofoed regarding this model, and data could be presented on a landscape unit basis that would give Landscape Unit impacts over time
- I.4: This indicator encompasses some very small units – suggest that WIWAG look at significant areas greater than 200 ha's as an indicator
- G.2: Remove “representative” – no objections
- I.5 (obj): Adding a timeline for this 24 months
- I.6: New indicator: re: WIWAG participation in the Old Growth management planning process. Forecast: 75% of meetings attended. Objective: 100% of meetings attended that WIWAG is invited to. Variance – 25%
- I.7 (obj): Suggested that 80% Variable Retention be reflected in the SFM Plan

I.8 (obj): New: Maintain the FEN in each LU until such time as the LU planning process has identified OGMA's  
I.9: Let indicator stand for 3 years  
I.10: Number of at risk species in the DFA for which management programs exist as identified in the FDP  
V.4: Removed "vertebrate"  
I.12: SEI will be incorporated in the planning process  
I.17: Will collect data for this indicator  
I.19 (obj): Objective lowered to less than 10 ha's  
I.20 (obj): Changed Compliance to "Conformance"  
I.22 (obj): removed "obligations"  
I.22 (var): Change less than 40ha's to less than 20ha's  
I.24: Remove first paragraph and add a comma between rare endangered.  
I.24 (for): to be determined by 2004  
I.24 (var): change to Zero  
I.25: new indicator: to read: Openings harvested in which soil disturbance exceeds level specified as a % of opening as determined by a post harvest assessment  
Water Quality Indicator: WIWAG needs to have a conversation about this issue to identify workable goals and indicators – Remove Variance and Forecast attached to this item

Break: 7:03pm

I.26 (obj): to read: S4 Fish Streams...  
I.27 (obj): to read S4 Non-Fish Streams...  
I.30: Includes a table attached to the SFM Plan  
I.31: Weyerhaeuser will take known information on a watershed by watershed basis and rank them as to their health which will allow for a trend analysis  
I.33 (var): Change to 2004  
I.34: NTFP's and internal Weyerhaeuser training – **Steve will provide the minutes of the information session to WIWAG**  
I.33: Change goal to LTHL  
I.37: Change to "parks perimeter"  
I.37 (obj): Changed to 7% within 3 years (2005)  
I.38 (obj): Gates will be used where there is a concern over fire, weather, machines and/or watersheds  
I.38 (var): change to – 5%  
I.41: These indicators will require support from contractors in order to get data  
I.41 (var): changed to – 10%  
I.42: remove "over the last 3 years"  
G.28: Weyerhaeuser cannot write this goal as a public procedure

- Comment: it would be a benefit for the community to have a total value of benefit/cubic metre of wood harvested
- Does WIWAG wish to respond to Weyerhaeuser's response to G.28:
- Could have some issues in bringing the IWA to the table

- Prior indicators will be looking at local benefits
- It is important to look at local hiring as a benefit to the community
- Should look at other ways to promote local hiring
- does WIWAG want the goal to stay or be removed from the plan – the goal stays – no objections
- The CCE should have a contract with Weyerhaeuser to collect and benchmark data re: economic/social indicators to be prepared by early January.** – If possible the 2002 data would provide a comparison

I.51: Related to Capital Improvements

I.52: Change to read: “Percent of surveys conducted out of the number requested.”

G.32: Remove “Cultural”

I.53 (obj): Change to “As requested”

**Action Item: If Weyerhaeuser changes their corporate policy re: First Nation’s Tawney would request advance notice of these changes.**

G.33: Note that only one type of contract is reflected in the indicator that follows this goal while the goal has at least three types represented.

**Suggested that WIWAG needs to work on the Aboriginal Set of the SFM Plan Steve and Tawney will work on these.**

I.57: Relates to Public Comments

G.35: Change to read: “Weyerhaeuser supports an educational/communications program that promotes and explains local forest management, forest ecosystem values and processing activities.

I.60: Change to read: “Percent of workers that are trained in SFMP awareness/year.

**Tawney and Steve will work out the First Nation’s component of the SFM plan, could the eco sub-committee look at questions arising over the changes and ensure that their concerns are addressed. With the above in place does the WIWAG provisionally approve the 2003 – 2005 SFM Plan. – No Objections**

10. Fall Priorities:

- Work on public communications/awareness about the SFM plan
- Education and awareness around social values
- Come to an agreement over harvest levels in the DFA
- Landscape Unit and Forest Stewardship planning
- Need to look at sustainability in this process
- Look at Socio-economic

11. Letter to Stan Coleman:

- Letter outlines several points:
  - That the 2003 SFM Plan should cover the Park Trade area
  - That baseline data should be collected from 2002
  - A more expedient delivery of the Data Set
- What should we do with this letter – The WIWAG is not prepared to sign off on this letter as a group.

- Need to speak to broader concerns over the DFA re: private lands and the cutting up of the TFL
- Need to know the costs of applying the FPC on private lands – cost, loss of profit, loss of jobs, etc.
- Need to look at long term social and economic values
- An alternative is that individuals who are interested can send their own letters.

Next Meeting: September 11

Location:	Regional District Boardroom 3008 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Port Alberni
Time:	5:00pm – Dinner 5:30pm – Meeting

Action Items From the June 26, 2003 Meeting:

Action:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
Talk to CCE re: contracting Neil Malbon to write a guiding document regarding forestry education in the classroom	Pending	Steve
Provide the minutes of the Royal Roads NTFP training session provided to Weyerhaeuser staff	ASAP	Steve
Contract the CCE to collect and benchmark data re: economic and social indicators	January	Steve
Get in touch with Glen Dunsworth re: Landscape Unit Planning Schedule	ASAP	Ryan
If Weyerhaeuser changes their corporate policy re: First Nation's Tawney would request advance notice of these changes	As Occurring	Weyco Staff
WIWAG needs to work on the Aboriginal component of the SFM Plan	ASAP	Steve & Tawney
Ecological Sub-committee should look at changes to SFM Plan changes and questions arising to ensure that their concerns are addressed	ASAP	Eco-Subcommittee

Action Items Not Yet Dealt With:

	Action:	Completion Date	Person responsible
1	Collect data for buffered streams in the Park Trade Area	ASAP	Ray Bartram
2	Field trip to upper plateau of the Park Trade Area	Pending	Weyco
3	Examine Carbon Budgets	2003	WIWAG
4	Continue to talk to potential members: IWA & Value Added	Ongoing	Michelle
5	Check Productive Forest Area as defined in the Data Set vs. Peter Kofoed's presentation	ASAP	Steve
6	Check for data re: indicator #21 in Park Trade Area and report findings to WIWAG	ASAP	Steve
7	Indicator#22, Weyco will bring a presenter to discuss the value of this indicator with WIWAG	Pending	Steve
8	Forward water quality report to Ryan and Deb	ASAP	Steve
9	Review the complaint process with appropriate	ASAP	Steve

	staff re: complaint form		
10	Check for Chris Law's complaint re: NTFP's at West Bay 2626	ASAP	Steve
11	Check with Peter Kofoed about LTHL's re: AAC in the graph explaining indicator #30 in the Data Set	ASAP	Steve
12	Indicator #31, look at operational plans to determine areas of improvement	Pending	Steve
13	Indicator #32, check for additional data that was not captured in this report	ASAP	Neil Malbon
14	Indicator #42, provide a breakdown between Port Alberni, Bamfield and Ucluelet	Pending	Neil
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16	Confer over indicator #51	Pending	Tawney & Wayne
17	Indicator #59, explain FDP amendment re: 9 comments and 0 changes	ASAP	Neil
18	Summarize 2003 communications plan to see where WIWAG is re: indicator #56	ASAP	Michelle
19	Bring up the issue of the Log Train Trail at a PRTA meeting re: the inclusion of the Trail in the Pacific Rim Tourism guide	ASAP	Jim Creighton
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