

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group  
June 7, 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
R	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
	Laviolette, 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:*

Neil Malbon - Weyerhaeuser  
Michelle Colussi - Facilitator

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser  
Diane Morrison - recorder

**1. Old Business**

Web Page - The page is just about complete and ready to be put on line. Some problems communicating with designer. There may be some assistance from AEC webmaster. Neil to continue work.

**2. SFM Draft Plan Review continued:**

- **new indicators/objectives for #3 and #4**

## CE 3.1, Value 14 - Permanent access structures

Access structures to be built and maintained for long-term use to support forest maintenance/silviculture, fire protection, recreation and other uses. Some roads with public use/values should be maintained (left for that use). Other roads are ticking time bombs because they were not built to current standards and are at risk of slides and failures.

There is growing interest in having trail from Alberni Valley to west coast. There needs to be public process in deciding what gets closed and what has potential.

There is opportunity for public input in the Forest Development Plan for TFL 44.

Suggestion to add to goal "...where fiscally and environmentally feasible."

**FLAG 5.3, 35 ?**

Suggestion this discussion would be best under #5 - Consultation and multiple benefits to society

CE 3.1, Value 15 - Rare, endangered or under represented physical environment  
Indicator 3

What if a HCV area is found in an area zoned for intensive logging.  
With the goal of 10-20 per cent VR, all values can probably be accommodated.

There also needs to be a target for forest values along with other heritage, HCV, etc. values. Forestry is being residualized.

No change made.

CE 3.2, Value 16 - Soil quality

Indicators 36, 16, 32, and 20

Comment that it was paradoxical to say that natural levels of productivity and stability are sustained by staying within certain specified disturbance levels.

In some areas, disturbance improves productivity such as on fill slopes.

There is a need for some limitation in the goal.

No change made.

Indicator 20

Add "and avalanches" to "...by area of slides and avalanches originating in..."

CE 3.2, Value 17 - Soil cover

Renumber Value 17, Indicator 20 to 20A

General discussion about value of restating an indicator if it has already been covered in another element. In some case, the Critical Element that is given sort of pushes the repetition of Goals and Indicators.

Comment that there is no indicator about not burning soil off landscape because companies have gotten away from slash burning. It is not a suitable indicator because they have moved away from that practice.

CE 3.3, Value 18 - Stream water quality

Write more specific objectives after benchmarks have been established.

CE 3.3, Value 19 - Riparian areas

Indicator 5

DFO is critical of regulations on private lands for streams. No attention is being paid to smaller S-5 and S-6 streams. Add "through ongoing consultation." to Objective for Indicator 5.

NEW Objective - Full reserve zone as per Code. Zero non-compliance as relates to forest harvesting.

CE 3.3, Value 20 - Forest hydrologic regimes

Combine two goals. Delete second indicator and objective which are the same as the first.

CE 4.1, Value 21 - Ecological cycles

Indicator 32 - DELETE indicator and objective.

Indicator 35 - ADD Indicator #1 re. age class distribution at the landscape level.

Comment made that there is a need in the indicator of a target for productive forest land.

CE 4.1, Value 22 - Carbon level

General discussion around how to measure carbon budget. This objective does not measure carbon budget but measures new tree growth. This relates to fact that new growth retains carbon while decomposing old growth uses carbon.

NOTE: insert indicator related to petroleum products here later. Want a new Goals here as well relating to reduction of fossil fuels as relates to carbon budget.

CE 4.2, Value 23 - Timber harvest

Discussion around LRSY which refers to the biological capability of the land, LRS harvest level which includes net downs for management practices and protected areas and the AAC.

LRSY speaks to sustainability rather than the provincial chief forester's determination.

The LRSY calculation is the AAC. It was expressed this way because the Goal was stated as LRSY. Companies are not currently harvesting at biological capacity rate because of net downs.

NOTE: Glossary of Terms needed for the final report to explain concepts such as LRSY, long-run sustainable harvest and AAC, etc.

CE 4.2, Value 24 - Non-timber forest products (NTFP)

Need to look at what are sustainable harvesting levels for these products. Province recognizes that there have to be regulations regarding controlled harvesting of NTFP.

NEW GOAL - "Variety of habitats support sustainable production of NTFP (e.g. Mushrooms, berries, floral products, medicinal plants, etc.)

NEW INDICATOR 1A - add indicator #1 relating to age class indicator.

DELETE "by BGC variant." From current Indicator 1. Will have and will use that data in near future.

CE 4.3, Value 25 - Protected areas

Currently the SFM plan states this Value is not within the scope of the plan. There are not objectives and indicators.

Questions around difference between protected areas, high value conservation areas, parks, ecological reserves, etc.

Discussion around a possible objective such as "Note where protected areas are and consider them when planning forest activities." Or "Management Plan will consider location of protected areas with respect to connectivity, fragmentation, representative ecosystems

Value 25 should be moved to 5.3 non-market services.

Value 4.3 NEW VALUE

No significant conversion of forest land to other uses.

Already covered in 3.1, Value 13

Concerns expressed about working within the Vancouver Island Land Use Practices because those regulations have not been finalized.

Concern expressed that the plan has to have a harvest target number or something referring to an intensive harvesting area where harvesting forest is the priority.

AAC does provide a target for harvesting.

Certification came about because the market recognized that there were values in the forest other than timber. You can't draw an artificial boundary and say that only harvesting takes place here. That ignores other values.

This discussion belongs under CE #5, Multiple benefits to society.

Possibly 5.1 "There will be a defined area where harvesting timber is the priority..."

**FLAG**

Make sure economic values adequately address in #5.

Delete "Hydro and road right of ways are not excessive." from Goals for CE 4.3, Value 13.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday June 14

Wednesday June 21

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

Location: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office (confirmed)

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