West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
Island Timberlands Limited Partnership Final Minutes - June 14, 2007
Held in the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Attendance:
Advisory Group Members:

✓	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation	V	Vacant	Logging Contractors
✓ ✓	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists	✓	Andrew Whittock	Placer Mining
✓	Dave Chitty	Watershed/ Fisheries	R ✓	Jim Creighton Neil Malbon	Small Business/Tourism
✓	Ken McRae	A.C. Regional District	R	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish & Game Club
✓	John Young	Port Alberni & District Labour Council	R	Gary Swann	S. I. Woodlot Owner's Assoc.
✓	John McIntosh Bob Redhead (alt)	Parks Canada	V	Vacant	Environment
V	Vacant	Bamfield	✓	Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
R	Carol Cutforth	Independent Sawmills	V	Vacant	First Nations

✓ = attended R=regrets blank=did not attend V=vacant seat

Resources Present:

Kevin Ashfield, Island Timberlands
Jillene West, Zimmerman Forest Products/Island Timberlands
Shelley Higman, Island Timberlands
Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
Holly Massop – Recording Secretary

Guests:

Ed Proteau, Extension Specialist – FP Innovations – FERIC (Coastal Innovations and Research)
Jane Morden
Reid Robinson, Central Island Caving Club
Blake Johnson, Batstar Picnic and Café Adventures

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm
   Introductions made around the table.

2. **Safety Orientation**
   Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

3. **Approve Agenda**
   Agenda approved by consensus.

4. **Approve April 12/07 Minutes**
Approved by consensus to accept minutes of the April 12, 2007 WIWAG meeting.

Action Item 1: Jennifer Dyson to post minutes to WIWAG website

Review of Satisfaction Survey Results

- Survey was given to Island Timberlands in spring of last year
- Comments and results are with Clorissia Crouteau – former recording secretary

- **Survey feedback**
    - too many questions and too long
    - rating system needs to be clearer
    - lacking simplicity
    - WIWAG members rated Western Forest Products and Island Timberlands in terms of the level of performance.
    - 43% of advisory members indicated that IT performance had decreased in terms of providing recreational activities to the public and in terms of the rate of sustainable harvest.
    - 57% of advisory member's indicated that IT performance that contributes to the economic health of the community through jobs and investment had decreased.

Action Item 2: Jillene West to look into standards required for satisfaction survey; does it need to be done annually, can be made more concise

New Business

- **Presentation; Batstar Adventure Tours - Blake Johnson**
    - Concerned about the trails and viewscapes
    - Concerns from the biking, hiking, recreation community
    - Suggesting cooperation between recreational businesses and the forestry industry – how can the needs of both groups be met
    - How can forestry and recreation come together – lets set an example and show how community and industry can work together
    - There are ways that this can get done – Batstar is willing to work with the various forest products to see this happen

Action Item 3 (On-going): Jennifer Dyson working to assemble a committee to work on recreation and access points – there needs to be a consolidation between all involved parties

Kevin Ashfield comments;
    - plenty of spots that are wide open & only spots gated off are the where there is active logging
    - people have taken the crown island lands for granted and ITL wants to be a good neighbour and work with small recreational businesses
    - safety needs to be a high priority
    - recreational groups also act as a second set of eyes for vandalism, etc

- Rick Avis suggests that ITL research work done in Fernie; trails were built on private land and were very successful

- **ITL Handouts & Discussion**
    - maps outlining logging plan / timeline for area (Loon Lake, Cold Creek, Lacey Lake)
    - looking at 2009 before there is any development
    - ITL recognizes the importance of communication with the community

Action Item 4: Kevin Ashfield to bring overview of logging plans for DFA to next Island Timberlands - WIWAG meeting

- WIWAG feels the group has been very patient with ITL and now the group wants the information that was promised over one year ago

- Sense that the forests are being liquidated to quickly and this is not a sustainable plan
- ITL needs to provide statistical information to WIWAG to help address the concerns that are happening out in the community
- Where is ITL's information – WIWAG is uncomfortable with ITL and what they are doing in the watershed areas, need information to take the edge off

- **Shelley Higman**;
    - completed watershed assessment for 90% of defined forest area
    - there is data available

- ITL is willing to participate in a 3rd party audit to ensure that objectives and indicators are being met

- **Jennifer Dyson;** closes this topic suggesting that all parties need to have better communication

- **Communication** –
  Forest Fest – July 7 - 8
  Fall Fair September 6 - 9
  BC Woodlot Association September 27- 29

Previous Business

Watershed Assessment Presentation - Shelley Higman (conclusion of an action item)

- Watershed assessment assesses effects of forest practices on fish habitat and water quality
- **Completed assessments;** south fork Nanaimo river, Englishman River, Langley Lake, China Creek / still working on Stamp-Ash-Somass watershed assessment (60 000 hectors)
- Several modules, objectives and purposes, results based process
- **Watershed management plan;** work plan to implement prescriptions, monitoring plan, map products
- **What is working well;** stakeholder involvement / improved understanding of watershed processes by forestry workers
- Involvement from a variety of community groups (AV Enhancement Association / Beaver Creek Improvement District, Tseshaht, HFN, etc)
- Watershed is reassessed every year, report comes every 5 years
- further up-to-date information can easily be shared with the group

Action Item 5: Shelly Higman will request permission to have presentation posted on website and will follow-up with JD

Draft ITLP SFMP w/ Jillene West of Zimmermann Forestry – Continuation from April 12 IT meeting

PA 37 (pg. 49)
- determination of visually sensitive areas; use of a visual sensitivity worksheet - type of view / residential / recreational / cars & distance from viewpoint - 3 points low / medium / high

- WIWAG has concern around what is happening to the viewscape across form the harbour – looking for information

Action Item 6: Kevin Ashfield will look into this project and report back to group

PA 38 (p.50)
- Indicator not reflective of value
- Modify wording and set a benchmark in 2007
- Will be addressed at the end of the year

PA 39 (p.51)
- need to set variance

Action Item 7: Jillene West to research and develop list of Alberni Valley contractors, will have this for next meeting

PA 43 (p. 52)
- Need to set variance
- Waiting on information as to whether the reporting will be done in a number value, a percent or a money amount
- **Question:** What is included in the "capital investment" umbrella? **Answer:** Equipment, roads, dry land sorts, local conversion facilities, infrastructure, etc
- Suggestion that the word "capital" be removed and stick with "investment"
- Committee would like to continue to revisit

PA's 46 – 51;
- IT has opted to amalgamate the FN indicators to group similar items and reduce the number of First Nations indicators.
- **Question:** Has there been any consultation with the FN groups on this amalgamation? **Answer:** There has not been any consultation, as the FN groups have left the table
- WIWAG is concerned that these FN indicators are not appropriate
- **Question:** Why did the FN's walk away from the table? **Answer:** correspondence indicates there is a number of reasons, including; improper representation, refusal to deal with ITL, etc.
- WIWAG decides to keep the indicators as the were, but have them on hold

Action Item 8: Ken McRae will set up a meeting with Francis Frank, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President; discuss bringing FN representative to the WIWAG table

PA's 53 – 55;
- needs a target set

Action Item 9: Jennifer Dyson to work with Neil Malbon on development of an ITL communications plan that will be brought before WIWAG for approval

- Suggestion that there needs to be more sharing between WFP and ITL regarding components of the WFP SFM plan in terms of communication, terms of reference that have already been approved by the advisory committee.

p.46 – indicators 27 – 30;
These could be merged into 2 indicators vs. 4 indicators; indicators 29 – 28 – can be merged

Shared Indicators

- **p.3 indicator 1** – **suggested change** - insertion of date and clarification on wording
- **p.7 indicator 9** – this indicator is for off-road, on-site; **suggested change** - add wording to indicator, ITL does not measure the soil in every cut block, but there are interim measures and final reports for soil disturbance – working to avoid excessive soil disturbance – Target is; 5% where redemption is required and 100% of this redemption is met
- **p.9 indicator 12** – **suggested change** – report on lost time accidents for each operating area; specific to Port Alberni, also acts as a measure for serious incidents – 5.2 % in 2006 for RIR, this includes all employees and contractors as well

Species at Risk – see handout June 14

- focus on forest dependent species list
- Provincial process and federal process are very different – provincial species at risk is supposed to come into line with the Federal government list
- WIWAG has a concern that this list is too small
- Island Timberlands representative notes that managing the species at risk list is to cumbersome for ITL - it is a large list and there is not enough time or resources to handle it
- Island Timberlands is trying to setup goals that are measurable
- WIWAG notes that there is a level of expertise available locally within the group and ITL has an opportunity to work with this expertise to develop a list that is specific to this area – it makes this much more manageable

Action Item 10: Rick Avis will work with Jillene West to put together a list of species at risk that is specific to the Alberni valley and this information that brought back to the group

5. <u>Announcements</u> – no announcements

6. Next Meetings:
- September 13th WFP, October 11th – ITLP

<u>Moved to next meeting</u>

1. Continuation of SFM plan review
2. Review of action Items from April

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Action #	New Action Items – As of June 2007	Date of request	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1	Posting of previous ITL Meeting minutes on WIWAG website	June 2007	**June 2007**	Jennifer
2	Look into standards required for satisfaction survey; does it need to be done annually, can it be made more concise WFP / BC Timber Sales	June 2007	**October 2007**	Jillene West
3	Overview of logging plans for DFA to be brought to next Island Timberlands - WIWAG meeting	June 2007	**October 2007**	Kevin Ashfield
4	Request permission to have presentation Watershed Assessment presentation posted on website	June 2007	**October 2007 posted to website**	Shelly Higman (will followup with JD)
5	Information regarding the viewscape across from the harbour and report back to group	June 2007	**October 2007**	Kevin Ashfield
6	Research and develop list of Alberni Valley contractors, will be presented at the next ITL meeting	June 2007	**October 2007**	Jillene West
7	Set up a meeting with Francis Frank, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President; discuss bringing FN representative to the WIWAG table Update: August 2007 letters sent to NTC and ACRD re Bamfield and First Nations representation	June 2007	**August 2007 letters sent to NTC and ACRD**	Ken McRae
8	Development of an ITL communications plan that will be brought before WIWAG for approval	June 2007	**October 2007**	Jennifer Dyson & Neil Malbon
9	Assemble a of Species at Risk list specific to the Alberni valley and bring this information back to the group	June 2007	**September 25, 2007 handed out Oct 11 meeting**	Rick Avis & Jillene West

Actions from April 12, 2007 meeting

Actions Items	Date of Request	Completion Date	Person Responsible
Indicator 4, Flag as a new value, new target to be developed regarding buffer issues	April 12, 2007		WIWAG
Shelley to check with Bill Waugh if landslide reports can be made available to WIWAG and report back. Question: can IT send/present slide reports to WIWAG? Relates to **Indicator 8**	April 12, 2007	June 14/07 Will go over this with the group – but cannot be made public	Shelley
Access sub-committee to meet with recreation groups to discuss issues, and bring back. ITLP be in attendance to answer questions/concerns**. Relates to Indicator 13** **Update: DRAFT agenda set September 4. Looking to set date for sub committee meeting**	April 12, 2007	November 2007	Sub-committee
PA 16 target not developed, IT working on Old Growth Strategy. Refer to April 12 minutes. IT will report what is possible	April 12, 2007		Makenzie
PA 19 accepted as presented WIWAG request monitoring and reporting	April 12, 2007		Makenzie
ITLP to bring forward copy of watershed assessment to WIWAG for review. Shelley to attend next meeting and make presentation. **Relates to PA20 PA30 Asked to consider amalgamating PA30 with PA 27** (PA27 previously accepted)	April 12, 2007	June 14, 2007 Presentation posted October 10/07	Shelley
PA 23 Flag to set target	April 12, 2007		WIWAG
PA24 final stream matrix decision tool brought to WIWAG for review. Retention policy to be brought forward and reviewed by WIWAG	April 12, 2007		Shelley
Final stream matrix decision tool still in DRAFT form. Bring to WIWAG once finalized for review. **Relates to PA28 and 29**	April 12, 2007		Shelley
Recreation sub-committee to review indicator **PA-36**	April 12, 2007		Sub-committee
Bring finalized Stamp/Ash/Somass watershed assessment document to the group in the fall. Relates to **PA38, Karst features identified in watershed assessment**	April 12, 2007		Shelley