

West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group

April 15, 2004

Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni

Present:

Advisory Group Members:

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

* = attended R = regrets blank = did not attend

Resources:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser
Mike Davis - Weyerhaeuser

Ryan Dvorak -Recording Secretary
Tony Sudar - Weyerhaeuser

1. Welcome and Introductions:
2. Agenda: Additions:
 - Letter to Weyerhaeuser re: completion of the SEI on Private Lands
No Objection to the changes
3. Safety Orientation
4. Minutes of March 11, 2004: **Approved**
 - Revise name to Andrew Ashford
5. Announcements:
 - Weyerhaeuser has released a press release that outlines the results of visioning with other Forestry CEO's and indicates commitments the companies will make to re-vitalize the Coastal Forest Industry
 - There will be a Coastal Logging workshop to be held May 19th Ken McRae will follow-up with additional information
 - The office of the MoF's Mike DeJong responded to the letter that WIWAG sent outlining concerns over the 20% take-back
 - Weyerhaeuser staff and WIWAG members are invited to attend the Gently Down the Creek Program held at the AVEA hatchery at McLean Mill Tuesday - Thursday 9:30am - 1:45pm
 - The surveillance audit will be in the 4th week of May - Gary Swann is interested in talking to the Auditor

- **Mike Davis will follow-up with HAYES re: Forestry liaison for the High School**
6. Forest Fest Display
 - WIWAG members indicated that the following topics would be appropriate for the display - 5 year comparison re: the progress WIWAG has made jobs, forest practices, etc. - Tenure system the way the system works Cutting Permits, FDP's, etc.- Weyerhaeuser Wood Products information
 - **Tawney will talk to Brandy Lauder about doing an interactive cedar bark activity**
 - Other activities supported by WIWAG include a juried wood - working competition
 - Ken, Gary and Carol indicated that they would assist in staffing the booth

 7. Public Seminar
 - WIWAG indicated that the intent of the Public Seminar would be public education and that the 20% take-back would be a priority issue for the community - Therefore, Ken Collingwood was indicated as the most appropriate presenter - **Ken McRae will contact**
 - The seminar will likely take place in June prior to the Forest Fest
 - It was indicated that the Forest Service may be interested in partnering in seminars of this nature, and Weyerhaeuser indicated that these seminars can continue as needed/appropriate
 - A sub-committee consisting of Ken, Steve and Rick will continue with the seminar planning

 8. Tony Sudar - Weyerhaeuser General Manager Wood Products BC Coastal Group
 - Weyerhaeuser has five big mills on the Coast of which 2 are located in Port Alberni - they cut the following species
 APD - Hemlock Somass - Cedar New West - All species(Small)
 IPD - Cedar/Hemlock Chemainus - Fir
 - Wood harvested on the island is transported to the mill that is designed for that particular species - eg. Fir harvested in TFL #44 is transported to Chemainus
 - The main markets for wood processed on the Coast are Japan, Europe and the US; however, China is an emerging market
 - Wood products also has within its structure remanufacturing, custom cut and marketing operations
 - Overall, the big 5 mills consume 2.8 million cubic meters of fiber to produce 663 million board feet of product
 - Market analysis show that this figure is likely the maximum that Weyerhaeuser can market today
 - The 20% take-back is both a concern and an opportunity for Weyerhaeuser - a concern from the supply side - an opportunity from a production side where they can access more fiber if efficient

- In the Alberni Valley alone, Weyerhaeuser has two large mills - APD and Somass, custom cut mills, and a re-manufacturing plant that consume 1 545 000 cubic metres/year and produce 343 million board feet of product - This make the Alberni Valley a net importer of fiber
- Weyerhaeuser has had success at APD with Kiln-Drying Hemlock for the Japanese market and producing railway ties for the domestic market
- Weyerhaeuser cannot make Fir 2 * 4's, etc. due to trade issues with the US
- Weyerhaeuser is not likely to build another small log fir sawmill
- There are concerns over Russian wood if they can get their act together as well as from substitute products like plastic, steel and concrete
- The issue of Raw Log export would be best addressed by Weyerhaeuser's log supply division

9. Certification Watch Conference - Tawney Lem

- **Tawney will send the notes from the conference to Ryan for distribution to WIWAG**
- The conference had better discussions than in the past
- The concept of mutual recognition is being seriously looked at; however, FSC will not participate
- Ontario is looking at making the Certification of Forest Lands a mandatory requirement by 2007 for forest companies to retain their license

10. Letter to Weyerhaeuser requesting the completion of the SEI on Private Lands

- The ecological sub-committee having reviewed the work of Bill Beese's SEI inventory has noted that this inventory should be expanded to include the 40,000ha's not covered on Weyerhaeuser's private lands in the Ash Valley; therefore, **WIWAG should draft a letter to Stan Coleman to indicate this request.** The estimated cost would be \$160,000
- In the May WIWAG meeting a presentation on the SEI will be conducted
- **Ryan will circulate the letter to WIWAG upon completion**

11. 2003 Data Set Review & SFMP revisions

- Due to the short time WIWAG had to review the 2003 Data Set indicators (1 - 21), it was requested that a full review of the SFM plan should be tabled until the May meeting. Those indicators flagged for discussion/revision will be addressed by the ecological sub-committee
- Indicators flagged for review and discussion at the eco sub-committee include:
- Indicator #2 - The 1955 baseline numbers need to be re-vamped to reflect the changes in the DFA - after the 20% take-back is completed
- Indicator #3 - Weyerhaeuser will propose a new indicator Variance for 2004 - Weyerhaeuser will do 3 LUP's with a minimum variance of 2 completed LUP's
- Indicator #4 - The targets will be reviewed re: special management zones by the sub-committee - This indicator should also utilize the Old Growth Cedar Access Strategy

- Indicator #9 - The indicator and the objective do not line up
- Indicator #10 - Rick will review the list to ensure it is current and accurate
- Indicator #12 - Variance needs to be revised
- Indicator #14 - To be reviewed by the sub-committee to look at increasing the variance
- Indicator #20 - BCTS data re: NSR equivalency needed
- Goal #12 Value #9 - The indicator does not address the goal

Steve will send the next set of indicators out well before the next meeting for review by WIWAG

**Next Meeting: May 13
June 10**

**Location: Regional District Boardroom
Avenue**

3008 5th

Port Alberni

Time:

**5:00pm Dinner
5:30pm Meeting**

Action Items April 15, 2004

	Action:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	Send next set of indicators out to WIWAG well prior to the following meeting	ASAP	
2.	Plan for 20% take back public seminar	June	Steve, Rick, Ken
3.	Make Forest Tour an annual event	Annually	Michelle/Steve
4.	Draft proposal re: Forest Fest	April	Ryan
5.	Analysis of MAI and 80 year rotations relating to the LTHL determination		Peter & Steve
6.	Draft letter outlining WIWAG request to complete the SEI inventory on the private lands in the Ash Valley. When completed circulate to WIWAG for comment	ASAP	Michelle & Ryan
7.	Send notes from the Certification Watch conference to Ryan for distribution to WIWAG	ASAP	Tawney Lem
8.	Talk to Brandy Lauder re: interactive cedar bark activity at Forest Fest	ASAP	Tawney Lem
9.	Contact Ken Collingwood re: speaking at the public seminar on the 20% take-back	ASAP	Ken McRae
10.	Contact HAYES to follow-up on the Forestry Liaison for the High School	ASAP	Mike Davis
11.	E-mail indicators 1-21 and requests for comments on the SFM plan	ASAP	Ryan
12.	Contact Michelle is any WIWAG members would like to speak to the Auditors during the 4th week of May	May meeting	All WIWAG Members
13.	Bring atlas of SEI maps for members to review	May meeting	Mike
14.	Ask Richard Ringma: If our mills are under-supplied why do we export logs?	May meeting	Steve