

**West Island Woodlands Advisory Group Meeting
December 15, 1999
Echo Field House**

Present:

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| Dennis Fitzgerald-Weyerhaeuser | Bill Randles-IWA |
| John McIntosh-Parks Canada | Jack Thornburgh-AEC |
| Pat McKay-small business sector, sawmills | Mike Carter-PRTA |
| Steve Chambers- Weyerhaeuser | Dan Powell-Ministry of Forests |
| Harold Carlson-AV Outdoor Club | Lisa Robinson-Tseshah |
| Tawney Lem-Hupacasath First Nations | Dave Watts-Tseshah |
| Michelle Colussi-CCE, Facilitator | Gillian Trumper-City of PA |
| Diane Morrison-recorder | Jack McKay-contractor |
| Neil Malbon-Weyerhaeuser | Tony Bennet-Reg. District-Ucluelet |

Absent:

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| Chamber of Commerce | Gary Swan-Regional District |
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1. Welcome and Introductions - Steve Chambers

Michelle Colussi - facilitator
Diane Morrison - recorder
Members of the advisory group

2. Approval of Minutes -

November 25/99 minutes accepted into the record with one correction - John McIntosh represents Parks Canada. Delete "Protected Areas".

3. Business arising from the minutes:

Binders will be forthcoming for new members.

Steve distributed information on Weyerhaeuser West Island Certification Teams

Certification costs (#1 on agenda): \$150,000 has been allocated for the WI process in year 2000 with additional expenses being carried by Nanaimo

Difference between FSC and CSA (#2 on agenda): Dennis Fitzgerald

ISO - structure of management system
- internal review of WIW

Other element of certification is a performance based system, not how but what. CSA is one example (what to do, how to get there, how to measure)

FSC also performance based system, uses criteria vs principles

This public advisory committee will elaborate on CSA principles to develop local/regional standards in four areas.

A set of regional standards for BC in FSC process is about 1½ - 2 years away. Weyerhaeuser is participating in that process too. CSA standards exist

now. Weyerhaeuser will likely go with FSC later. This current work on ISO/CSA will position company to do that.

Comment - important marketing strategy. Wood product recently purchased from England had a label designating the item as wood from a well-managed forest through the FSC

4. Activities re. selection of facilitator:

Steve thanked committee members for the recommendations they put forward although not all could be interviewed. There were a number of good candidates. Many any could have done excellent job.

Hiring Committee looked for - training and experience in facilitation, local community knowledge and commitment, First Nations knowledge and experience, knowledge of concept of sustainability, commitment to process, presentation skills, availability of other resources.

Meeting handed over to Michelle Colussi. Michelle discussed the need to clarify committee members expectations of her and her needs from them: active participation, clear communication of concerns and questions, ongoing input around expectations, etc.

5. Agenda accepted.

6. Advisory group immediate tasks:

By the end of June the committee wants to have values, objectives and indicators defined for each of six criteria for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

- 1) Conservation of biological diversification
 - 2) Maintenance and enhancement of forest ecosystem, conditions and productivity
 - 3) Conservation of soil and water resources
 - 4) Forest ecosystem contributions to global ecological cycles
 - 5) Multiple benefits to society
 - 6) Accept societies responsibility for sustainable development
- (These points can be found in the binder at Certification Standards Tab, Section 3, Item 4.3, page 15)

7. Group Expectations of Facilitator:

- keep group focused / on target
- don't waste time
- make sure get results
- ensure everyone has chance to speak
- minutes and agenda at least three days before next meeting
- track gaps
- help with difficult spots

Michelle commented that facilitator is responsible for the process. The contents and therefore the results of the process are the committee's responsibility. Overall responsibility

is a shared one. Members need to take every opportunity to put things on the table, either themselves or through the facilitator, when they occur.

Michelle suggested time line to be considered at next meeting.

8. Group Organization & Process Issues:

Advisory group discussion around use of consensus & their role:

- What mechanism to reach consensus?
- What type of consensus? Will there be voting?
- This group not decision-making body so would there be voting at all
- General consensus, something everyone can live with
- Set some principles
- Everyone should have their say
- Weyerhaeuser is the accountable party. Company will incorporate recommendations from group and individuals. Company has to do the best job it can to respond to concerns and be responsible and responsive.
- Hope this process will be different than regional advisory committee on native land claims, felt already decided before sat down
- Are this group's product and outcome independent of Weyerhaeuser? There has to be agreement and support of that.
- SFM plan will be written by Weyerhaeuser. Advisory group part of that. Document will include areas of disagreement. Not finished in June, continual process, continual improvement. Document continues to be revised and improved.
- Why not use North Island Woodlands certification document?
- Supposed to be this community's vision
- "Parking lot" issues: keep record of these issues, no agreement on these, most difficult with Social category, multiple benefits to society, more difficult than environmental issues, lot of issues will be a balancing act
- Committee will play a monitoring role, come back and deal with things again
- Are First Nations conditions tied to certification? Will there be one section for FN conditions and concerns? What exactly will be in the report?
- all six areas of SFM will include FN issues. Definitely have opportunity to influence report, will gain sense of what loose ends will be as process goes along.

Principals or ways in which the group wants to work (consensus) will be discussed at January meeting.

Question raised as to whether this group represented a pro-harvest position, was everyone working towards the same end? Michelle suggested it was too early in the process to ask everyone to put their positions of a very critical issue on the table.

Comment – motivation for certification came from outside sources, to open up and maintain markets. Industry pressured to do it. Meet someone else's standards. This is a pro-active jump ahead of people who want to stop logging. If bar is raised high enough, environmental lobby can't complain. Certification is one way of doing that.

Comment -- as result of this process, the document will be to some degree reflective of community in range of values and views and it will be reflected in day-to-day management.

The purpose of the committee (a mission statement) will be dealt with at the January meeting.

Question/discussion on need for a Chairperson:

Chair and facilitator two very separate functions

May want to select spokesperson to respond to media and public

With whom will the facilitator and recorder liaise?

As representative of Weyerhaeuser, Steve's preference is to have someone from group act as Chair and suggested Michelle take on both roles.

Campbell River facilitator took on chair. Very limited, no opinions expressed, sensitive to group dynamics.

Michelle said while she was willing to take on behind-the-scenes organizational work, she felt chair needs to be someone from group, not from outside.

Committee agreed there may be need for chair or spokesperson at some time but selection was premature now. The topic will be addressed later.

Representative from West Coast expressed concerns that bulk of committee is from Port Alberni, and the fact that no representative from Lisaak Forest Resources Ltd. (a joint venture between the five Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region Tribes and MacMillan Bloedel/Weyerhaeuser) was on the committee. How will the process benefit West Coast? Steve clarified that the certification is for a defined forest area exclusive of Clayoquot Sound which is why Lisaak not there. The Barkley block and the Bamfield area are outside Clayoquot but part of the certification area. (Discussions with Tony during the break resulted in his agreement that it would be more useful to have a Bamfield person replace him on this group – he would discuss this with Gary Swan)

9. Discussion around need for Communications Strategy:

CSA standards 6.3 (binder) state explicit need for public participation, required to demonstrate how it functioned.

Is there a need for news releases?

This is pre-mature.

Some announcement of who involved on committee so public can contact with concerns, considerations, questions, etc.

Weyerhaeuser made commitment to get back to people from open house. Other people have expressed interest since open house. Need to get back to them as well.

Will there be another open house, as process develops, to update people on what happening? (The committee will decide this.)

Why not have media cover the meeting?

It was decided that people who expressed interest in follow-up from open house will be send minutes from the first two meetings and a list of committee members and sectors they

represent. They will be asked if they wish to continue receiving minutes from subsequent meetings. Steve has this list. He will pass it on to Neil who will mail out to these people.

Group discussed importance of continuity and regular attendance so time will not be spent catching people up. Advisory group committed to designating a representative who can attend regularly and an alternative as backup. Representative will be responsible in keeping alternate and constituents informed of process.

Because there are a number of First Nations in the area they have not finalized what that representation will be, but will recognize that committee has to be a workable size. Name of representatives and alternatives will be brought to January meeting.

Web Page:

Steve, Neil and Glen will do some research on the possibility of a web page to post minutes and information. Steve will ask people from open house if web site would be convenient way to receive information.

10. **WI Overview:** because meeting was running late, this topic was moved to next meeting.

11. Glen Dunsworth - Weyerhaeuser Nanaimo

-Biodiversity (notes from overhead presentation attached.)

Question - is the recent move to variable retention logging driven by maintaining biodiversity or visual/aesthetic concerns?

Glen - new practices are driven by both market and social concerns. Forest companies are losing their social licence to maintain forests because of public concerns about what happening in forests.

After Glen's presentation, Advisory Group requested more of this kind of information and asked Glen to come back again some time.

Michelle - advisory committee will be looking at biodiversity in terms of values and indicators, both social and environmental.

Glen - Fear of Losses (overhead #4) might be a good place for advisory group to start. What is important is that the indicators that this committee comes up with are important to them. They have to live with them and support them.

12. **Group discussion leading to draft statement of Values, Goals and Indicators for biodiversity conservation** - moved to next meeting.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, January 19
6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting
Reg. District Office: 3008 5th Ave.

Handouts:

- 1) Criteria and Indicators for SFM
- 2) Weyerhaeuser WIW certification teams (Oct 12/99)
- 3) The Living Dance (chapter of book Policies and Procedures for Biodiversity in Managed Forests)
- 4) Natural Step for Business (book)