

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group  
February 9, 2000  
Regional District Office**

**Present:**

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| Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser         | Bill Randles - labour               |
| Jack Thornburgh - AEC                    | Joe Thorne - Ditidaht First Nations |
| Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser            | Rhonda Morris - Ministry of Forests |
| Harold Carlson - AV Outdoor Club         | John McIntosh -Parks Canada         |
| Tawney Lem - Hupacasath First Nations    | Dave Watts - Tseshah First Nations  |
| Gillian Trumper - City of Port Alberni   | Jim Levis - Village of Bamfield     |
| Larry Johnson - HUU-ay-aht First Nations | Gary Swann - Regional District      |
| Neil Malbon - Weyerhaeuser               | Yuka Ota - observer, Weyerhaeuser   |
| Michelle Colussi - CCE, Facilitator      | Diane Morrison - recorder           |

**Regrets:**

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| Gary Johnsen | Eileen Parker |
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**Absent:**

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| Mike Carter    | Maureen Touchie |
| Bob Croteau    | Brandy Lauder   |
| Heath Krevesky | Richard Watts   |
| Jack McKay     | Pat McKay       |

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Revised Agenda accepted.

**3. Approval of Jan 19th Minutes**

January 19/00 minutes accepted. No additions/corrections.

**4. Old Business:**

Alternates and First Nations representation

More designates and alternates confirmed. First Nations representatives still to be determined.

Web Page Update

Dave Watts taking web page design course which may be helpful.  
Gary Swann and Jack Thornburgh unable to make last AEC meeting and could not look into working on that site. Heath Krevesky e-mail to Michelle: there are thousands of sites. He suggested three. Recommended getting someone knowledgeable to check out possible sites and design page for WIWAG.

- Comments - for \$125 can register own domain
- LBMF won award for their page at www.lbmf.bc.ca

- doesn't matter where site is, what is important is the other sites to which it is linked, other pages that might attract same interests
- someone at AEC knows about getting hits
- spoke to someone who seems very knowledgeable about ISO process and internet. Will try to get in touch with him.

Group agreed it was necessary to move ahead with setting up web page, dollar figures that have been suggested so far are not prohibitive. We need to identify someone to do this work for us:

- Neil will approach CSC
- Dave will approach instructor
- Gary will speak to the man who did page for AEC
- Harold will approach NIC

### Information Package Mailing

Cover letter drafted and circulated for comment. Minutes from first two advisory group meetings and list of advisory group members will go out tomorrow.

### Requests for membership or contact: (not on agenda)

Long Beach Model Forest (LBMF), teacher from high school and Greenmax (small woodlot) have approached Neil to be on advisory group or to have some sort of connection to the process.

Michelle commented the discussion around membership is on the agenda for March 1. Michelle will call these people to get more information about how they see themselves being involved.

### Meeting dates: (old business, not on agenda)

Those two weeks when there was a conflict with regional district meetings-

March 22 meeting moved to Thurs. March 23

May 24 meeting moved to Thurs. May 25.

Michelle will see if regional district room is available and will confirm with group.

### Draft Terms of Reference

Code of Conduct - done

Mission statement - later on agenda

Purpose and Role -

Discussion -

Concern expressed about phrase "Weyerhaeuser staff are not required to accept the recommendations of this group."

Comments - no one from Bamfield works for Weyerhaeuser, there are no IWA members there, no one visits Bamfield regularly. Road is the lifeline for Bamfield, Ditidaht and HUU-ay-aht. Feel not getting fair shake on a number of counts. Looking for more input.

- valuable input that will be taken seriously
- there should also be statement about what Weyerhaeuser is committed to do, something like "required to consider

recommendations of advisory group. Without knowing outcomes, if recommendations are reasonable, will likely be incorporated."  
- concerns valid. One-way street in consultation with other groups in past. Have to have comfort level that Weyerhaeuser has eyes and ears open to what the group is saying.  
- the outcome Weyerhaeuser looking for is certification. Auditor will be looking for evidence that the company is doing what it says it's doing. If auditor perceives that company is only paying lip service to exercise, won't be certified.

Suggestion that the following addition could be made: " Weyerhaeuser will consider and respond to all recommendations of the Advisory Group. If the company is unable to fully implement, Weyerhaeuser will explain in writing the reason for failure."

Comments (continued)

- the company has to be the final accountable party. Can't transfer accountability and obligations. Company should be prepared to do what it can and if can't, to explain in writing.

Question: Would it be fair to say that this certification process needs support of communities and First Nations?

Answer: Auditor in NIW interviewed facilitator and random members of advisory group. That feedback counts. The company has to make this process work if it wants certification.

Question: Were there any challenges to the NIW report?

Answer: Not substantively on criteria exercise. The auditor was primarily looking at the quality of the process. The product (report) can always be improved. The legitimacy of the group is more important than the criteria to achieving CSA certification.

Group decided to add under Purpose and Role (ToR, P.2) after " Weyerhaeuser staff are not required...of this group." " Weyerhaeuser will consider and respond to all recommendations of Advisory Group. If unable to fully implement, Weyerhaeuser will explain in writing the reason for the failure."

Responsible of Members - (ToR, P.3) under "educating themselves" add "Come prepared."

Responsibility of Facilitator - nothing added

Conflict of Interest- nothing added.

- discussion/clarification around what constitutes a conflict.
- not very probable to arise but good to have in document

Confidentiality

- comment that there may be some confidentiality pertaining to current First Nations negotiations
- add (ToR, P.4)"Information will flow freely among all members and the group will respect any requests for confidentiality."

Decision Making and Conflict Resolution - nothing added

Membership - discussion tabled till next meeting

Discussion on the three recent requests-

- if a group wants to be in, they should be included soon before process too far along
- group has to be a workable number. People who are keen to participate should be representatives rather than people who are not attending.
- Long Beach Model Forest also working on these criteria and understand the subject
- Barkley Unit in the LBMF area, also Ucluelet and Tofino
- Need to look at makeup of group to see which representatives cover what interests. It becomes difficult not to get too big.
- Decision to ask the three current requests to respond in writing with why they want to participate and what they bring to the process. Neil will give contact information to Michelle who will follow up with these requests.
- Grapple with membership later.
- Comment that while AG may not be dealing with these requests in a timely manner, the protocol will be good for future membership requests.
- Question as to whether these were public meetings open to anyone to sit in and observe.
- Comment that web page would answer interest without public having to come to meetings.
- Issue of meetings being open to public not just for information, also the perception that there is strong and well-balanced representation at the table.

Agenda - no changes

Minutes - request that minutes be sent out two weeks prior to next meeting (rather than current one week prior).

Procedures and Workplan - no changes

Media and Public Relations - no changes

Other - name of the group (Woodlands, Timberlands, Community Advisory Group, etc.) may be included with membership discussions

Comment - Terms of Reference remain a draft document and may be changed from time to time. Michelle will make suggested changes to the draft.

## **5. Mission Statement: What, Who, How**

There was a quick generation of ideas. Group got off track with what was mission of advisory group and what was role of Weyerhaeuser.

## Group Discussion

What - ensure public input into forest management  
- promote long-term protection in DFA and beyond  
- develop local values based on SFM incorporating First Nations values and principals

Who - communities  
- future generations

How - incorporate public input  
- incorporate First Nations values and traditional resource management techniques  
- by using CSA framework

AG broke into two smaller groups for first draft.

Group #1 - What: Develop set of recommendations designed to ensure long-term SFM within DFA

Who: for communities in perpetuity

How: using CSA framework to identify values, goals and indicators or a certification framework.

Discussion around use of CSA format or others that exist.

Reminder that Weyerhaeuser said it may go for certification under Forest Stewardship Council later.

Group # 2 - What: Identify concerns and interests of local community for SFM within DFA

Who: Weyerhaeuser, everybody ?

How: within CSA framework, local values/criteria/indicators to ensure interests being met through process.

Michelle will develop questions based on this information to work on a second draft next meeting. SEE ATTACHED FOR THIS.

## 6. Break

## 7. Criteria Review, Critical Elements (Dennis):

Using handout from Dennis, group worked through document for common understanding. This handout will be used as guide and workbook throughout process.

## 8. SFM Values: Brainstorm and Priorize for each criteria

Values brainstorming exercise (results attached to minutes)

## 9. Check In:

Comment - values, boundaries fuzzy

Michelle - the group should complete values exercise and then evaluate and refine. Values may be moved around under different criteria. The end result will be common set of core values.

Question How does the group want to proceed?  
1. Small groups work through V/G/I and report back to whole group  
2. Small groups do each one and integrate the results  
3. Whole group works together on each of draft values set by whole group

Comment - split into small groups but each works on everything.  
Group agreed.

Question Are the newspaper article useful

Comment - yes  
- good to track media coverage and see what approach this AG might want to take in terms of PR / communications

Discussion on Values Exercise

- V/G/I only a starting point. Dozen values under each Critical Element. Other values can be/may be addressed down the road.
- Don't let group get away with too little.
- Group can't solve everything. Work on local interpretation and long term plan.
- group represents a range of stakeholders. Combined intelligence and concerns of this group will cover topic, combine thoughts, attempt to better situation
- people in this group are not experts. So many scientific fields in what is sustainable. Is product enough? Process may be sound. Are we going to be able to come up with something truly sustainable or just our interpretation?
- we can't see future. But have a SFM program. Not going to come up with something perfect but if it is done right, the group will come up with something better which it can continue to revise and make better. The value is in getting in at the front end of the planning process and continue making improvements.
- the group is on a journey

## **10. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

6:00 p.m. dinner

6:30 p.m. meeting

Location: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office

3008 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Port Alberni.

### Handouts

1. Criteria and Indicators Development worksheet
2. Values/Goals/Indicators/Objectives from 100 Mile House Operations
3. WIW - SLO, Harvesting Systems information
4. Media article
  - "Forestry wants eco stamp of approval"
  - "Forest giant's operation gets ISO approval"
  - "Coastal forest restoration costs increase"
  - "No longer just a slogan, environmental sustainability can ..."
  - "Public process underway"

### Attachments

1. Actions from Feb. 9 meeting
2. Mission Drafts
3. Values Exercise results