

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
Minutes – January 11, 2007, 5:30 pm
ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni**

Attendance:

Advisory Group Members:

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

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

Resources Present:

Steve Chambers – WFP
Peter Kofoed – WFP
Erin Badesso – WFP
Tawney Lem – Facilitator
Clorissa Croteau – Recording Secretary

Observers Present:

Keith Wytton
Dan Biggs, Ministry of Forests

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made around the table, and by observers present.
Andrew explained that he could be working for ITLP in the near future (but is not at this time).

Safety Orientation

Tawney reviewed the safety procedures.

Approve Agenda

- I. Tawney explained that the agenda was carried over from December's meeting that was postponed due to weather conditions.
- II. Minutes from October and November will not be reviewed until February's meeting, as they were ITLP meeting minutes (and ITLP is not present tonight). Reminder to members please bring them back for next month's meeting.
- III. Additions to agenda:
 5. Announcements:
 - WFP Joint Advisory Group Meeting
 - Christmas Baskets

Agenda accepted as presented with additions under announcements.

Approve September Minutes

Steve provided an update on his action items from the September meeting:

- Peter Kofoed is here to present harvest scenarios to the group
- He emailed Michel regarding social items/issues, and this item will be discussed at the Joint Advisory Group meeting in Courtenay later this month.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

ACTION: Tawney to forward approved minutes for posting on the website.

Announcements

I. ITLP Audit

There was a significant amount of comments/concerns arising from October and November's meetings, resulting in a large amount of work still to be completed on the performance indicators. Therefore, Diane decided to postpone ITLP's audit to the end of March/beginning of April. The February meeting will be ITLP agenda items only.

II. WFP Joint Advisory Group Meeting/Conference

The Joint Advisory Group meeting has been scheduled for January 26, 8:30 – 4:30, in Courtenay.

Four seats are currently available for WIWAG members, with the possibility of more. WIWAG members interested in attending: Gary, Harold, Neil, Rick, Judy, Jack

ACTION: Tawney to follow-up with Michel on extra seat and get back to members next week.

III. Christmas Baskets

Members expressed appreciation for the Christmas baskets gifted from WFP and ITLP, but suggested that alternatively the companies could make a donation to a local organization.

IV. Raw Log Export Meeting

Ken explained that he had attended a raw log export meeting today in Nanaimo, with very good representation. They will be putting together a comment paper before meeting with the Minister.

Neil added that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a dinner on February 14 with Bill Dumont as the guest speaker. Tickets are available through the Chamber.

WFP

Alternate Strategies Presentation – Peter Kofoed

- I. Tawney explained that it is a CSA requirement to look at alternate strategies
- II. Strategies presented tonight are based on interests of the group (as outlined in a Jan. 2006 document). The group will be able to review how each strategy affects related indicators in the plan.
- III. Some of the strategies are related to the group's work on determining what a sustainable rate of harvest would be.
- IV. Peter explained that there has been a significant reduction to the DFA from March 2004 to December 2006. The WFP hectares have been reduced by 45%, and the AAC is now at 907,244m³. The remaining AAC and hectares have gone to ITLP, BCTS, First Nations, Community Forest and the Maa-nulth Treaty process.
- V. Data was provided to show the percentage of WFP's DFA that is the Timber Harvesting Landbase, non-forest, roads, non-productive forest and reserved for other uses.
- VI. Of the area that is reserved, a percentage breakdown was provided for physically inoperable, draft OGMA's, riparian, wildlife, recreation, unstable terrain, uneconomic, VR and old growth zones, and miscellaneous. Peter explained that while the total percentage of land reserved for other uses is correct, the percentage breakdown within the category is somewhat misleading because there is overlap between uses. For example, the area for wildlife is not just 1,025 ha. because wildlife values are also included in the OGMAs (ungulate winter range and MaMu).

- VII. The Base Case scenario was presented that shows the effect on relevant indicators if there is a ramping down of the current AAC down to the Long Term Harvest Level.
- VIII. Within this scenario, it was demonstrated that, with the exception of a few highs and lows, the average annual harvest stays between 0.8 and 1% of the productive forest area.
- IX. The minimum harvest age of WFP is approximately 45 years on a high productive site, and up to 200 years on a low productive site. The average harvest age is between 60 and 100 years.
- X. The Douglas Fir Longer Rotation scenario was also presented. The harvest schedule shown followed the base case for as long as possible, and then drops off significantly between 20 and 40 years by about 2/3rds (from 900,000m³ to 300,000m³), then levels out at 700,000m³. The drop off could be scheduled sooner to somewhat reduce the medium-term impacts (harvest lows).
- XI. Harvesting Douglas Fir in longer rotations has impacts on other species that will be harvested in the meantime. For example, no harvest of Douglas Fir until 180 years of age means little harvest of Douglas Fir for the next 110 years.
- XII. Peter has not completed all work requested by the Sustainability sub-committee, but would like to make the presentation and gather input for completing the work. The indicator looking at the impact of the scenarios on the dollar value of the harvest still needs to be applied.
- XIII. Peter provided 2 hand-outs to the group:
 - Introduction to Sustainable Harvesting in the WFP DFA
 - Copy of Power Point Presentation

Questions/Comments:

- I. What percentage of BCTS does our community get? Not sure what the question was – this Q&A does not seem to make sense?
 - About 1.5% (19,000ha), provincially 2% overall goes to community forests
- II. On the reduced DFA area, WFP has rights to about 900,000 AAC, 30,000 for First Nations, and 70,000 BCTS – and Western expects their AAC to go down with the next determination.
- III. How come a 45% reduction in area doesn't equal the same reduction in AAC?
 - The remaining DFA area generally has higher volumes and sites than the areas removed, also there is some inconsistency between area and AAC allocation that will be sorted out in the next determination.
- IV. How many more jobs will be lost with reductions?
 - Land hasn't been taken out of timber production; it is just the ownership that has changed. If WFP loses land, it is transferred to someone else, who will still need employees. E.g. more than 70,000 ha of what was TFL 44 has gone to ITLP which will employ people.
 - Steve explained that we have seen the biggest hits over the past 5 years, but there will still be some more for the remaining treaty settlements.
 - Concern was expressed that the BCTS area will not necessarily yield local jobs.
- V. Scenarios assume no changes in management over time, and also do not take into account climate change.
- VI. Keith commented that one of the requests from the sustainability sub-committee was for scenarios to ensure specific volumes of old growth (e.g. 20-30,000m³) would be available in perpetuity. The purpose was to introduce a management objective to sustain old growth for local value-added products. Is this still in the works? The intent is not stop industry for 40-60 years, but to transition into a small volume remaining in perpetuity.
 - Industry was stopped in the Clayoquot Sound. One approach may be to look at areas already constrained for opportunities.
 - Is it right to take a hit here when there is old growth available on the East side of the island?
 - This plan only related to the DFA though. However, in the socio-economic committee, there was reference to effects on the region, which includes areas such as Ucluelet and Tofino even though they are outside of the DFA.
- VII. Tawney explained that there were 5 scenarios requested for Peter to run:
 - 2 for Hupacasath (set aside because they are no longer at the table)
 - 3 remaining – longer rotations of Douglas fir, current strategy of ramping down, maintaining old growth. Two of these were presented tonight.

- VIII. Requests from Sub-committee were:
- Update the Introduction Sustainable Harvesting paper
 - Show the breakdown of areas reserved for other uses
 - Maps showing areas reserved for other use
- The first two of these items were presented tonight.
- IX. Peter explained that there are several maps, and it depends on the interest of the group about what is shown – would they like to see individual uses, or maps with overlap of uses?
- X. Tawney summarized that earlier questions included:
- a) What are the reserves?
 - b) How much are they?
- The group could then determine if they're adequate.
- XI. Steve added that members have been invited to OGMA planning – and he had the feeling that they were happy with placements and opportunities to provide feedback in that forum.
- XII. When are we going to bring BCTS to this table given the volume that they have?

ACTION: Tawney to check-in with BCTS for an update.

- XIII. In order to complete the picture, Peter will have to attach financial values of harvest by hectare.
- XIV. Steve suggested that the sustainability sub-committee meet to review information presented and determine what further work is needed.

ACTION: Tawney to forward Introduction to Sustainable Harvesting in the WFP DFA for posting on the website.

Advisory Group Satisfaction Survey

- I. Unfortunately only 7 completed surveys were received.
- II. One of our indicators is to do surveys twice per year. The next one will be circulated in the Spring.
- III. Looking for feedback on effectiveness of survey, and types of questions for next survey.
- IV. General and WFP sections of the survey summary were reviewed.

Comments:

- I. WFP hasn't done a bad job in contributing to the jobs in the region, although they haven't made much investment.
- II. Jack raised a question about the relationship between WFP and Coulson Millworks – hearing that Coulson's is having to cutback and that there is a lot of work going elsewhere.

ACTION: Steve to look into issue of WFP and Coulson relationship.

- III. Concerns about contractors expressed – there was a Hayes employee that had a heart event and there was no first aid personnel, nor ambulance on site. This safety issue should be followed up on. Also concern that Hayes does not contribute to local economy.

ACTION: Steve to follow-up with Hayes regarding safety procedures.

- IV. Comment that there were too many questions in the survey.

Other Business:

- I. Sustainability sub-committee – scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 – 2:00 pm
- II. Socio-Economic sub-committee – scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 – 11:00 am
Steve offered to provide lunch.

ACTION: Clorissa to make meeting room and catering arrangements.

WFP Joint Advisory Group Meeting

Tawney explained that she would not be able to attend the meeting on Jan. 26 due to schedule conflict, and requested that one of the members attending from WIWAG provide an update. Tawney will provide a summary to be presented.

ACTION: Tawney to write a summary of WIWAG activities and CSA Technical Committee activities.

Next Meeting

The next WIWAG meeting will deal with ITLP only business, and is scheduled for:
February 8, 2007 – 5:00 pm dinner, 5:30 meeting start at the ACRD boardroom.

	New Action Items from Jan. 11/07 Mtg.	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1.	Forward approved minutes for posting on the website.	January 12, 2007 Completed.	Tawney
2.	Follow-up with Michel and get back to members next week regarding attendance numbers at the WFP Joint Advisory meeting.	January 19, 2007 Completed	Tawney
3.	Check-in with BCTS for an update.	January 13, 2007 Completed.	Tawney
4.	Forward Introduction to Sustainable Harvesting in the WFP DFA for posting on the website.	January 12, 2007 Completed	Tawney
5.	Look into issue of WFP and Coulson relationship.	Mar. meeting	Steve
6.	Follow-up with Hayes regarding safety precautions.	Mar. meeting	Steve
7.	Make meeting room and catering arrangements for sub-committee meetings on Jan. 17/07	January 12, 2007 Completed	Clorissa
8.	Write summary of WIWAG activities and CSA TC activities for the Jan. 26 advisory group conference	January 19, 2007 Completed	Tawney

WIWAG Action Items Held Over:

	Actions	Date Action Issued:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	ITLP Timber Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate their model for determining their AAC on the Private Lands • Provide the number of hectares of each block proposed in the Loon Lake area • Calculate the hectares of UWR in each BEC 	Dec. 12 '05 May 10 '06 May 10 '06	Nov. 2006 agenda	Diane
2.	Completion of benchmarking for Indicators 1, 31, 32	Jan. 12 '06	Spring dataset	Neil
3.	Complete benchmarking for Indicator 33	Jan. 12 '06	Spring dataset	Neil
4.	Presentation of the ITLP access policy	Feb. 9 '06	Once completed	Diane
5.	Calculate the comparison on fuel	Apr. 27 '06	Done	Tawney

	consumption between Heli logging and conventional logging per cubic metre – Coulsons and FERIC		
6.	Update on Bamfield road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up with Hayes ▪ Discussions with Min. of Transportation 	March meeting	Kevin Ken
WFP Socio-Economic Subcommittee		Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	Speak with Reynold Hert and Cary McGourlick re: implementing indicator #42	Advisory group conference Jan.07 - WFP to follow-up internally	Gary and Jack

Status Update: Actions Completed		Completed Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	Discussion with Jim C. re: Fall communications session with forest related businesses	Oct.	Tawney and Jim C.
2.	WFP to review the procedure used re: SEI and the maintenance of ecosystems	Nov.	Steve
3.	Run the harvest scenarios for crown land (as per Nov. 24 scenario memo) & present to group	Jan. 2007 meeting	Steve/Peter
4.	Draft a survey that looks at local forest industry business opportunities	Nov. – being reviewed by companies	Jim
5.	Letter to WFP re: interest in a small log processing business	Oct. – draft forwarded to Steve for internal action	Tawney
6.	Policy related action items will be forwarded to Michel for input	Nov. – response pending at Jan. 26 Advisory Group conference	Steve
7.	Re-draft the AAC for Dummies document to account for the new realities of Cascadia and ITLP	Jan. 2007 meeting	Tawney/Peter