

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products
Final Minutes – January 8, 2009

Advisory Group Members

✓ ✓	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation		Lyle Newton Arnie Magnusson or Gary Glover	Logging Contractor Island Pacific
✓ ✓	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Andrew Whyttock	Placer Mining
✓	Dave Chitty	Watershed/Fisheries	✓ ✓	Jim Creighton Neil Malbon	Small Business/Tourism
✓	Ken McRae	A.C. Regional District	R	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish & Game Club
✓	Mike Kuriluik John Young (alt)	Port Alberni & District Labour Council	R	Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
R	John McIntosh Bob Redhead (alt)	Parks Canada	✓	Jane Morden	Environment
✓	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield	✓	Tracey Andrews Paul Knowles	Ministry of Forest
R	Fred Johnson	Ditidaht First Nation			

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

Total of 13 Advisory Group (AG) members	17 AG including alternates	Q	7 is the quorum	12 Present
WFP Resources present 4	Facilitator and Recorder 2			18 present January 8/09

Resources Present:

Steve Chambers - Western Forest Products (WFP), Forester
Kevin Summerville – Manager, Western Forest Products (WFP)
Erin Badesso - WFP, Operations Forester
Justin Kumagai – Operations Manager, WFP
Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator
Holly Massop – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm
 Introductions made around the table.

Safety Orientation

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

Approve Agenda

Review of Actions Items from September 18/08 Minutes

1. What % of the DFA is enhanced Steve to report back at the next meeting
 - a. Steve Chambers (SC); The percentage of the DFA that is enhanced is approximately 20%
2. Modify Indicator 59 in the future SFMP to meet WFP realities.
 - a. Item carried over into discussion of SFMP plan to take place at tonight's mtg.
3. Modify Indicator 57 in the future SFMP to meet WFP realities
 - a. Item carried over into discussion of SFMP plan to take place at tonight's mtg.
4. Indicator 11 FENS is no longer (April 2008). Indicator needs to be replaced measure against the elements: suggest replacement to maintain old growth management areas
 - a. Item carried over into discussion of SFMP plan to take place at tonight's mtg.
5. Steve provide JD a DRAFT SFMP to distribute to WIWAG in December in preparation for January
 - a. This did not happen. SC noted that we do have new WIWAG members and they did not have voice in the previous SFMP. WFP is hoping to get the benefit of new information and members will gain a better understanding of CSA standards through the exercise tonight.
 - b. Neil Malbon (NM); would like to not see a complete re-write, but a re-visit; there is a concern that WFP tends to drop and rewrite indicators on a fairly regular basis which is causing the results and relevant information to be lost along the way. This affects the ability to measure continual improvement which is set out in the standard.
6. Discuss with Steve the possibility of having Shawn Fearing present LEEDS certification to AG
 - a. Jennifer Dyson (JD) is working with Island Timberlands and is looking at a certification information session January 22. Makenzie Leine, Island Timberlands Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs, extends a welcome to WFP to attend this information session

Minutes approved and will be posted to website

Agenda Item 1; Western Forest Products Update

- **Kevin Summerville** – Operations Manager, Port Alberni Forest Operations (PAFO) for Western Forest Products (WFP) presents an overview of the year
 - WFP is just finishing a troublesome contract with Hayes. We started a new contract out in Franklyn Division with island Pacific Logging in April 2008; this looked good until June, when the market flooded itself with cedar & there were market curtailments
 - WFP was shut down from July – November 2008. Although there was good volume in November; the weather in December delayed the planned activities.
 - Timberlands, has had to make some adjustments in regards to the financial aspects of the company; the liquidity of WFP is a concern & the adjustments are necessary for the company to service and be ready to work when / if the market turns around.

- It is difficult to operate on the fringes; the operating costs are prohibitive in these times when there is low cash flow. WFP has had considerable shutdowns that said the mills currently in PA are operational. Somass will be running until end of the year with file orders & APD will be running with file orders as well; there was a lot work inherited from the Nanaimo shut-downs. Somass mill will not be as consistent; there will be stops and starts, although they have inventory in the system.
- PA forest operation runs at a higher cost than the North Island, the cedar market is virtually non-existence right now. Gold River can deliver product to PA at about \$24 dollars a cubic metre. TFL 44 continues to have the higher quality log, but that means stumpage is higher; the average stumpage is \$35 a cubic metre; other cost enhancements are travel. For example the Queen Charlotte's (QC) operations have much less of a travel barrier.
- PAFO office has had to let 9 people to go; there may be positions in other operations at least 6 out of the 9 people will have the opportunity to relocate.
- Doing some active work in other parts of the TFL, ie. Henderson Lake, plus there are some other small contracts. Kevin is concerned about keeping IPL working wherever possible.
- There is an assurance from Timberlands that they have a long term interest in TFL 44 and will operate when they can. The global economy is also a factor in this; Timberlands / WFP is not looking for a bailout, but looking for changes in Government policy.
- The task right now is to focus on the positives that have taken place throughout the year and be prepared when WFP is ready to reopen.
- There is about 150 thousand cubic meters of wood on the ground right now, mostly out in Franklyn division & WFP is working with IPL, Lyle Newton to figure out what would be of the best benefit to deal with this; it will likely be a small crew working through the year from Feb – October; this is a fraction of what it should be, crews would normally be logging about 130 thousand cubic meters with the average yearly cut at 400 thousand.
- Bamfield road is still being looked after; prevention in maintenance due to ice and snow and rain, but the Ministry of Forest (MoF) has made arrangements to have the road looked after by Timberlands / WFP. Would like to see this road designated as a forest services road; would like to see it be the responsibility of a third party to take care of this road; there are some funds to put road maintenance resources out there – allocated about \$180 thousand dollars to maintain the road and WFP spends more than the allocation.
- Although it is down to a skeleton crew, there is still optimism that the storm can be weathered.
- The move from the continuous shift to a five and two had about 20 person effect on employment.
- Only two people left in the QC's operation; there is a lot of First Nations conflict in the area; not able to meet cut specifications because of these conflicts. Wood from the QC has been going to Somass.
- Island Pacific is still the main contractor, that has not changed, WFP will try to expose IPL to other opportunities in order to keep the equipment moving. It is a very disappointing time; however it is good to report that IPL had almost no incidents regarding safety in the year.

Agenda Item 2; SFMP Info

- This year is a registration year for WFP and it will cover 2009-2011. Will register this year under the CSA's 2000 criteria as new criteria has not been fully

developed yet; it should be ready around the end of 2009 & it will come with a whole set of indicators.

- **Action item 1**; SC will have the proposed indicators and targets to group by next meeting
- **Action item 2**; SC working on 2008 data set
- Although the indicators, targets, etc., have been improved upon throughout the years, some were developed as long ago as nine years
- Dave Chitty (DC) suggests this is an inefficient process & people should take the document home and study it, then come back as a group or sub-committee and discuss the items
- SC notes that this may seem inefficient, but it is good for the group to have voice, this is not the final draft, there will be more discussion about it when the group starts looking at targets and indicators. The values and objectives have always been part of the SFMP. There is plenty of time to do some valuable work and there will be opportunity for people to express their voices.
- Judy Carlson (JC); it is difficult to measure such broad objectives.
- Ken McRae (KM); asked if WFP still replanting
- Erin Badesso (EB); WFP has an aggressive re-forestation plan in 2009
- Tracey Andrews (TA); MoF has been watching this and there has been no change

The meeting then moved to identifying the values and objectives.

There are six criteria within the Sustainable Forest Management Plan. Under each criterion is a set of elements these are established by the CSA Standard. The values and the objectives within the SFM plan (that are part of each indicator) are the values and objective of the advisory group. The exercise will be to revisit values and objectives under each element to make sure that all values and objectives that are important to the advisory group are included.

Next Meeting(s) at ACRD

WFP – February 12th 2009

Island Timberlands – March 2009

Thursday IT January 22nd; Certification Information Session @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned at – 8:30pm

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1	SC will have the proposed indicators and targets to group by next meeting	January 8, 2009	February 9 2009		Steve
2	SC working on 2008 data set	January 8, 2009			Steve
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	Indicator # 28 from WFP – SFM Plan Draft, there will be more discussion surrounding this @ a future meeting, results of watershed assessments every 3 years 03, 06 next 09	May 10/07	next 2009	Indicator not complete in 2006	WFP / WIWAG

Western Forest Products – WIWAG Action Items

All Completed Action Items see file: [Actions completed\WFP actions completed.doc](#)