

6. MoF Resources for Monitoring:
 - Attila has provided WIWAG with a binder including the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) legislation as well as the objectives matrix.
 - Could MoF give the numbers of people tasked to monitoring 2 years ago compared to today?
 - There are currently 3 main monitoring and enforcement officers, as well as a large number of MoF people who check a wide variety of other aspects of forestry.
 - ? – How well will MoF monitor BCTS.
 - There were concerns raised over the recreation site list maintained by MoF.
 - WIWAG members should examine the MoF web-site, and formulate questions that can be brought to MoF.
 - WIWAG should consider a presentation on professional reliance and/or the concerns raised by the Forest Practices Board.
 - Has a Forester ever lost their accreditation due to negligence?
 - It was noted that licensees are measured against what is written in the FSP.
 - **Michelle will ask MoF for their staffing numbers.**
 - **Steve will have someone speak to the Forest Practices Board to explain their position on Marbled Murrelets.**

7. Log Exports:
 - It was noted that Reid Carter (Managing Director Brascan Timber Management Fund) has publicly stated that 30% of the fibre on the Coast will be exported to Japan. 30% will be exported to the US, and 40% will be sold as pulp.
 - There were concerns over the potential implications for Port Alberni when Brascan takes over.
 - Currently CSA certification must be retained on Private Lands.
 - There are many other issues around log exports, mill capacities, Old Growth, etc.
 - Hayes has apparently changed their specifications on bucking length in the bush to American Mill specs, this guarantees that the logs will be declared surplus to the domestic market.
 - Reid apparently defined a mature tree at 45 years of age.
 - **WIWAG will write a letter to Brascan (Reid Carter) re: will they retain CSA certification on private and Crown lands, and will they include a public advisory body. CC: to Stan Coleman and Steve Chambers.**
 - MWLAP will still have to review the sale and approve it prior to the deal being settled.
 - There was frustration noted over fighting to retain CSA certification when there are a lot of uncertainties in the picture.
 - Concern was noted over forestry going backwards, from both an ecological and social standpoint.
 - WIWAG should invite a Brascan representative to speak to their intentions in this area.
 - It is hazardous to pre-suppose how a company will do business.
 - There is frustration felt at not being able to quantify sustainability for major areas of the SFMP.

- It was noted that Brascan paid more than the fair value for the Coastal operations.
 - Global trends are moving towards increased environmental management, especially in forest products.
 - WIWAG is engaged in a conversation about balance.
 - Sustainability concerns need to be raised and reflected in the SFMP.
 - There was a concern over having access to Old Growth in perpetuity, and that Old Growth stands should be managed for a secure fibre supply.
 - It would be interesting to see which pension funds are a part of the Brascan purchasing group.
 - The ecological and socio-economic sub-committees need to complete their revisions of the SFMP to reflect the values of WIWAG.
 - It was noted that WIWAG needs to quantify sustainability eg. Biodiversity (or else Phil will tie himself to a tree)
8. Stream Session and Tour:
- Steve would prefer to do a tour of riparian areas during the day, combined with an evening session on Riparian protection. This would most likely take place in May or June.
 - Tom Brown and Glynnis will do the session.
 - **Steve will confirm a date in May with Michelle ASAP so that she can re-organize the speakers to come in conjunction with the tour.**
9. Priority Questions for WIWAG April – June:
- Reid Carter, Data Set, Stream Tour and session, Harvest Levels, Define Sustainability, Coastal FSP, finish the SFMP for 2006.
 - WIWAG should wait for a response from Brascan before finishing the SFMP.
 - WIWAG will need to deal with Private Land indicators prior to June, **Steve will bring suggestions to the sub-committee.**
 - Fall – finish the SFMP and define Sustainability.
10. Harvest Levels Discussion Summary of Key Points To Date:
- New indicators for 2006
 1. Harvest/year will be less than 1% of the DFA.
 2. Harvest/Landscape Unit not to exceed 5% of the productive landbase.
 3. 15% of each cut-block is to be retained.
 4. Representation of 80 – 160 year age class/Landscape Unit
 - Do we use the productive landbase or the THLB as a measure for harvest levels?
 - Concerns about soil quality, what measures are incorporated, or do we track growth rates.
 - Concerns about the gap in the 80+ age classes – where does new Old Growth recruitment come from.

- The LTHL is based on the THLB Management Plan #4 outlined 1,675,000cubic metres/year of cut. This will ramp down to 1,555,000cubic metres/year the LTHL. This is conditional upon:
 - If netdowns are placed appropriately
 - If netdowns are adequate (including First Nations issues)
 - If efforts are made to retain more Old Growth in the THLB and work to increase the 80+ age class
- The total inventory in cubic metres in the THLB is 150,000,000 cubic metres.

11. Age Class Maps for Great Central and Nitnaht Landscape Units:

- The Great Central Lake Landscape Unit is moving towards a more balanced age-class distribution.
- It was noted that Great Central Lake LU is more balanced than most other LU's in terms of age-class distribution.
- Nitnaht Landscape Unit has very little 81 – 140 and 61 – 80 due to a shorter history of logging. 40% of the Landscape Unit is 40 years and under.
- With 15% of cutblocks being reserved there will be an opportunity for Old Growth harvesting.
- Steve suggested that Clayoquot Sound is a large Old Growth area with a very low AAC that is in a working forest and could serve Old Growth supply needs.
- The idea is that OGMA's will be able to satisfy some First Nation's cultural log needs.
- WIWAG plans to track the 81 – 140 age class in the SFMP revision.
- Long-rotation forestry is an opportunity to cover these concerns over Old Growth supply.
- Concerns were raised over the study: #1 value of a large log vs. a small log is changing. #2 Comparing a hemlock forest to a Douglas Fir forest.
- It would be nice to get a comment from Chris Law on the age-class distribution discussion.

12. Integrated Communications Plan:

- This is a data set item, with a target of 75% of the listed activities being completed. 23 of the 27 activities listed (85%) were completed in 2004.
- Weyerhaeuser will fund the "Gently down the Creek program" for 2005.
- WIWAG will hold off on booking participation in Forest Fest, Fall Fair and the next issue of Certification Shorts until direction comes from Brascan re: our letter to Reid Carter.

13. Hayes Film:

- **Mike will approach Hayes to see if WIWAG members can get a free and/or cheap copy of this forestry video.**

Next Meetings:

April 14

May 12

June 9

Location: Regional District Boardroom, 3008 5th Avenue, Port Alberni

Time: 5:00pm Dinner; 5:30pm Meeting

WIWAG Action Items: Ongoing			
	Action:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	WIWAG minutes to go out to prime contractors.	Jan & ongoing	Ryan/Michelle
2.	Plan for a public seminar	To be determined	Steve, Rick, Ken
3.	Ken will check out the issue of a labour representative and get back to Michelle	January	Ken McRae
4.	Analysis of MAI, 80 year rotations & inventory relating to the LTHL determination	January 05	Peter & Steve
5.	Contact HAYES to follow-up on the Forestry Liaison for the High School	Repeated efforts have not been successful.	Mike Davis
6.	E-mail the dates, times and location of the sub-committee meetings to the group	As meetings are scheduled	Michelle
7.	Set a date for the stream tour (May?) and related presentation on set backs for small streams	April 2005	Michelle/Steve
8.	Write to Brascan for a meeting re: their position on certification and the nature of the Advisory	March√	Michelle
9.	Speak to the Forest Practices Board to explain their concerns about Marbled Murrelets.	April	Steve
10.	Ask Hayes for a copy of their video.	April	Mike
SUB-COMMITTEE Action Items: Ongoing			
1.	ALL: Develop a plan for managing private land indicators within the SFMP & present to sub-committees	To be determined	Steve
2.	FN: Steve will think about the process over First Nations and Cultural Sites, and bring options	Part of item 1. above	Steve
3.	ECO: Arrange for speakers on old growth levels/biodiversity for whole group	February 05	Michelle
4.	ECO: Collect references on old growth levels	January 05	Phil/Dennis
5.	ECO: Check out the IBA for Ptarmigan & prevalence of Painted Turtle in DFA	January 05	Steve
6.	SOCIOEC: Develop some agreement with WY mills re: information sharing	To be determined	Steve
7.	FN: Review this section & invite Tseshaht & Huu-ay-aht to discuss values/objectives	January 05 √ invites sent	Tawney/Michelle
8.	Revise the joint Communications Plan for 2005	March 05	Michelle & members
9.	Get a dollar amount for corporate donations here in last year or so	Feb 18	Steve

Outgoing Correspondence Outstanding:

Letter to Tom Holmes – Re: Commitment to Certification on Private Lands, etc. (Nov. 2004)

Invitation to Tseshaht to discuss FN section of SFMP (February 2005)

Reid Carter, Brascan re: meeting & questions about certification/advisory (March 2005)

Flagged Items List:

- WIWAG should invite the Single Stem Harvesting Company to WIWAG, or look at a tour/public seminar to look at their harvesting methods.
- WIWAG should look at a postal code search of contractors to determine how many contracts are awarded to Bamfield residents.
- Visual Quality Objectives should be discussed in more detail at a WIWAG meeting
- Flag long rotation forestry as a scenario under the new CSA standard
- Define Sustainability