

West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
March 23, 2000
Regional District Office

Present:*Advisory Group Members:*

Harold Carlson - recreation	Jack McKay - logging contractor
Mike Carter - tourism	Pat McKay - small independent sawmills
Rhonda Morris - provincial government	Gillian Trumper - urban community
Eileen Parker - small business	Gary Swann - rural community
Gary Johnsen - Toquaht	Maureen Sager - environment (alternate)
Tawney Lem - Hupacasath	David Watts - Tseshahat
Jim Levis - West Coast	Maureen Touchie - Ucluelet
John McIntosh - Parks Canada	

Resource/Other:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser	Yuka Otal - Weyerhaeuser
Neil Malbon - Weyerhaeuser	Diane Morrison - recorder
Michelle Colussi - CCE, Facilitator	

Absent:

Charlie Cootes Jr. - Uchucklesaht	Bill Randles - labour
Tom Happynook - Huu-ah-aht	Joe Thorne - Ditidaht
Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser	

Guests:

Shawn Flynn, Greenmax	Phil Edgell, Watershed Committee, RAMS
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1. Welcome and Introductions:

Code of Conduct (Guidelines) distributed to new members.

2. Approval of Minutes

March 1/00 minutes accepted. No additions/corrections.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda accepted with additions Web page and Certification Forum under Old Business. There was a request to discuss the meeting schedule later in meeting.

4. Old Business:BC Forest Certification Forum:

Tawney & Harold will be attending. Steve is hoping someone specifically from WIWAG will also be able to go. It looks as if no one from WIT Weyerhaeuser will be able to go. Perhaps two will be able to go from WIWAG. Steve was asked to look into possibility of three going from AG but he thought this was unlikely. Steve to confirm arrangements with Tawney & Harold. People were asked to keep track of all expenses.

Web Page:

The name of the group has been confirmed as West Island Woodlands Advisory Group (WIWAG). Shirley Gong, faculty at NIC will be designing the page. Alberni Environmental Coalition (AEC) will host it. AG agreed that members names and sector would be part of the content. Discussion around what e-mail addresses would be provided. Steve and Neil will approve material from Weyerhaeuser. AG will approve its material. WIWAG Recorder will provide updated material to Shirley and

later to AEC Web Master. Meeting dates will be posted under Events Calendar. The Plan will be posted when ready. Information on monitoring process will be added later.

Someone felt the minutes would be too much information to post, people would find it overwhelming. Other felt it was important in terms of transparency and credibility of the process. People only have to go to the minutes if they want to. Important vehicle to reach public and communities. All other information categories will be brief.

Mission Statement Review:

Group went over draft Mission Statement and made decisions about contents and order of final version. Michelle will have the complete Terms of Reference for next week.

Membership Terms:

Corrections made to current membership information.

Michelle commented that the trend of people wanting seats on WIWAG will likely continue. Recommended group's decision on membership be driven by long-term goal of the group not driven by requests. Discussion around what other sectors might be missing. Comment that the current members represent broad sectors not just their particular ministry or organization. Membership is seated in the sector, as opposed to the organization or the individual. AG member requested that other provincial ministries be put on the list of recipients for Minutes and other information. Rhonda will get contact info for this list. Discussion around what other groups people already at the table belong to and could liaise with. Members felt the group has already grown to its maximum size, perhaps even surpassed it, to be able to achieve its goal in the set timeframe. Discussion around youth representative. Discussion around need for continuity.

Huu-ah-aht restructuring may affect its representation.

DECISION: With addition of representative from RAMS (Phil Edgell) and Education/Youth (Brian Laviolette), AG membership is now closed. Members felt that other groups or individuals with particular expertise could be asked to address group at any time.

AG members/alternates will be dismissed if they miss three meetings with no communication.

There will be no formal seats reserved at the tale for guests (as previously discussed) and unlimited observers will be allowed at the meetings. Michelle will prepare "worksheet" that could be used to collect feedback from observers.

Michelle will draft the membership decisions into the Terms of Reference document. Michelle will be available to answer any questions from new members.

Discussion around chair: chair as opposed to facilitator. Responsible for dismissing members and bringing new members up to speed. Michelle said she was prepared take on those particular responsibilities till June but was not prepared to be chair.

Timelines/Workplan:

Michelle made general comments about whether the group was going to meet its initial goal of the SFM plan in the given time. The WIW audit is set for July 3 which means the plan must be ready by June 15. Discussion of extra meeting in the evening or on a Saturday.

Michelle to look into facility availability for back-to-back evening meetings in April.

5. Introduction of Guests, RAMS and Greenmax:

Shawn Flyne, one of two owner/operators of Greenmax, a small woodlot operation. They have been developing a strategy for certification. Willing to participate at any level the group thinks useful.

Phil Edgell, Stewardship Co-ordinator for Regional Aquatic Management Society (RAMS).

Just before the break, members commented that it was taking long time to get down to the meat of the certification process. Decision to table discussion of comments Yuka made on Values #5 & #6 for next week. Michelle suggested it would help the discussion go more quickly if group could go over the document thoroughly and come to next meeting with prepared comments/suggestions.

6. Break:

Prior to moving on to Goal Development Exercise, Shawn Flyne made some general comments. He believes that the heart and soul of certification process is having scientifically measurable data about the timber inventory so public will have confidence that a sustainable rate of harvest is being met. Phil Edgell also made general comments about RAMS and work the watershed committee is doing and made information available to AG. Discussion was generated about provincial underestimate of growth rate, impact of net downs (areas in TFL not managed for timber values), issues other than sustainable harvesting such as clear-cutting and species protection (i.e. are forest practices sustainable for all resources).

7. Goal Development Exercise:

Facilitator went over Summary of Values document (corrected dated Feb 9) as a basis for the exercise. To clarify, goals are long-term, objectives are short-term. Goals are broad. Objectives are very specific actions that will achieve the Goal. Reminder that Values are open to change. They may be added to, moved or eliminated.

Example: Goal - adequate habitat quality and quantity exist to sustain all existing species.
Objective- West Island will complete habitat restoration work on the "X" River by "Y" date.

Example: Goal - Teen pregnancy is reduced in three years.
Objective - Health Service will support speaking tour of young single mothers who will share their losses and challenges with students.

There might be a number of objectives to accomplish a goal or there might be just one.

AG used Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Criteria #3 Conservation of Soil and Water resources for the Goal Development Exercise. Question asked regarding what

"other uses" in the Critical Element A refers to. Comment that another use might in fact be a high use and it might be desirable.

The results of the Goals Exercise will be distributed later when the exercise is farther along.

Discussion about using the Forest Practice Code (FPC) because so much of same information is in that document. Facilitator reminded group that it had initially wanted to be independent of the FPC, wanted the process to be community-based.

Discussion that the Code sets the standard for today but does not set any goals for future. Some felt the Code was fragmented and written in isolation of other policies and practices. Suggestion was made that those members knowledgeable with FPC could use that information as a reference point during discussions.

FLAG - Future discussion around leaving roads and bridges where there is high value for recreation use and least disturbance.

Members felt discussion at meeting would go faster if there was a workbook with blanks which they could go over before meetings. This information is available and facilitator will organize it.

Workplan - for next meeting: Finish Goals for Criteria #3, continue with Goals for Criteria # 1 & #2, go back and finish discussion around Values #5 & #6 (Yuka's comments).

General Discussion:

Membership - Shawn Flynn of Greenmax would be valuable as member of WIWAG. People who are eager to participate should be at table rather than people are members but who are not coming to meetings.

DECISION - Shawn Flynn will be an addition member to the WIWAG.

Members expressed concern that meeting doesn't get to important SFM plan work until late. Facilitator will re-organize agenda so soft items are at the end of the meeting.

9. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Location: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office

3008 5th Ave.

Port Alberni

6:00 p.m. dinner

6:30 p.m. meeting

Handouts

1. WIWAG membership list (March 2000)
2. Information on contents and design of Web page.
3. Certification Bulletin March 1/2000 (WIT internal communications document)

Attachments

1. Actions from March 1 meeting