

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
May 31, 2000
Regional District Office**

Present:*Advisory Group Members:*

✓	Carlson, Harold	Forest recreation	✓	McKay, Pat	Independent sawmills
R	Carter, Mike	Tourism	✓	McKay, Jack	Logging contractors
R	Cootes Jr., Charlie	Uchucklesaht	✓	Morris, Rhonda	Provincial government
✓	Edgell, Phil	Watershed Committee	✓	Parker, Eileen	Small business
	Flynn, Shawn	Small woodlots	✓	Randles, Bill	Labour
✓	Johnsen, Gary	Toquaht	✓	Swann, Gary	Regional government
	Johnson, Larry	Huu-ah-aht	✓	Thornburgh, Jack	Environment
	Laviolette, Brian	Education/Youth	✓	Touchie, Maureen	Ucluelet
	Lem, Tawney	Hupacasath		Trumper, Gillian	City government
R	Levis, Jim	Bamfield		Watts, David	Tseshaht
✓	McIntosh, John	Parks Canada			

Resource/Other:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser
Mark Hanley - Facilitator

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser
Diane Morrison - recorder

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Mark Hanley ably facilitated this session in Michelle's absence.

There had been some discussion of the process after last week's meeting. Steve felt it was important for the group to go through all six Critical Elements in order to understand the entire document. He suggested there needed to be one session after the whole plan has been reviewed in parts for some fine tuning. But the changes made each week will not be reviewed the following week.

2. SFM Draft Plan Review continued:

- **new indicators/objectives for #2 & #3**
(recorder absent from 6:40 - 7:36 p.m.)

CE 2.1, Value 9 (Human-induced disturbance and stress:

Indicator 20

Discussion: Need something in Indicator 20 covering pre-1995 harvesting. Referring to zero in Objective, is zero attainable? Is it reasonable to expect no slides? The same with Indicator 17 and operationally-caused fire. Is zero attainable? Weyerhaeuser commented that Objectives should involve a bit of reach so there will be improvement. If the company fails to attain the stated goals, then they need to re-examine the plan to see how they can improve. Re-state Goal for Value 10: *"Naturally-induced disturbance and stress are allowed to occur within reasonable parameters to maintain landscape diversity. Those outside reasonable parameters will be rehabilitated promptly."*

CE 2.2, Value 11 - Ecosystem recovery from disturbance and stress

Discussion around loss of Douglas Fir. Any harvesting method that involves leaving shade does not promote Douglas Fir. Clear cutting should be used.

Indicator 7

15% in Objective includes riparian areas inside block as well as variable retention

2.2, 11, Indicator 7 & 2.3, 12, Indicator 7, the figure of 15 in 2000 will be increased annually to 2003.

CE 2.3, Value 12 - Forest structure

Indicator 7

Reword Goal "*Naturally occurring species are maintained by protection of habitat.*"

Discussion around need for wide range of natural forest structures (snags, large woody debris in streams, etc.) to be mentioned in the objective.

Language is in the implementation guidelines for Variable Retention (VR). The comment was noted and something such as "representative samples of existing forest" will be included here in the final draft.

Value 13 - Biological productivity

Indicators 10, 1, 2, 34.

LRSY - long run sustained yield refers to growing capacity of the soil

Discussion around pros and cons of fertilization. There are other methods of increasing LRSY such as intensive silviculture and restocking backlog NSR (not sufficiently restocked)

Objective for Indicator 1 - "*At Landscape Level...*" include additional age classes developed for Value 1.1, Indicator 1.

CE 3.1, Value 14 - Forested land

Indicator 35 - "Limit conversion to non-forest use to .001% per year" (250 hc)

Discussion - existing attrition of forest land due to roads, urban development, economic development. Weyerhaeuser only has control over privately owned land. Why include an objective that it cannot control. What government wants to do with Crown land, it will do. Don't want to preclude future community economic benefits down the road by including this indicator. Don't want to hamstring agencies whose mandate is to look at higher uses for land. The company's objective is to look for opportunities to increase productive forest land such as reducing and managing right of ways, deactivating and re-planting roads, fewer gravel pits, increasing DFA by sale or trade of land, etc. The objective refers to the 20 per cent privately owned land that the company can influence.

Re-word Goal : *There is no significant long-term loss of forested land "without due public process."*

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday June 7

Wednesday June 14

6:00 p.m. for dinner, 6:30 p.m. for meeting

Location: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office (confirmed)

3008 5th Ave.

Port Alberni

