

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group**

*October 14, 2004*

**Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni**

**Present:**

Advisory Group Members:

*	Carlson, Harold	Forest Recreation	R	Carol Cutforth	Independent Sawmills
*	Avis, Rick (alt)				
			R	Alison Mackenzie	Logging Contractors
	Edgell, Phil	Watershed/Fisheries		Andrew Whittock	Placer Mining
*	Ken McRae	A.C. Regional District	R	Creighton, Jim	Small Business/Chamber
	Lyle Price (Alt)				
			*	Ed Sanders	A.V. Sportsman's Association
			*	Darlene Clark (alt)	
*	McIntosh, John	Parks Canada	*	Swann, Gary	S. I. Woodlot Owner's Assoc.
	Peter Whyte (alt)				
*	Dennis Morgan	Bamfield	*	Chris Law	Environment
R	Lem, Tawney	Hupacasth	*	Amanda Lord	City of Port Alberni
	Brandy Lauder				

\* = attended      R = regrets      blank = did not attend

Resources:

Steve Chambers - Weyerhaeuser  
Mike Davis - Weyerhaeuser

Michelle Colussi - Facilitator  
Ryan Dvorak - Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions:
2. Safety Orientation
3. Agenda:
4. Minutes of September 9 & 30, 2004
  - Remove the Stan Coleman correspondence from the September 9<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - **Approved with the change**
5. Announcements:
  - Deb Bryant has revised the WIWAG brochure
  - The Puddle Project has been postponed. Darlene will give the group a heads up when the new date is.
  - Rick – Nature Trust – a proposal is being developed for the preservation of lands around the Stamp and Sproat. The proposal will be modified around the Englishman River project
  - The Alberni 20/20 meetings have identified the waterfront as an important area to be developed for public use.
  - The City of Port Alberni will receive an invitation to create a community forest of 22,000ha's
  - The Ucluelet First Nation has signed a forest and range agreement for an undercut allotment.
  - The SEI will be done for the Ash.
6. Response to the Huu-ay-aht:
  - Mike will have this done by the next meeting.

7. Black Lake Concerns:
  - There is no information..
8. Fall Fair Concerns:
  - Concerns should be referred to recreation sub-committee
  - **Action Item** - Steve will respond to those Fall Fair concerns that Weyerhaeuser can respond to.
9. Landscape Unit Planning Update:
  - Teale Jones initiated the Renfrew aggregate
  - Walbran, Caycuse and Nitnaht landscape units are being planned
  - Multiple parties are at the table, and the goal is to have a draft plan completed by mid-February
  - Rick, Darlene, Ed, Harold, Gary and Phil are on the list to be contacted re: LUP
  - Weyerhaeuser is trying to get the process started for the rest of the Landscape Units by the beginning of the new year
10. HAYES Liaison:
  - There has been no response from HAYES
  - Michelle has a telephone conversation with Jeff Hayes, but hasn't heard back yet.
  - Weyerhaeuser should include in its contract with HAYES that they must have a liaison as a condition of their contract
  - Weyerhaeuser does not perceive HAYES role as being a part of the creation of the SFMP. It would be more appropriate to have a HAYES representative at the WIWAG table 1 -2 times/year
  - The issue seems to come back to one of getting information out. Couldn't information relevant to the public be posted on the web-site in a timely manner?
  - QMI auditor indicated that a HAYES representative should be more involved in this process
  - **Action Item** – Steve will check with Deb to see what it would take to post road closures on the WIWAG web-site
11. WCWC and the Rainforest Action Network:
  - These organizations are making noise about the Klanawa and Walbran areas
  - Weyerhaeuser will inform WIWAG of any developments that they are aware of
12. Elk in the Klanawa:
  - Kim Brunt “There will be no hunting on the elk for awhile.”
  - Initially, there was a transplant of 4 elk to the Klanawa. These disappeared. A more recent transplant of 6 animals was successful, and estimates are that there are 12 – 15 animals currently in the area.
  - There must be a minimum of 50 animals for MWLAP to consider a hunt.
13. Sub-Committee schedules:
  - Let Michelle know if times and dates work for you.

#### 14. SFMP Values Review:

- The values in Michel de Bellefeuille's revisions propose more concise values for the plan
- This is an attempt to streamline the plan, with one value, one objective, one indicator and one target
- Connectivity and fragmentation is captured as a measure for genetic and species migration
- WIWAG does not need to accept the plan in total
- The goal of tonight is to look specifically at the values
- Definition of value – "Condition or features that are the most important to you in the DFA"
- Criteria – Conservation of Biological Diversity
- Element 1.1 – Ecosystem Diversity
- There was concern that the values narrow the intent of the criteria and elements too much
- Wetlands are included in riparian areas
- Missing the value of "representative ecosystems across the landscape"
- The proposed value "representation of commercial tree species" seems to align better with element 2.2
  
- Element 1.2 Species Diversity
- SEI results and sensitive areas, or species at risk in this DFA are not red or blue listed are important to consider
- Concern is over the ecosystems and areas that the at-risk species inhabit
- There is concern over connectivity and the impacts on biological diversity
- Connectivity has been linked closely to wildlife corridors and lifeboats for wildlife habitat – the concern would best be applied in the species at-risk section of element 1.2
- **Connectivity will be moved to element 1.2 - approved**
- Under at-risk species, there is a concern that only Vertebrate animals are included – it was noted that all species at risk be managed for.
- It was noted that Weyerhaeuser closes a road in the Turtle Lake area to protect migrating toads
- New value – at-risk species – remove "vertebrate" and include "all species"
  
- Element 1.3 Genetic Diversity
- Concern over genetic diversity in tree species
  
- Element 1.4 Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological Significance
- Should add the SEI 2%
- It was noted that watersheds are important
- The values work will have to be done by sub-committees prior to the November meeting
- There will be a recreation sub-committee meeting on November 8
- It was suggested that sub-committee's take responsibility for the values represented
- The revised plan will be ready in 2005 and implemented in 2006
- **Action Item – draft a letter to Tom Holmes requesting clarification over Weyerhaeuser's commitment to applying the SFMP to the entire DFA including private lands in perpetuity.**

15. 20% Take-Back Allocations:

- 24% of the DFA will no longer be managed under the CSA certification regime
- Ken Matthews indicated a commitment that the BCTS is very interested in being under the CSA certification
- There was concern that if the BCTS comes to the WIWAG table that there will need to be 2 SFMP's
- It was indicated that there a large number of issues that need to be addressed before BCTS will be in a position to approach WIWAG
- First Nations contracts are an issue, but should come through BCTS
- Under WIWAG's terms of reference, WIWAG's reason for being is to provide advice to Weyerhaeuser
- Weyerhaeuser's view is a shared advisory group between BCTS and Weyerhaeuser with different plans, reports, etc.
- The primary driver from the WIWAG point of view is that the land be managed in a sustainable manner
- Does WIWAG want to pursue BCTS and bring them under WIWAG for the purposes of certification?
- Ken is free to invite WIWAG members to a meeting
- Weyerhaeuser is interested in putting certified wood through their markets and it was noted that the demand for certified wood is going to increase
- WIWAG should share any information with the BCTS to ease the process of them becoming certified
- There was concern over recreation in BCTS lands
- The City should look critically at CSA and the community forest to see what would be needed for certification.
- The BCTS will have difficulty justifying the certification of the lands from an economic standpoint
- Michelle will pass on the groups comments to Ken Mathews

16. Fall Tour:

- There is a group in the US that provides helicopter flights to non-profit groups
- **Gary will look into this**
- Weyerhaeuser should consider flying the WIWAG around the DFA

**Next Meeting:**

**November 18**

**Location:**

**Regional District Boardroom, 3008 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni**

**Time:**

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

<b>WIWAG Action Items: October 14, 2004</b>			
	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
1.	Steve will check with Deb to see what it would take to post road closures on the WIWAG web-site	November	Steve
2.	Plan for a public seminar	To be determined	Steve, Rick, Ken
3.	Look into flights for members to do an aerial forest tour	?	Gary
4.	Letter to Tom Holmes re: CSA application on all of DFA	?	Michelle
5.	Analysis of MAI and 80 year rotations relating to the LTHL determination	November	Peter & Steve
6.	Tawney will bring the % of the Sproat Landscape Unit that the Hupacasath would like to see managed for Cedar to WIWAG	ASAP	Tawney Lem
7.	Steve will respond to those Fall Fair concerns that Weyerhaeuser can respond to	ASAP	Steve
8.	Contact HAYES to follow-up on the Forestry Liaison for the High School	ASAP	Mike Davis
9.	Mike Davis to respond to the concerns of the Huu ay aht in the form of a letter to be brought to WIWAG as well.	November	Mike Davis
10.	Steve will think about the process over First Nations and Cultural Sites, and bringing it to WIWAG	Pending	Steve
<b>SUB-COMMITTEE Action Items: Ongoing</b>			
1.	Develop a plan for managing private land indicators within the SFMP & present to sub-committees	To be determined	Steve
2.	Maps re: WY & government zoning for Nov. 18 Eco-Sub meeting – include parks?	Nov. 18th	Steve/Mike
3.	Copies of the non-spatial old growth order for eco-sub committee	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> - completed	Mike
4.	Arrange for speakers on old growth levels/biodiversity for whole group	January	Michelle
5.	Collect references we have on old growth levels	January	Phil/Dennis
6.	Develop & complete indicator research work to ID what information is actually available for socio-economic sections of SFMP (proposed list attached to Nov. 2 Sub-Comm. minutes)	January?	Steve/Michelle
7.	Develop a way to review what has changed or been accomplished since we started this	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> ?	Michelle
8.	Develop some agreement with WY mills re: information sharing (socio-eco sub comm.)	To be determined	Steve
9.	Ask the Chamber of Commerce about ideas for increasing local supply spending	Nov. 18th	Michelle/Neil

#### Outgoing Correspondence Outstanding

- Jeff Hayes, June 24, sent again following phone conversation on Sept. 22, no reply to date, re: request to meet with him
- Tseshaht Chief & Council, Sept. 20, re: request to replace Darleen Watts as representative