

**West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group**

**October 4, 2001**

**Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni**

**Present:**

Advisory Group Members:

*	Carlson, Harald	Forest Recreation	*	Mcleod, Lowana (alt)	Independent Sawmills
*	Avis, Rick (alt)			McKay, Mike (alt)	
			*	McKay, Jack	Logging Contractors
*	Edgell, Phil	Watershed Committee		Powell, Dan	Provincial Government
	Flynn, Shawn	Small Woodlots	*	Creighton, Jim	Small Business/Chamber
	Johnsen, Gary	Toquaht	*	Leachman, Greg	Labour
			*	Swann, Gary	Regional Government
	Jones, Neil	Education	*	Thornburg, Jack	Environment
			*	Chris Laws	Environment (alt)
*	Lem, Tawney	Hupacasth		Mealey, Charles	City Government
	Levis, Jim	Bamfield		Watts, David	Tseshah
*	McIntosh, John	Parks Canada			
		Tourism			

**Resource/Other:**

Steve Chambers – Weyerhaeuser  
 Neil Malbon - Weyerhaeuser  
 Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser

Michelle Colussi – Facilitator  
 Ryan Dvorak –Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Welcome to everyone.

**2. Approve Agenda:**

There was a request to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Notification of the upcoming surveillance audit
- Pan-European discussion re-cap
- Riparian section updates
- Update on the financial situation of Weyerhaeuser’s Coastal operations by Dennis Fitzgerald

**3. Approve Minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**The minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup> were approved with no changes.**

- After approval, the following changes were requested
  - Sue King changed to Sue Croft
  - Addition of Chris Laws, the Environment alternate to the master attendance list.

#### 4. Action Plan Discussion

- **Hamish Kimmins** is looking at his schedule for a presentation to the WIWAG group.
- There is an open house review of the draft Management Plan on Saturday, Oct. 13 in Port Alberni
- In terms of the Management Plan and the Port Alberni review there are questions?
  - **A) Does anyone from WIWAG want to be there?**
  - **B) Does WIWAG want to review the Management Plan and submit a formal response?**
  - **C) Those interested in being at the review should contact Michelle**
  - **Neil Malbon will gather the following for presentation at the review**
    - **Copies of the SFM Plan**
    - **Information about the website**
    - **Copy of the article featured in the A.V.Times**
- **D) The issue of a formal response to the draft Management plan will be put on the list for the next meeting**

#### 5. North Island Pilot Project

The North Island Pilot Project is the result of an advisory group at Tigh-na-mara, and Robert Prescott Allan's re-designing of indicators of sustainability. The Pilot Project was established to test Robert Prescott Allan's system as to its feasibility. Recently budgetary restraints lead into difficulties; however, to date the process is back on track. There is more work to be done in terms of data collections, but the project should be at a product level by November, at which point the results will be distributed. What has become obvious as a result of this project is that community sustainability projects can not be done on a stand-alone basis, they must include other partners in determining sustainability. Overall, the results have been positive and suprising.

**-FYI** – Robert Prescott Allan is involved in the process.

#### 6. Analysis of Weyerhaeuser's Stream Management Practices

This analysis was the result of a request by the WIWAG group to have Weyerhaeuser run an analysis of ten of the last twenty cut-blocks with appropriate sized streams, to test Weyerhaeuser's current stream management in areas with S4, S5 and S6 streams, and to determine the feasibility of the sub-committee's recommendations for riparian indicators.

S6 - 3m wide at the high water mark or less

S5 – Greater than 3m wide at the high water mark with no fish

S4 – Is a community watershed or contains fish

The results of the analysis indicated that:

- There were no S5 streams in the sample
- Of the S6 streams:
  - Indicator – Streams have a 15m buffer
  - Objective – 40% of streams buffered

- Reality – 30% of the sampled streams were buffered
- This result is within the allowable variance in the proposed new indicator

## 7. Pan-European Update

- Members of the Pan European Forest Certification Council were in Port Alberni to discuss forest certification and sustainability. They met with several members of the advisory group today.
- This is a certification system encompassing many systems, and certifying many European nations. CSA has applied to become part of this system.

## 8. Overview of the Data Set

- Steve Chambers – The group should look at areas which need to be addressed and think about the potential impacts on the community, forest practices on the ground, and the impact on other issues. Further, the group should be aware of their own ability to tackle an issue, and the factor of Time.
- The first SFM plan and report included the results from the first half of 2000
- The Data set pertains to 2000 in total
- The Data set provides results for indicators, and it should be remembered that results can be measured in many different ways
- The Safety, Profitability, and Free to Grow indicators did not meet the objectives or fall within the variances
- There is a problem with how indicators align to goals and values
- 2000 Data set results and indicators open to the group for discussion
  - Indicators chosen for discussion:
    - Pg. 5 Indicator #31 – Roads
    - Pg. 14 Indicator #60 – Information Sharing Protocol
    - Pg. 1 Indicator #7 – Variable Retention
    - Pg. 1 Indicator #2 – Species as they relate to historical norms
    - Pg. 16 Indicator #29 – Free to grow

### Discussion:

- Indicator #31 – The results indicate a benchmark rather than an active de-activation strategy.
- Indicator #60 – The use of the term protocol may be generous as it relates to the current information sharing actions with First Nations.
  - **This objective needs to be re-evaluated.**
- Indicator #7 – Is there a consensus as to what constitutes Variable retention?
  - Operational reviews have seen a better quality of Variable retention.
  - Forest practices are moving towards grouped retention practices.
  - **Dennis will e-mail VR data and requirements**
  - **Greg will bring pictures of VR settings**
- **Objectives may need to be framed on a one-year timeline**
- Indicator #2 – **Steve will represent the numbers in a more understandable and less misleading manner**

- Indicator #29 – Does not seem to address problems in the block
- Should review the way in which the results are presented
- Should continue to monitor the results.

## 8. 2001 Objectives and Indicators

Please refer to handout

- These are an administrative clean-up
- Eg. Deleting references to 2000 for 2001 objectives and indicators
- Make the indicator #31 from (1.5% - 5%) to (0.5% - 1.5%)
  - **The recreation committee will review the objective and bring recommendations**
- **The following statement was put forward as the position of the West Island Woodlands Advisory Group:**  
**“The Advisory Group reviewed the objectives and targets for 2001 and with one change, #31 accepts as are.”**

**-There were no objections.**

## 9. Identify Priorities regarding the TSFM Plan

Please refer to handout, issues are numbered 1 through 9 sequentially on the handout

1. Riparian areas are being addressed by the sub-committee – no objections
2. The sub-committee is working on Connectivity and will bring recommendations to the group
  - 6 & 8. These are largely minor, requiring clarification for Steve – Michelle will clarify – no objections
    - The sub-committee will review goals 1 – 6, look at 7 – 9 and bring recommendations (Connectivity)
    - Will try and look at specific themes and sets of goals as opposed to individual indicators
3. Recreation Sub-committee will have recommendations here
- 4, 5, 7 & 9. These need to be prioritized
  - The group indicated 4 and 5 as being of the most impact to the community & to forest practices
  - Michelle will talk to Steve about #7

### Discussion and Comments:

- With the economic reality of Weyerhaeuser’s operations, what can the group do to aid Weyerhaeuser’s position
- Should M.L.A. Gillian Trumper be invited to explain the Liberal Government’s policy relating to stumpage as part of information gathering
- Should this be expanded to include the public
- Should the group look at partnerships with other community organizations
- Should the group look at taking a different approach, and set the revision of the plan at a lower priority
- The group should look at the “crisis” from a community perspective

- Economic viability is the only issue
- There seem to be two issues 1) prolonging the process and/or 2) lobbying
- The issues are beyond, and not in sync with our certification mandate
- We cannot carry on – “there is no light at the end of the tunnel”
- Part of the process of certification is for Weyerhaeuser market to expand their markets as a way of dealing with the current crisis; therefore, we should continue to move on
- What is our ability to affect decisions
- Need to pause and look at different kinds of strategies
- **Michelle will send out information regarding strategy options, the group should respond. Current focus on revisions of the plan will be put on hold temporarily until we get a better handle on what the group can do to support the community during current economic decline.**

**10. Surveillance Audit**

- Gregor would like to see some new faces for input and interview
- Volunteers: Rick Avis, Chris Laws and Jim Creighton

**11. Adjournment 9:30pm**

**12. Next Meeting**

<p>November 8 November 29</p>	<p><b>Location:</b></p>	<p><b>Regional District Boardroom 3008 Fifth Avenue Port Alberni</b></p>
	<p><b>Time:</b></p>	<p><b>6:00pm – Dinner 6:30pm – Meeting</b></p>

- **A further meeting may be necessary to accommodate the presentation by Hamish Kimmins. – All group members will be contacted.**

**Handouts:**

**2001 Objectives and Indicators – Proposed Changes  
Proposed Process for Revising the TSFM Plan  
Analysis of Potential Stream Indicator  
BC Forest Management Certification report – October 1, 2001**

**The Natural Step Framework – Thursday, October 25, 2001  
Long Beach Golf Course, Conference Centre 9am – 5pm  
Guest Speaker Brian Natrass**

### Actions From the August 28<sup>th</sup> WIWAG Meeting

	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Recreational sub-committee presentation</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Herald &amp; Rick</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Present analysis of harvest option #1</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Peter Kofoed</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Schedule Hamish Kimmins</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>Michelle</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Sub-committee re-evaluation of goals</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Phil</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Gather Info for MP review</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Neil Malbon</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Contact group re: Hamish Kimmins presentation</b>	<b>As necessary</b>	<b>Ryan</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>WIWAG members interested in being at the Mpreview</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>Michelle</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Re-evaluate objective #60</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Steve</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>E-mail VR data and requirements</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>Dennis</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Bring pictures of VR settings</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>	<b>Greg</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Adjust Math for Indicator #2</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Steve</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Review Indicator #31 and bring recommendations</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Recreation</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Sub-committee recommendations on issues regarding revising the TFSM plan</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Sub-Committee</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Talk to Steve about issue #7</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Michelle</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Send out info re: strategy options</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	<b>Michelle</b>