

Minutes
West Island Woodlands Community Advisory Group
September 8, 2005
Regional District boardroom, Port Alberni

Present:

Advisory Group Members:

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

* = attended R = regrets blank = did not attend

Resources:

Steve Chambers	Cascadia
Mike Davis	Cascadia
Michel de Bellefeuille	Cascadia
Ryan Dvorak	Recording Secretary

Diane Medves	Island Timberlands
Bill Waugh	Island Timberlands
Michelle Colussi	Facilitator

Guest: Sandy McRuer

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Safety Orientation
3. Agenda: Addition: Logging at Lizard Lake
 Remove: Member Recognition
4. Minutes of June 8, 2005 - Approved
 Minutes of June 21, 2005 - Approved
5. Announcements:
 - The WIWAG display at Forest Fest went well, the focus was on public education and was well received. Thanks to Ken for helping out.
 - The Fall Fair WIWAG display is up and running in the Glenwood centre.
 - **Action Item – Ryan to summarize the feedback from the public at the Fall Fair and present to the group in October.**
 - It has been decided that Michelle will continue to facilitate the WIWAG for the time being. If you would like to speak to Michelle please e-mail her and she will phone you back.
 - Ken noted that the community forest lands have not been designated yet, but he is optimistic that the lands will be close to town.
6. Island Timberlands (ITPL) Certification and Policy Questions:

- What is the position of ITPL on certification?
 - ITPL is committed to certification and intends to stay with CSA as long as it is possible and feasible. ITPL is looking at ways to bring efficiencies into the certification process. Diane Medves will be the ITPL representative to WIWAG.
 - ITPL manages 250,000 ha's of private land on the BC coast. Our DFA represents about ? ha's of that.
 - All contract crews are trained in ISO, SFI and CSA systems.
 - In the past, WIWAG's access to information around socio-economic information was difficult under Weyerhaeuser. Will this continue with ITPL?
 - As a privately held company ITPL is very sensitive with financial information, and obtaining this information may be more difficult now.
 - It was noted that local purchasing will be easier now that ITPL is not encumbered by the national or provincial purchasing agreements that Weyerhaeuser had in place.
 - ITPL has an open bidding system and is trying to avoid long-term contracting agreements. Eg. The Cascadia and Hayes agreement.
 - All eligible contractors are open to bid on contracts.
 - It was noted that WIWAG and the A.V. Chamber of Commerce had developed a possible solution to contracting difficulties, whereby local companies could participate in a seminar for local contractors to educate them about the bidding process. There were no objections to this.
 - What are ITPL's policies surrounding preference to local hiring, employment policies and FN's hiring?
 - ITPL is currently in the process of developing their own policies to fit their new reality.
 - ITPL has 80 staff and 200 hourly crew.
 - It was noted that related to local hiring that ITPL "could" put a preference for local hiring in their bid packages.
 - It was noted that there is a concern in Port Alberni over hiring contractors from outside of Port Alberni to work here.
 - ITPL has a North and South management system, with Ray Balogh being the North manager and Jim Cyrs being the South manager.
 - It was noted that ITPL is working on putting out more substantial bid packages.
 - It was noted that the Lamare contract will be up for review at the end of the year.
 - Who would be the contact for ITPL re: recreation access and road condition questions and concerns?
 - There will be a planning function out of Northwest Bay – Denise Sakai
 - **Action Item – Diane to send Ryan & Michelle a contact for recreation access/road condition questions and concerns, and who to contact for keys.**
 - ITPL has non-exclusive access agreements in their timberlands and properties.
 - The ITPL First Nation's representative is Diane Medves.
 - Lizard Lake Logging: It was noted that the City Engineer has concerns over logging to within 10 metres of the lake and the impacts of this and potential wind-throw could have on water quality. The City Manager will call Bill to discuss.
7. Cascadia Policies:
- Many of the points raised by ITPL apply to Cascadia as well, but there are some differences.
 - There appears to be a willingness within Cascadia to share some financial information – If WIWAG would like to request some of this information, a specific list outlining what is being requested could then be responded to more specifically.

- Cascadia is also in the process of developing their own policies to reflect their new reality.
 - It was noted that getting information out of contractors will not happen. (ITPL concurred that they will not be requiring contractors to share information with this group.)
 - Cascadia will likely have a wide-open contracting process as much as possible.
 - Cascadia is not encumbered by past purchasing agreements that were in place under Weyerhaeuser, so it should be much easier to buy local.
 - It was noted that under Cascadia, agreements with First Nation's will be much more contractual, as opposed to joint ventures.
 - The First Nation's representative for Cascadia is Mike Davis.
 - Cascadia operates on 100,000 ha's in West Island Timberlands and has over 2000 employees on the coast.
 - It was noted that Cascadia will formally remove the 20% take-back area from the certified Defined Forest Area, and will have a new map for WIWAG in October.
 - **Sub-Committee Action Item: WIWAG will need to draft a request around socio-economic indicators and what can be provided by ITPL and Cascadia.**
 - Steve noted that he would really like the 2006 SFMP completed by January 1, 2006.
8. Sub-committee meetings:
- WIWAG needs to get started on finishing the 2006 SFMP, and the socio-economic and recreation sub-committees still have some work to do.
 - **Action Item – Michelle will set-up a sub-committee meeting schedule and distribute this to WIWAG.**
 - Andrew indicated an interest in participating in the sub-committee process.
 - Jim indicated that he would try and help with the socio-economic sub-committee.
 - **Action Item – Michelle will re-visit the ToR and draft a revised version that reflects the new reality of ITPL/Cascadia & the new CSA Standard.**
9. Private Land Contractors:
- This is an on-going agenda item that outlines who (specifically from where) are working on the Private Lands.
 - **Action Item – Diane will bring a list for the October meeting.**
10. Private Land Harvesting Plans:
- **Action Item – Diane will bring the 2006 Private Land harvest plan to WIWAG when it is completed.**
11. Letter to the Ministry of Forests:
- To date there has been no response.
 - Michelle spoke to Attila, and he will follow-up.
12. Data Set Questions Outstanding:
- Maple herbicide utilized is called Tri-clophyr.
 - Steve has information on this herbicide if anyone is interested.
 - Gary is concerned that the use of biocides in the environment does not follow the principles of sustainability.
 - It was noted that Cascadia tries to avoid the use of herbicides whenever possible.
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- Carbon Budget Update – Under Weyerhaeuser Coastal Group was a part of a National Carbon Budget project. There have been problems with this model, and

Cascadia/ITPL do not have the resources to be a pilot in this project, and will have to wait to participate when the model is generated by the Canadian Government.

- It was noted that there is some information on Carbon Budgets available from the Canadian Forest Service and the Forest Sciences Board (which Diane sits on).
- First Nation's Consultation and the 2002 Standard – Judith indicated that she would accept the clause in the new CSA standard and come back to the WIWAG table.
- It was cautioned that the CSA standard can not trump the laws of the land, but notwithstanding this both companies can support the clause in the 2002 standard regarding Aboriginal rights.
- Have First Nation's ever considered approaching the Province to ensure that their treaty rights are not prejudiced by participation in a body such as WIWAG?
- Bamfield Cut-block Comparison to SFMP Indicators – Diane and Bill attended a Bamfield Community Meeting to address some of the concerns raised over harvesting in a block close to Bamfield and feel that the community is satisfied with their plans.
- It was noted that due to the nature of the layout of this block (both private & crown regs being implemented), it would be a fuzzy test case as a comparison between SFMP and Private land harvesting.
- It was noted that a conversation must be had around converting forest lands to non-forest use eg. Selling off private lands for development.
- Scratch the Bamfield Case Study from the flagged items list.
- Mike indicated that 3 additional Landscape Unit Plans have been created for the Cayuse, Nitnaht and Walbran. These will be presented to the eco-subcommittee with any concerns raised being brought back to the WIWAG.

13. Flagged Items List:

- WIWAG needs to identify the priority issues:
- Conversation with other Advisory Groups to identify where they are in this process would be valuable.
- **Action Item – Michelle will contact the other Advisory Groups to take their temperature around a joint meeting.**
- Having the Chief Forester for a seminar would be valuable.
- The Forest Stewardship Plan prepared for the Coast would be good to examine.
- **Action Item – Michelle will forward to Ryan the newest draft of the Coast FSP and Ryan will create a bound hard copy that includes the FRPA act for members to borrow.**
- **Action Item – Michelle to circulate the “FSP at a glance” when it is prepared.**
- **Action Item – ITPL to demonstrate their model for determining their AAC on the Private Lands when developed.**

14. Harvest Scenarios and the 2006 SFMP:

- Peter Kofoed will need more information to run the harvest scenarios, but he is open to running them with more defined data.
- Could utilize a conference call during a sub-committee meeting to get this done expeditiously.

Next Meetings: October 13, 2005

Location: ACRD Board Room

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

WIWAG Action Items: September 8, 2005			
	Action:	Completion Date:	Person Responsible:
1.	Draft an executive summary of the 2004 Data Set	ASAP	Michelle
2.	WIWAG to receive details on the legislation around cut control, specifically any recent changes. This could be addressed by the Chief Forester as he is on our list to invite in the Fall	Pending	Michelle
3.	Michelle will re-visit the ToR and draft a revised version that reflects the new reality of ITPL/Cascadia & the new CSA Standard	October	Michelle
4.	Michelle will contact the other Advisory Groups to take their temperature around a joint meeting	October	Michelle
5.	Michelle to circulate the "FSP at a glance" when it is prepared	ASAP	Michelle
6.	Michelle will set-up a sub-committee meeting schedule and distribute this to WIWAG	ASAP	Michelle
7.	Michelle will forward to Ryan the newest draft of the Coast FSP and Ryan will create a bound hard copy that includes the FRPA act	ASAP	Michelle & Ryan
8.	Ryan to summarize the feedback from the public at the Fall Fair and present to the group in October	October	Ryan
9.	Diane to send Ryan & Michelle a contact for recreation access/road condition questions and concerns, and who to contact for keys	ASAP	Diane
10.	Bring a list of the contractors working on the Private Lands in the Port Alberni area	October	Diane
11.	Diane will bring the 2006 Private Land harvest plan to WIWAG when it is completed	Pending	Diane
12.	ITPL to demonstrate their model for determining their AAC on the Private Lands when developed	Pending	Diane
13.	WIWAG minutes to go out to prime contractors.	Jan & ongoing	Ryan/Michelle
19.	Organize a tour looking more broadly at key aspects of harvest on both crown & private land	Fall 2005	Michelle/Steve
SUB-COMMITTEE Action Items: Ongoing			
1.	ALL: Develop a plan for managing private land indicators within the SFMP & present to sub-committees (including CHR's)	Fall 2005	Steve

2.	ECO: Arrange for speakers on old growth levels/biodiversity for whole group	Fall 2005	Michelle
3.	ECO: Find out how the watershed ranking work from 2003 has defined geographic areas.	January 05	Michelle
4.	SOCIOEC: Develop some agreement with Cascadia mills re: information sharing	To be determined	Steve
5.	SOCIOEC: We need Cascadia & ITPL policies on hiring, etc.	Fall 2005	Michelle & members

Outgoing Correspondence Outstanding:

Letter to Minister of Forests re: private land cert. (June 2)

Flagged Items List:

- Private land harvest plans (Diane)
- Group name - change
- Terms of Reference revision
- MoF presentation on compliance & enforcement
- Single stem harvesting presentation and tour
- VQO presentation & discussion
- Define Sustainability
- Postal code search of contractors re: Bamfield employment
- Meet with Peter Kofoed to discuss harvest scenarios and development for input into 2006 plan – include long rotation forestry
- Private Land issues with 3 aspects of the 2006 SFMP: VQO's, FEN's, FN input into CHR's - % of blocks where agreement is reached. This is a sub-committee item.
- ITPL to demonstrate their model for determining their AAC on the Private Lands when developed.