

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Minutes – April 11th 2019

Advisory Group Members

Y Y	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation			Logging and Roads Contractor
Y Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Jim Proteau Cassandra Silverio	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic		Solomon Schachner	General Interest
	John McNabb (alt) Mike Kokura	A.C. Regional District	Y Y R	John Smith Brigitte Arndt Len Cherry	Van. Is. All Ground Riders Assoc. AV Hill Climbers (alt)
	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game		Dan Washington Ron Corbeil	City of Port Alberni
Y	Francois Warren	Small Business	R Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Keith Hunter (receives minutes)	Multiple Goods & Services

Y = attended R=regrets blank=did not attend V=vacant seat
Quorum Present

Resources Present:

Western Forest Products (WFP) Port Alberni Forest Operations (PAFO)

Erin Badesso – PAFO WFP, Forester

Jim Muress – WFP Operations Manager of Port Alberni Forest Operation

Guests: None attending

Michele Laminski - Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm, introductions were made around the table.
Expecting our facilitator (Dani) will be back for the November meeting.

Safety Orientation

Erin reviewed safety procedures.

Erin Badesso –

Motion to adopt last meetings minutes – passed. Minutes will be posted.

Action Items from WFP Feb 21st, 2019

1. **Audit Report Summaries** – Let the group know when the summaries are posted
2. **New Proposed Bear Den/Eagle Nest Strategy** - to be reviewed by group May 23rd
3. **Pre & Post Road Deactivation** - Erin to bring pictures showing favorable soil conditions that allow effective reforestation – Erin showed pictures from Fauna 900. Discussion around soil horizon material. The operator used an excavator to “plant” a few 4-5 meter tall trees recovered from the road fill-slope.

WFP operational Update – J Muress

1. WFP logging in the Alberni Valley is at full capacity. APD was shut down due to the lumber market and are supposed to go back April 15th. Erin and Jim attended an official signing for **TFL44 Limited Partnership**. (The TFL has been sold to the Limited Partnership as discussed in our past February meeting.) There are discussions of the name being updated. WFP staff is managing the TFL on behalf of the Limited Partnership. TFL 44 is still crown land.

Action Item 1 – Erin to bring pictures of the signing ceremony

SFM Plan Dataset – E Badesso to present remaining CSA indicator data for 2018

Some indicators were reviewed last meeting. Note: during the presentation of indicators example photographs were displayed for additional context.

Indicator 1.1.1 – Target for CWHvh1 – not met. Result was recorded and discussed in the context of harvest history and progression in the Defined Forest Area (DFA).

Indicator 1.1.2 – Target met on tree species composition

Indicator 1.1.3 – Target met. The definition of the productive forest was updated, which is why our number of productive hectares is slightly lower than last year. Erin explained how the definition of productive forest was adjusted in 2018.

Indicator 1.1.4 – did not meet target – were within the variance. The amount of cable yarding affected the retention level, as it makes it more difficult. 48% of harvesting was cable yarding in 2018. The planning team is aware of this and will address it going forward. **Action Item 2 – Future discussion needed on how retention levels are/should be calculated for this indicator to more closely align with broader corporate reporting of retention levels.**

Indicator 1.2.1 – Target met. Type of habitat and species protected. Changes from 2017, some adjustments to the allocation of legal, proposed and voluntary.

Indicator 1.2.2 – Target met. This is an indicator is reviewed every 5 years. 2013 compared to 2018. Total area in reserves are up overall from 2013.

Indicator 1.2.3 – discussed last meeting – followed up with pictures. Photos of Red wood planted in the Klanawa. Noble Fir picture too.

Indicator 1.4.1 - met the target. 18 blocks in 2018 required archaeological assessments and

three had confirmed culturally modified trees.

Indicator 1.4.2 – Target met. The number is up from 2017 because of increased harvesting and also because Big Trees are now captured in the report. **Action Item 3 - Stickleback Lake: send addition information to Rick Avis.**

Indicator 2.1.4 – harvest level was higher in 2018 as the company is working to meet its five year allowable cut. In 2012 and 2013, WFP was behind in its cut control, and worked to catch up to harvest 104%. If cut is above 110%, the government charges additional stumpage fees.

Indicator 3.1.1 – Soil Disturbance Target Met

Indicator 3.1.2 – Down Woody Debris. Target Met. Discussion on changes to the government methodology to determining waste. For cutting permits approved after April 1 the penalty will be 3x the stumpage rate. Waste benchmarks have also been adjusted resulting in greater penalties to be paid. This logic is to promote greater recovery to better support the pulp industry. Waste surveyors have to assess how much was avoidable and unavoidable waste. Very little is used as biomass.

Indicator 3.1.2a – Limit Herbicides. Target met – Half hectare treated in 2018. Target species was Japanese knotweed.

Indicator 3.2.1 – Target met.

Indicator 3.2.2 – Target met – First year reporting on this indicator

Indicator 3.2.2c – Target not met, still within variance (S4 Streams). S4 streams are typically associated with flatter lands.

Indicator 3.2.2d – Target met (S5 streams). S5 streams are typically associated with gullies and tougher terrain. Discussion around storm debris affecting streams.

Indicator 4.1.1 – Net Carbon Uptake – Target met. Expect to stay carbon positive when harvesting the AAC. If a big harvest year, the value might dip into the negative. Pile Burning? Are we going to continue? Pile burn to abate a fire hazard and to create more plantable area. Not a lot of opportunity to utilize the debris piles in other ways.

Indicator 5.1.1 – target met. On average, stumpage rates were \$3.00 higher in 2018 compared to previous year

Indicator 5.1.2 – Target met. Reviewed an email exchange regarding pile burning and smoke management.

Indicator 5.1.2a – Park Perimeter – Target met

Indicator 5.1.2c – Mushroom habitat – target met

Indicator 5.2.1 – Target met – Updated indicator from previous years. Reflects being mindful of community activity – example: road grading and maintenance of Bamfield Mainline

Indicator 5.2.2 – Target met – Training to keep current with the forestry industry

Indicator 5.2.3 – did not meet target – 5 year rolling average. A brief discussion on labour input for harvesting old growth vs. second growth. Second growth harvesting requires less labour but this variable is not a factor in determining the results for this indicator.

Indicator 6.1.1 - Satisfaction survey – Target met

Indicator 6.1.2 – Educational sessions – Target met

Indicator 6.1.3 – Target met - WiWag minutes and presentations are posted on the website

Indicator 6.2.1 – Target met - Improve Safety Standards. Medical Incident Rate only slightly decreased from 2017.

Indicator 6.2.2 – SAFE Certified – Target met

Indicator 7.1.1 – Target met – First Nations training completed.

Indicator 7.1.2 – Target met – Respectful interactions with First Nations

Indicator 7.2.1 – Target met – 10 contractual and training arrangements were made with First Nations

Indicator 7.2.2 – Target met – indicator ensures WFP is sharing forestry plans with First Nations

Indicator 7.2.3 – Target met – only one area identified in 2018.

Spine Trail – Name updated to *Vancouver Island Trail*

Erin requested someone send him contact information for the Vancouver Island Trail Discussed plans to harvest in proximity to the trail. Place called “Chinese Kitchen”.

Action Item: Francois offered to try and get some pictures.

WIWAG Public Presentation Evaluation Form – Erin reviewed – form to be filled out after a presentation when the presentation is still fresh in member’s mind.

WFP Sustainability Report sent to WIWAG March 26, 2019. Erin requested that comments be forwarded to him.

John Deal is putting some broad WFP Sustainability indicators. He will be here to present in May and look for feedback.

WFP is looking into another all PAG trip this fall. Is there interest? Would you like during the week or weekend and are there topics you are interested? Erin will send out an email.

Announcements:

Next meeting - 2019 Calendar

May 23, June 13 (replaced by May 23 Meeting) & November 14

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

WIWAG Action Items

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
Recurring	ML to post approved minutes from last meeting to WIWAG website	after each meeting			ML
1	2019 – New Bear den strategy to be reviewed by group	April 11 th	May 23 rd		Erin Badesso
2	Pictures of pre and post road that was recontoured to prevent land slide and planted.	April 11 th		April 11 th	Erin Badesso
3	Erin to bring pictures of the signing of TFL 44 Limited Partnership	May 23 rd			Erin Badesso
4	Indicator 1.1.4 - Discussion about how retention is being calculated.	May 23 rd			Erin Badesso
5	Indicator 1.4.2 – Picture of Stickleback Lake with rumored fish – Erin to get more information	May 23 rd			Erin Badesso
6	Chinese Kitchen Pictures	May 23 rd			Francois Warren
7	Vancouver Island Trail Contact information for Erin	May 23 rd			WiWag Members
8	All PAG trip – Erin to send email to WiWag members looking for interest/ feedback	May 23 rd			Erin Badesso