

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – LP 44

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

Minutes – Jan 9th 2020

Advisory Group Members

R R	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation	Y	Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
Y R	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists	R Y	Tristan Jordan Heidi Reinikka (Alt.)	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
R	Sheena Falconer	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic	R	Solomon Schachner	General Interest
Y R	John McNabb (alt) Mike Kokura	A.C. Regional District	Y Y Y	John Smith Brigitte Arndt Len Cherry	Van. Is. All Ground Riders Assoc. AV Hill Climbers (alt)
R	Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game	Y Y	Dan Washington Ron Corbeil	City of Port Alberni (Counsellors)
Y Y	Francois Warren Paul Agnew	Small Business	Y Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (Alt)	Environment
R	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association			

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

Resources Present:

Western Forest Products (WFP) Port Alberni Forest Operations (LP 44)

Erin Badesso – PAFO WFP, Forester

Jim Muress – WFP General Manager of Alberni Operations

Guests:

Shannon Janzen - Vice President & Chief Forester

John Deal – WFP Senior Biologist

Marissa Hallaway – WFP Senior Field Forester

Michele Laminski - Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm, introductions were made around the table. Erin introduced WiWag's new facilitator – Heather Zenner, RPF and new WiWag member - Paul Agnew, Small Business Owner, in Silviculture (Tree Planting/ Surveying)

Safety Orientation

Erin reviewed safety procedures.

Erin Badesso – Action Items

- Motion to adopt last meetings minutes – passed. Minutes will be posted.
- John Deal's Presentation is now posted
- Revisit in more detail potential change to Indicators as advanced by John Deal - to be reviewed by group on or before June 11 meeting.

WFP Operational Update – J Muress

- Strike began on July 1st, 2019, and both parties have yet to reach an agreement
- Some activities, such as tree planting, grading Bamfield Road and environmental issues are still happening.

Old Growth Strategic Review – Shannon Janzen / John Deal / Erin Badesso

- Shannon Janzen and John Deal presented “Old Growth Management on the Coast. Western Forest Products Perspective”. Erin Badesso presented material on Old Growth and its management in the Defined Forest Area (Tree Farm Licence 44)
 - o Discussion around the Timber Harvesting Land base (THLB) and Non-THLB on Vancouver Island
 - o Explanation of the difference between the Government and WFP's criteria for recording Big Trees
 - o Discussion on how LIDAR works
 - o Curtailing OG harvesting in the THLB would be see about a 50% reduction in employment

Action Item 1 – Arrange a Lidar Presentation for WIWAG – Erin Badesso

Review Results of the External Audit completed May 2019 – Erin Badesso

- There were no Nonconformities identified
There were 3 opportunities for Improvement identified: for example, Consideration to de-cluttering the harvest maps to improve readability for workers
- Good Management Practices were noted
- See the Audit Report on WIWAG website for information discussed
- Auditors renew certification until next audit in May 2022

Administer the Satisfaction Survey

- Please fill in and return to Michele

Sustainability Report

- Asking for feedback from members on how to enhance WFP's annual Sustainability Report.

Fall Fair comments

- Reviewed Fall Fair Comments obtained at the booth in September 2019

Pictures of Regrowth after Fire – Erin Badesso

- Compared pictures that were taken of a cutblock harvested and inadvertently burned in 2013. Pictures display an annual chronology of plant succession from 2013 to 2019 inclusive.

Questions

- What will happen to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) and the undercut accumulating due to the labour strike? The AAC is not influenced by the strike; however, there is potential for government to award undercut volume (review discussion from previous meeting minutes) to a party other than TFL 44 Limited Partnership. The Company will build a case as to why it should retain undercut volume for its own future harvest. But it is a government decision.

Announcements:

Bill Coates introduced a petition entitled “Saving the Working Forest for all Generation” and invited PAG members so inclined to sign.

Next meeting - 2020 Calendar

April 9th, June 11th and November 12th

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

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	Post John's Presentation: Western Stewardship and Conservation Plan	May 23 rd		Jan 9 th 2020	Erin Badesso
2	Re-visit potential change to Indicators John presented	May 23 rd	June 11, 2020		Erin Badesso
3	Arrange a Lidar Presentation	Jan 9 th 2020			Erin Badesso
4	Carbon Relative to slash Burning Indicator 4.1.1	Post May 23 rd , 2019	June 11, 2020		Erin Badesso