

Minutes
Okanagan Sustainable Forest Management Plan
Public Advisory Group Meeting
Ramada Inn – Kelowna
November 27, 2007

8:30am Pre-Meeting Summary for New Participants:

Prior to the commencement of the full Public Advisory Group (PAG) meeting, a short orientation session was held for a new members of the Okanagan PAG. Topics covered included:

- an overview of the development of the PAG, and the adoption of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standards for participating licencees.
- the principle of continuous improvement and the CSA process of planning, review, and revision.
- the respective roles of the public members and licencees in the CSA Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) process.

9:00am Full Public Advisory Group Meeting - Attendees

Pat Salm	Don Guild	Barry Beadman
Paul Ross	Randy Hardy	Kerry Rouck
Scott Smith	Mike Watkins	Brian Drobe
Dave Gill	Rob Kennett	Pat Hughes
Renee Clark	Patti Hansen	James Moller
<u>Ellen Simmons</u>	Ed Sims	

Facilitator: Mark Hopkins

(Note: underlined individuals above were also present at the “pre-meeting”)

1.0 Introductions and Agenda Review

Following the self introduction of all participants, the agenda was reviewed, with the following changes:

- Mike Watkins requested discussion on meeting dates be added to agenda – inserted during summary and wrap-up period.

2.0 Action Items from Previous Meeting (April 12, 2007)

2.1 Information Item - *Status quo* vs. TSA-Wide Certification – Pat Salm

- Pat reviewed the pro's and con's of a TSA-wide certification approach, Currently the DFA's of participating licencees are consolidated/contiguous in the south part of TSA, not so in north. Making analysis more difficult.
- Rob Kennet reports that LP is currently SFI certified and not interested in pursuing CSA,
- FedCo potentially interested at later date, current economics dictate "no"
- West Bank 1st nation was not interested 2 years ago, but did send rep on Fall field trip.
- Tolko currently manages land base for Selkirk" in Okanagan and most of Bell Pole tenures.

Q: Do licencees collect information anyway?

A: Most of it, but it is not summarized or reported on

Q: What are Licencees doing to Assess potential new risks in light of fires and bugs?

A: Risk is being revised based on these criteria, Licencees look when deemed necessary, regardless of risk rating.

- Licencees encouraged to review risk rating procedures in light of new realities.
- Suggested that licencees report on percentage of roads in each risk class overtime
- Suggested that licencees look at standardizing risk assessment/reporting for roads similar to way "crossings" currently are.

Action Item #1 – See AI Summary Table

Action Item #2 – See AI Summary Table

Action Item #5 - See AI Summary Table

3.0 Review of Recent Audit results

BC Timber Sales – Dave Gill

Generally

- GENUS, the BCTS data base system, is fine for reporting 60-70% of SFM requirements, biggest challenges are in collecting information on roads.
- Auditors wanted to see more PAG involvement from parties within their DFA
- Encouraged more First nations contact and further encouragement to join PAG
- Auditors feel more reporting consistency required between diff. BCTS operating units
- BCTS Website should be upgraded to include more CSA information.
- BCTS Registration Audit scheduled for the last week of Feb, 2008

Gorman Bros. Ltd – Randy Hardy

- Noted that Don, Patti, and Mike were part of field audit review
- There were no non-conformances, but a number of Opportunities for improvement related to communication with the PAG and Public. – Website may address these.
- Auditors wanted to see more success with grass seeding program
- Summary of the report from the auditors attached.

Tolko Industries – Rob Kennett

- Rob reviewed the attached printed summary from the auditor. No “findings” but some OFI’s

Weyerhaeuser Canada - Brain Drobe / Pat Salm

- Audit Conducted on Sep 12-13, 2007 by QMI (Ed Sims on audit from PAG)
- No non-conformances found. OFI’s all related to Environmental Management System issues rather than SFM aspects
- See Printed summary from auditor.

4.0 Indicator Reviews

The following Indicators were reviewed by the PAG, as they were identified during the previous monitoring report or audits as advisable to review.

Indicator #1 - Representation of Seral Stage by Natural Disturbance Type.

Issue: Auditors have questioned whether Indicator #1 still has relevance in light of the establishment of Old Growth management Area’s (OGMA’s)

Resolution: A revised version of Indicator #1 was presented to The PAG (attached) It was agreed that the presented changes are acceptable to the PAG. The indicator as a whole should be kept in the monitoring report.

Indicator #8 - Forest Age Class Distribution

Issue: Auditors suggested consideration be given as to whether this was a useful metric, given that it is only updated at each Timber Supply Review Analysis (approx. 5 years)

Resolution: It was agreed that the indicator will be kept with modification to the Summary Table described in the Action Item Summary (attached).

Action Item #3 – See attached summary

Indicator #14 – Number of induced slides resulting from Forest Management activities (>0.1ha) originating in, or adjacent to, harvested areas or inspected permanent Roads.

Issue: The auditor suggested rewording the indicator to limit the number of reportable slides and slumps from roads , to only new roads or re-constructed roads within the last 5 years.

Resolution: Following discussion by the PAG it was agreed that the indicator should continue to report on all roads. Such reported slides should be quantified and qualified in the text of the report as appropriate.

Indicator #18 – Report on Access Development Commitments contained in Forest Development Plans and Forest Stewardship Plans.

Issue #1: Auditors have identified that the language and references related to this indicator are out of date and should reflect current legislation.

Issue #2: The auditors have commented that the PAG should review the appropriateness of the 100% targets contained in this and other indicators.

Resolution#1 Discussion on this indicator was expanded to the Plan and Monitoring report updating as well. It was agreed that administrative references within these reports can be amended to reflect current legislation without detailed review by the PAG.

Action Item #4 –See attached summary

Resolution #2 It was agreed that the 100% targets should be kept in this and other indicators. To have targets less than 100% for legally required activities is poor optics.

5.0 Pending Changes to CSA/SFM System – Pat Salm

The pending changes to the CSA Criteria and Indicators should be released in early 2008 and subject to a 60 review period. Suggestions to be considered by the CSA and the draft amended as necessary. Unlikely that the new CSA requirements will be in place until late 2008, and there will likely be a n 18 month implementation period to bring old plans to the new standard.

6.0 PAG Participation and Representation – Facilitator

The facilitator presented a summary of attendance at all PAG meetings since 2005, the PAG collectively updated the attendance list as to who has been active, resigned, or otherwise left the group. The PAG membership and distribution lists will be revised to reflect the input of the PAG.

It was also noted that the PAG lacks members in the areas of manufacturing, Contractors and 1st nations input. Licencees and existing PAG members are encouraged to identify potential further PAG members in these interest areas.

7.0 Next Meetings – Action Item #6

- **Spring 2008 PAG Meeting**
Thursday, April 10, 2008

- **2008 Fall Field Tour – BCTS Hosting**
Thursday, September 4th, 2008

- **Fall 2008 PAG Meeting**
Thursday, November 27th, 2008

Accepted Changes to Indicator #1

Indicator: *Change name:*

~~(1) Representation of Seral Stage Distribution by Natural Disturbance Type~~

(1) Representation of Seral Stage Distribution by Natural Disturbance Type and Old Growth Management

Strategy: *No changes to wording*

Means of achieving objective & target: *Changes to read as follows:*

Okanagan-Shuswap LRMP allocated approximately 62,000 ha on the Timber Harvesting Landbase and 124,000 ha on the Non-Timber Harvesting Landbase for Old Growth Management Areas to align with the Provincial biodiversity strategy. ~~Identification of OGMA's in the area covered by the KBLUP is currently underway.~~ *These OGMA's have been identified and licensees use them in their forest management planning. OGMA's have also been identified in the area covered by the KBLUP. The licensees will adhere to be guided by the OSLRMP and KBLUP guidance and will look to find innovative solutions to manage for old forest attributes. There are provisions for licensees to make changes to OGMA's. Specific OGMA's are managed through the Forest Stewardship Plans of each Licencee*

Forecast (Predicted Results or Outcome): *Suggest following changes:*

~~Status at Time of Indicator Implementation (2003) Overall Objective has been achieved, refer to Monitoring Report~~

Status in 2007. Refer to monitoring report. There is a shortage of old growth in NDT4 to meet the seral stage distribution targets in the Biodiversity Guidebook . Forest management activities will not be able to make up this shortfall in the near future until existing stands grow into the "old" age range. Maintenance /Management of OGMA's will meet old growth requirements.

Target: *Suggest following changes:*

~~.....Maintain old seral distribution at values recommended by the Biodiversity Guidebook~~

Licensee operations will maintain the retention of existing or replacement draft old growth management areas.

Basis for the target: *Suggest following changes*

~~OSLRMP guidance. Highlights the need to maintain healthy ecosystems with a diversity, abundance and full range of seral stage distributions to support native species and habitats~~

Provincial Non-spatial Old Growth Order (May 2004)

Legal Requirements: *Suggest following changes:*

~~KBLUP Higher Level Plan, Forest Practices Code of BC act, Operational and Site Planning regulation, Timber harvesting and Silviculture Practices Regulation, Strategic Planning Regulation, Forest and range Practices Act, Forest Planning and Practices regulation~~

Provincial Non-spatial Old Growth Order (May 2004)

Okanagan Sustainable Management Plan - Public Advisory Group Action Tracker

Action #	Creation Date	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Completed	Comments
AI -1	27-Nov-07	Circulate copy of Don Dobson Risk Assessment amongst Licencees	ReneeClark	31-Dec-07		
AI-2	27-Nov-07	Licencees will circulate Road Risk rating System amongst themselves for possible standardization	Paul Ross	31-Jan-07		
AI-3	27-Nov-07	Revise summary table for Indicator 8 to include both "Gross" and "THLB" areas for the DFA. Expand TSR info in body of report	Licencees			To be revised in 2008 Plan
AI-4	27-Nov-07	Update Plan and Monitoring report text for outdated administrative references (e.g. Forest Practices Code)	Mark Hopkins			To be revised in 2008 Plan
AI-5	27-Nov-07	Have draft proposal for possible re-wording of Indicator #21 available for Spring monitoring meeting.	Scott Smith	March, 2008		
AI-6	27-Nov-07	Strive to schedule future meeting dates on Thursdays	Mark Hopkins	N/A	Yes	

