# Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Meeting #23

# February 14, 2005 6:00 pm

# **North Peace Cultural Center**

# **Meeting Summary**

#### Meeting Attendance:

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Agencies			

Janice Anderson MWALP

# I. Welcome and Introductions

Gail Wallin welcomed all members to the meeting. Each person introduced themselves and their interest in the process.

# 2. Review of Agenda

Gail gave an overview of the agenda, summarizing that the meetings primary objectives were to get PAG input on some changes to the CSA Matrix proposed by the Pilot Participants, and to see if there were any other proposed changes to the Matrix that the PAG believed were warranted. PAG accepted the Agenda as proposed.

#### 3. Review of Oct. 18, 2004 Meeting Summary

Gail reviewed the meeting summary and action items. The group had no changes to the Meeting Summary.

#### Review of Action Items from October 18, 2004 PAG Meeting:

- 1. Invitation of Silent Partners:
  - Dave noted that the silent partners were invited to this meeting but were unable to attend. (WG will continue to invite the silent partners; Tembec, CRL (Cameron River Logging), and Dunne-za Ventures LP)

**ACTION**: Participants will ensure other participating companies are invited to future PAG meetings.

- 2. Confirm PAG membership and Advertisinga. See Agenda Item # 5 below.
- 3. PAG inputs considered in the 2003-04 Annual Report
  - a. Input concerning the executive summary only capturing the negatives- this will be considered when writing the new annual report.
  - b. **Indicator # 40:** this indicator is not solely about the impacts on the landbase. It also deals with the total forested landbase, noting that the Non Contributing Forested Landbase (NCLB) is not under the control or management of the forest companies.
    - i. PAG Comments & Questions:
      - "Indicator 40 doesn't measure the impact on the land". WG response: We could not see an easy way to measure the impact on the land, other than through the periodic TSR process. There are new improving systems for acquiring the information on landbase impacts. At the conclusion, the PAG members agreed that the indicator as written was sufficient given present state of information management systems.
    - c. No additional input on the annual report was received subsequent to the PAG meeting, from any PAG members by the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 date.

# 4. Update from Participants

#### a. Canfor

Dave Menzies gave an overview of recent changes in Canfor,

- Falling behind on wood deliveries expect to be behind by 70,000 cubic metres by breakup
- Ongoing plans for staffing up for OSB woodlands operations

# b. Canfor-LP OSB Corp

Jeff Beale gave an overview of the progress on the OSB plan

- Construction close to being on schedule despite yo-yo winter and roof collapse
  - First load of logs across the scales on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, with the intention to deliver approximately 20,000m3 by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Six Nations Ventures, a First Nations company is currently contracted for logyard management for this winter's operation.
  - Mill hiring is currently at about 7 staff, ramping up for a large hire in late spring 2005.
  - OSB mill start-up currently scheduled for September 2005

#### c. **BCTS**

 Roger gave an overview of their business. The focus was on the ISO 14001 EMS review and audit, and addressing non-conformances (loggers in field, fire, spills, ERP) in implementing EMS. EMS is being reviewed this week

# 5. Review PAG Membership List

- The Membership list was reviewed. The only significant change was to add Chad Dalke as the Oil and Gas representative, replacing Mike Waberski.
  - ACTION: Jeff to publish PAG Membership list prior to next meeting

# 6. Proposed Changes to the CSA Matrix

- a. Indicator # 11: Dave reviewed the proposed changes to the indicator, and the summary of the Stand-level Management Guidelines for Selected Forest Dwelling Species in the FSJ Timber Supply Area that the WG (working group) submitted to KPMG on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2004, to address an audit non-conformance.. The Pilot Participants consulted with contract and corporate professional biologists, and the Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection (MWLAP) to establish the list of species that required the supplemental level of management care. Stand level guidelines will be applied to a restricted set of blocks that fit the criteria noted by the SLMG.
  - <u>Numerator/denominator speak</u>: "the denominator is the number of blocks to which the SLMG criteria should apply, , and the numerator is the actual number of blocks that get one or more of the guidelines applied to it." WG will use the preparation date of the SLP to identify each year's block population, for reporting purposes.
- b. **Indicator # 61**: WG proposed to replace the current STAC indicator with an indicator for the number of presentations or field trips provided to the PAG annually. The proposed indicator has a proposed target of a minimum of 1 presentation or field trip per year was accepted.
- c. **Indicator #'s 38 & 39**: Confirm version correctness, as Don Rosen noted the information the Working Group distributed to the PAG was not the FINAL version of the CSA matrix April 2004.
- d. Indicator # 40:
  - What if successes are all on the small coordinated developments and the failures are all on the large ones, therefore the percent success is not all that big?
  - WG can track the number of major licensee referrals the forest companies receive, and negotiation outcomes are also tracked. WG also takes opportunities to energy sector companies.
  - PAG also sees no further issue with this indicator

**ACTION**: WG will revise the CSA Matrix (Indicators and Targets), pursuant to the revisions and corrections noted above; See attachment to this Meeting Summary.

# PAG COMMENTS/CONCERNS

- Where is the Geographic Information System (GIS) going to be housed?
  - i. WG & PAG agreed to the principle of data sharing, the mechanics are another thing though.

#### 7. Update on Pilot Project Regulation

 a. Working Group has prepared and submitted to the BC Cabinet a number of "house keeping" items to make the Forest Operations Schedule (FOS) consistent with the approved Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP) – with a planned effective date Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> activation

#### 8. Forest Operations Schedule (FOS)

- a. Dave reviewed the process of the FOS; we reviewed the Draft at the last PAG meeting. Revised FOS incorporated public review comments;
  - a. Blocks moved from Canfor to BCTS, adjusted block boundaries that were infringed by Wood Lots etc.
  - b. Over one hundred referral letters went out to trappers, guides, and range tenure holders
  - c. Referrals were also sent out to First Nations, which were handled under a separate process.
  - d. Working Group (WG) met with most of the persons with comments on the FOS. WG dealt with 16 letters and provided responses back to the concerned parties.

e. The Forest Operations Schedule (FOS) was analysed for consistency with the Sustainable Forest Management Plan's nineteen (19) indicators relevant to the FOS. The FOS was consistent with the target ranges for all indicators. Additional work was done by the WG to identify rotating reserves areas in Landscape Unit's with an under-representation (<50%) of old deciduous in the Milligan Landscape Unit (LU) and old coniferous in the Lower Beatton LU.

# 9. Update on Pilot Project Regulation

A recent set of largely administrative changes to reflect changes to other regulations had been made to the Pilot Project regulation in December of 2004. Other changes are pending. Visit www.fsjpilotproject.com for the most current version.

#### 10. Update on Mountain Pine Beetle

Don Rosen gave an update on the Pine Beetle and proposed salvage operations in the Dawson TSA and TFL 48. In the Fort St. John TSA monitoring for occurrence is continuing, with a number of potential areas being investigated. To date, however, no confirmed incidence of beetle has been detected.

#### 11. Next Meeting

- a. Field tour, no date proposed
- b. Proposed Late September meeting, date to be determined
  - a. Review Draft 2004-05 Annual Report at a late September PAG meeting
  - b. Suggested topics for an Information Presentation to the PAG: for example a Bark Beetle presentation by Roger Whitehead of the CFS

#### ACTION: WG to arrange Presentation on Bark Beetle.