

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project

Public Advisory Group Meeting # 37

November 19, 2009 from 5:30 to 9:30

Fort St. John Quality Inn, Northern Grand Meeting Room

A) Meeting Attendance:

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B) Meeting Summary

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Meeting Agenda
3. Review of Meeting # 36 draft Summary and Outstanding Actions
4. Overview of Process (Update)
5. Review of 2009 CSA/ISO & Compliance External Third Party Audit
6. Review PAG Membership & Consent to Publish PAG Membership names
7. Discussion regarding select indicators not yet reviewed

I. Outstanding Ecological Indicators

- Shape Index
- Site Index
- Species at Risk Forest Management Guidelines
- Ecosystem Carbon Storage
- Carbon Sequestration Rate

II. Review 'remaining social and economic related indicators (AT-DR-MVT-BF)

- Actions addressing Guides Trappers and other Interests
- Timber Processed in the DFA
- Conformance to elements pertinent to treaty rights
- Number of known values and uses addressed in operational planning
 - Participant management of biological resources of cultural heritage significance, cultural values and resources, ID of sites of special biological and cultural significance

III. Proposed New Indicators (CSA Core indicators for 2008 standards)

- First Nations Consultation and Information Sharing
- Value and Total number of contracts awarded to First Nations
- Forest Worker Safety
- Training and Skills

8. Annual Report Detail
9. Public Presentations (if any)
10. Next Meeting Date
11. Feedback on Meeting (Questionnaire)

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Review of Meeting Agenda

- 7- III was proposed to be dropped if time was limited.

3) Review Meeting #36 draft Summary and Outstanding Actions

- Meeting #36 summary accepted by the PAG, no corrections required.
- Outstanding Action Items from Meeting #35:
 - i) Action Item #1, analysis regarding minimums for baseline targets for patch size indicator, has not been completed due to staff workload. Email/note will be sent out to PAG detailing final patch size target. –**Outstanding – Transferred to MEETING #37 ACTION ITEM #1**
 - ii) Action Item #2, to drop or replace Shape Index indicator #4, addressed later in meeting #37 summary - **Action Complete**
 - iii) Action Item#3, to address deciduous stocking and forage within the SFMP, participants have discussed issue with advisors and still need to do more work towards pulling a proposal together for review with the advisors. The landscape level strategy for deciduous reforestation allows flexibility to achieve a lower amount of deciduous reforestation in some areas and “over achieve” in other areas. This allows flexibility in managing for various values (example - range). Participants to prepare a proposal for review by advisors regarding reduction in timber stocking standards to address other values such as range .-**Outstanding– Transferred to MEETING #37 ACTION ITEM #2**
- Outstanding Action Items from Meeting #36
 - i) Action Item#1, consent by PAG members to publish their name and interest with respect the PAG, addressed later in meeting #37-**Action Complete**
 - ii) Action Item#2, indicator # 54 describes dollars spent locally on each woodlands phase and the PAG has requested clarification on whether or not this value reflects internal or external values. Darrell clarified that this value does include internal and external dollars. This clarification is in the existing SFM plan.- **Action Complete**
 - iii) Action Item #3, PAG members will receive proposed changes to indicators prior to meeting. PAG members confirmed they did receive proposed changes prior to today’s meeting- **Action Complete**

4) Overview of Process Regarding SFMP Development

- See Detailed Handout

5) Review of 2009 CSA/ISO & Compliance External Third Party Audit

- See Handout – 2009 CSA Audit Results: Presentation to PAG (copy of power point presentation). Audit report will be posted to FSJ Pilot Project Website.
- PAG members were comfortable with the level of detail given in the presentation

- PAG was informed that the FSJPPR compliance audit results have not been received from the auditor and will be discussed with the PAG at a future meeting.

6) Review PAG Membership & Consent to Publish PAG Membership names

- All PAG members present at today's meeting and meeting #36 consented to have their names published as per handout- Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Notice of Membership: 2009

7) Discussion regarding select indicators not yet reviewed: See Handout Remaining SFMP Indicators to Be Reviewed

I. Outstanding Ecological Indicators

- a. Shape Index- Indicator # 4: Complexity of block boundaries
 - . We now have more information and improved practices to achieve the objectives intended by this indicator. Wildlife and ecological experts have advised that other practices such as retention of: CWD, snags, stubs, WTPs, forest types, seral stage and patch size, etc. are better management practices and indicators of biodiversity management. We do not have species in the DFA that are forest edge dependent. Additionally there are not large tracks of continuous stands within the FSJ Pilot Project Area as exist in the south and the natural variability in stand shape in the boreal forest (mixed wood stands and varying degrees of pure coniferous and deciduous stands) is such that any concern regarding management to produce a checkerboard block shape pattern is not founded. Due to the above considerations the participants proposed dropping this indicator.
 - PAG agrees to drop this indicator. Dropping the shape index indicator does not preclude future review of the suite of ecological indicators with respect to how these indicators address biodiversity management.
- b. Site Index -Indicator # 32: Still a good indicator for site productivity
 - . PAG had requested a stronger rationale from the participants to support dropping this indicator
 - . Participants have decided to retain it without any revisions.
 - . PAG did not suggest any revisions
- c. Species at Risk Forest Management Guidelines- Indicator # 11:
 - . Participants propose to revise indicator to more accurately reflect current practices/documents.
 - . PAG did not have any objections but SFMP wording of how the variance will be applied will be clarified. **ACTION ITEM #3**
- d. Ecosystem Carbon Storage- Indicator # 39:

- . Minor revisions to ensure consistency and clarify intent, no changes to actual target proposed.
 - . Participants will review indicator and target and clarify to PAG members the area the indicator statement refers to (entire DFA vs. area operated on). **ACTION ITEM #4**
- e. Carbon Sequestration Rate- Indicator # 38:
- . Minor revisions proposed to this indicator to be more specific regarding intent. Changed wording for more clarity and removal of acronym
 - . PAG accepted the proposed revisions.

II. Review Outstanding Social and Economic Related Indicators

- . Actions Addressing Guides, Trappers and other Interests- Indicator # 46:
 - . Minor revision wording but there is not any actual change to the target
 - . PAG accepted the proposed revisions.
- . Timber Processed in the DFA- Indicator # 47:
 - . No revisions are proposed.
 - . PAG did not suggest any revisions
 - . The PAG commented that the SFM objective is not written as an objective statement and needs revision. The participants will review and revise as necessary all SFM objectives within the SFM plan.
 - . **ACTION ITEM #5**
- . Conformance to Elements Pertinent to Treaty Rights- Indicator # 56:
 - . Participants intend to discuss FN related indicators with First Nations. Therefore if these meetings result in any required changes to the indicator it will be brought forward to the PAG again.
 - . Minor wording revision to make indicator and target less confusing/more streamlined was proposed.
 - . PAG accepted the proposed revisions.
 - . Proposed target statement grammar was questioned by PAG. "...conform to 100% of the..." vs. "...100% conformance with the..." Participants to revise target statement. **ACTION ITEM #6**
- . Number of Known Values and Uses Addressed in Operational Planning- Indicator # 57:
 - . Minor revisions proposed to indicator and target to clarify and remove acronyms. Removal of reference to FDP as they are no longer in use.
 - . PAG accepted proposed revisions.
 - . Target statement grammar concern brought up by PAG "...referrals will be addressed ..." vs. "...referrals that will be addressed...". Participants will look

at the target statement to determine if rewording is required. **ACTION ITEM**

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- Dollars Spent Locally on Each Woodlands Phase- Indicator # 54:
 - No revisions proposed
 - PAG did not suggest any revisions

III. Proposed New Indicators (CSA Core indicators for 2008 standards).

Participants still have to meet with First Nations for input.

- First Nations Consultation and Information Sharing
 - PAG accepted proposed indicator and target.
- Value and Total number of contracts awarded to First Nations
 - PAG accepted proposed indicator and target.
- Forest Worker Safety
 - PAG accepted proposed indicator and target.
- Training and Skills
 - Participants have implemented a training matrix as part of their safety programs
 - Target or indicator statement needs revision to ensure consistency. PAG suggestion: “100% of participant employees have received required training appropriate for their position”.
 - Participants pointed out that the suggested statement would be difficult to achieve because at any point in time there is training updates planned for but not yet received or new training may be required as becomes available.
 - Participants will review the indicator and target statement to address the above considerations. **ACTION ITEM #8**

8) Annual Report Detail

- The FSJ Pilot Project regulation requires that the annual report contains a summary of timber harvesting and reforestation activities
- The report contains a table summarizing, by licensee, these activities on an annual basis. A second table provides more in depth detail such as the list of all blocks and their areas.
- It has been suggested that this level of detail maybe excessive as this information is already submitted to government through an electronic data submissions process (RESULTS). Participants believe that a broad level summary by licensee is sufficient. Additionally this information can be requested and received by anyone that wants to review it.
- PAG did not have any concerns with the proposal to streamline the harvesting and reforestation information presented in the Annual Report.

9) **Public Presentation** – None Presented

10) **Next Meeting**

- Draft SFMP will be developed over the next couple of months. Some actions Items still need to be completed before the draft is ready to be reviewed by the PAG and the public in late January /early February 2010. Minor action items such as editing will be sent out for comment before Christmas and the rest will be dealt with at the next meeting.
- Adjustments to the SFM Plan resulting from next PAG meeting, First Nation consultation and the public review and comment process will be incorporated into the plan before it is sent to the government for approval.
- A Draft of the SFM plan will be sent out to PAG Members in advance of the next meeting.
- PAG agreed to have the next meeting on March 4, 2010 or earlier if required to deal with outstanding issues prior to the public review and comment period.
- If any of the PAG members have strong concerns regarding the revisions proposed to the draft indicators and targets emailed to the PAG before Christmas, there will be an opportunity to have a meeting in January/February to review any outstanding items.
- During next meeting the PAGs 2010 meeting agenda will be discussed.

11) **Feedback on Meeting**

- Questionnaire handed out.
- Feedback received:
 - “...Good Process, a lot of confidence in management of resources...”
 - “...Participants patients in thoroughly answering PAG questions...”
- Participants thanked all members for their patience and hard work in tackling the many tasks completed by the group.

C) **Handouts**

- Overview of Process
- Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Notice of Membership: 2009
- 2009 CSA Audit Results-Power Point Presentation to PAG

D) Summary of Actions from Meeting #37

- **Action Item #1:** Analysis regarding minimums for baseline targets for patch size indicator has not been completed due to staffing issues. Email/note will be sent out to PAG detailing proposed changes.
- **Action Item #2:** Participants to prepare a proposal for review by advisors regard reduction in timber stocking standards to address other values such as range.
- **Action Item #3:** Indicator # 11 Species at Risk Forest Management Guidelines. Wording of how the variance will be applied will be clarified.
- **Action Item #4:** Indicator # 39 Ecosystem Carbon Storage. Participants will review indicator and target and clarify to PAG members the area the indicator statement refers to (entire DFA vs. area operated on).
- **Action Item #5:** Indicator # 47 Timber Processed in the DFA. The participants will review and revise as necessary all SFM objectives within the SFM plan.
- **Action Item #6:** Indicator # 56 Conformance to Elements Pertinent to treaty Rights. Participants to revise target statement.
- **Action Item #7:** Indicator # 57 Number of Known Values and Uses Addressed in Operational Planning. Target statement grammar concern brought up by PAG "...referrals will be addressed ..." vs. "...referrals that will be addressed...". Participants will look at the target statement to determine if rewording is required.
- **Action Item #8:** Participants will review Training and Skills indicator and target statement to address the above considerations.
- **Action Item #10:** Participants will present the 2009 FSJPPR compliance audit results with the PAG at a future PAG meeting.