

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project

Public Advisory Group Meeting # 41

Thursday, February 10, 2011 from 6:00 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 #40 draft summary – Gail Wallin
4. Review of Outstanding Actions – Darrell Regimbald
5. Update from Participants – all
 - FOS status
 - PMP process
 - Government re-organization staffing
6. Review of Proposed Indicators -Andrew Tyrrell/Mark Van Tassel
 - Review of proposed PAG summary
7. CSA Criterion 5 and 6 Discussion Item- Darrell Regimbald/ Mark Van Tassel
8. Audits 2011 Schedule and BCTS Internal audit results-Brian Farwell
9. Overview of Process & 2011 Meeting Schedule - Darrell Regimbald
10. Administer PAG Survey - Gail Wallin
11. Feedback on Meeting

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

- Roundtable introductions from PAG, participants, members, and observers. Observers given full participation.

2) **Review of Meeting Agenda**

- Agenda was accepted.

4) **Review of Meeting # 40 draft Summary**

Meeting #40 summary was accepted by PAG as circulated; No changes or corrections were made.

5) **Review of Outstanding Actions**

- **Handout #1:** Summary of Actions from Meeting #40
- **Action Item #1:** When describing the number of contraventions, provide context by reporting the number of contraventions in the total population for exam: Report the number of brushing contraventions out of the total number of blocks brushed. *Response – future iterations of the Annual Report will provide context regarding the number of contraventions of a specific type. Will provide additional detail regarding the 2008 brushing contraventions in*

context of total area treated during meeting #41. This will be completed after reviewing all of the action items.

- **Action Item #2:** Include pictures in next year’s Annual Report presentation. *Response – future iterations of the Annual Report presentation will include photos where appropriate, as was done with the 2008 Annual Report presentation.*
- **Action Item #3:** Provide a definition of “training” with regard to training Canfor and BC Timber Sales Staff are to receive as proposed in new indicator. *Response – the training indicator will refer to safety and environmental training and will be discussed during PAG meeting 41. See handout to be discussed at PAG meeting #41.*
- **Action Item #4:** Report on what will be included in and the focus of a Participant Satisfaction survey. Also indicate the method to be used for data compilation /analysis. *Response – will be discussed during PAG #41. A revised PAG survey is proposed. See handout to be discussed at PAG meeting #41.*
- Dawn Griffin reviewed the 2008 Brushing Program. See the table below:

2008 Herbicide Spraying Program incidents reported in 2009 Annual Report					
Participant	# of blocks sprayed	# of blocks with incident	# of hectares sprayed	# of hectares with overspray	% area affected by overspray
BCTS	24	0	784	0	0
Canfor	82	6	2781	5.4	0.2%

Canfor treated 82 blocks totaling 2781 hectares while BC Timber Sales treated 24 blocks totaling 784 hectares. Canfor had 6 incidents while BC Timber Sales had none. Canfor had a total of 5.4 hectares of overspray.

Question: A PAG member asked if an overspray was in a creek.

Answer: No, however there was one incident however the overspray was in an NCD (non-classified drainage).

Question: A PAG member asked what would be an acceptable amount of over spray given the size of the program.

Answer: No amount of overspray is considered acceptable by the Participants. All incidents are investigated to determine the cause as per our pest management plan.

Question: A PAG member asked if the same herbicide is being used.

Answer: Yes- glyphosate.

6) Update from Participants

- Andrew Tyrrell gave an update on Canfor's operations.

Highlights:

- Canfor's Integrated Pest Management Plan has been drafted and is available for public review. Copy will be posted on Pilot Project website.
- The Forest Operations Schedule has been completed and will be submitted to government on February 11th. The Forest Operations Schedule is a consolidated plan and includes blocks and roads for all the Participants and was completed by Canfor and B.C. Timber Sales.
- Canfor mill upgrades are on schedule.
- Will be starting to haul on weekends starting February 12th.
- A joint review of sustainable forest management and environmental management systems was carried out by Canfor and B.C. Timber Sales in December 2010.
- Mark Van Tassel gave a presentation on the October 2010 government restructuring.

Highlights:

- Dale Morgan, formally the Peace Forest District Manager is now the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations Northeast Regional Executive Director.
- Several local management positions have been posted and interviews are currently being completed. Decisions regarding these positions are expected shortly.
- At the present time, BC Timber Sales organizational structure has not changed. BC Timber Sales is part of the Ministry of Forest, Mines and Lands.

Question: What has been the impact of permitting and referrals?

Answer: It is being streamlined. The personnel completing this work before the restructure are still the same for the time being. The previously mentioned management positions are being filled first prior to other positions underneath being filled.

7) Review of Proposed Indicators – Andrew Tyrrell/Mark Van Tassel

Andrew Tyrrell and Mark Van Tassel reviewed the proposed three new indicators and the revision to the existing indicator #61. These indicators are to be added to the CSA matrix for 2011/12 reporting year.

a) Indicator #63 Worker Training (Andrew Tyrrell)

- One hundred percent of participants' employees will receive training consistent with training matrix/plans.

Question: Does the training include contractors working in the Fort St. John Pilot Project area?

Answer: No the indicator applies only to Participant staff. However, our contractors are required to have S.A.F.E. Companies certification and Environment Management System certification training.

Question: Are contractor's training requirement included in another indicator?

Answer: No, however they are included in our Safety/Environmental Management System (EMS) programs.

Comment: As a follow-up to the previous questions, under Section 1, when assessing staff training, the word "contractors" is mentioned twice. This makes it confusing and should be clarified.

Action Item #1: Revise indicator text to remove confusing wording.

This indicator and target are ACCEPTED by the PAG.

b) Indicator #64 PAG Satisfaction Surveys (Andrew Tyrrell)

- Level of satisfaction with public participation process as measured by PAG surveys.

- Comment: The indicator descriptive text is not clearly linked to the target or indicator. May need to be reviewed.

This indicator and target are ACCEPTED by the PAG.

c) Indicator #65 Availability of Information on Issues of Concern. (Mark Van Tassel)

- Indicator statement: SFM monitoring report will be available to the public annually.
- Will put reports on website, and make available at local library.
- Comment: Have the number of hits on the website been tracked?
Answer: No, but we were going to look into the cost of this service.
- Suggestion: This service wouldn't be expensive and it would provide useful information.

Action Item #2: Recommend tracking the usage of the website.

This indicator and target are ACCEPTED by the PAG.

d) Indicator #61 Revision - Educational Outreach (Mark Van Tassel)

- Propose that the number of people to whom information presentations or field trips annually to be a minimum of 40 persons. This will include persons outside the PAG group. For example school groups, Trade Shows.
Suggestion: The participants could consider giving a presentation on the Pilot Project using the professional development seminars facilitated by *Sci-Tech North*.

This indicator and target are ACCEPTED by the PAG.

e) Review proposed PAG Survey – PAG was asked for their feedback on the propose PAG Survey form.

- Suggestion: Would like to see an electronic version (for example: “survey monkey”).
- This form will be used every year, including 2011.

Action Item #3: Provide this survey to group electronically, with the option of completing a paper version.

This indicator and target are ACCEPTED by the PAG.

7) CSA Criterion 5 and 6 Discussion Items - Darrell Regimbald/Mark Van Tassel

a) Economic and Social Benefits Working Relationships with First Nations
Darrell Regimbald made a presentation outlining the benefits for First Nations resulting from Sustainable Forest Management in the Pilot Project area.

- Forest Based recreation- fishing, hunting;
- Timber Harvest- economic (jobs, taxes, diversification of local economy);
- Non-timber forest products, i.e. trapping , hunting, fishing, guiding, harvesting of edible forest plants;
- Protection of Cultural and Heritage Resources thereby maintaining spiritual and health benefits. Also provides opportunities for education;
- Working Relationships with First Nations- Canfor/LP developed Memorandum of Agreement with Six First Nations which has provided several economic and educational opportunities for First Nations members.

b) Economic Benefits Agreements

Mark Van Tassel presented an overview of government initiated economic benefits agreements that have been signed.

- Two EBAs have been signed:
 - i. Blueberry River First Nations;
 - ii. Prophet River, Doig River, West Moberly First Nations.
- At this time Fort Nelson, Halfway River and Sauleau First Nations don't have an agreement.
- EBAs contain:
 - i. Contain economic components,
 - ii. address resource management,
 - iii. provide consultation protocols,
 - iv. outline training/employment opportunities,
 - v. include potential tenure acquisition opportunities.

Comment: The MOA was initiated by Slocan/LP and not Canfor, although Canfor should be given credit for following through and doing a good job with it.

Comment: Although there is a positive effect economically there has been a negative effect on wildlife due to the increased activity on the land base.

Comment: When Six Nations Ventures initially proposed managing the log yard, they were not received positively. While the local management can see the value, the corporate management doesn't see the same value.

Comment: Grazing and range agreements should be considered in the consultation processes identified in the EBA, just as with the oil and gas industry.

Response: They are covered in the agreements.

8) Audits 2011 Schedule and BC Timber Sales Internal Audit Results – Brian Farwell

- An overview of the scheduled audits was given:
 - Canfor has a CSA internal audit scheduled for the summer of 2011.
 - Both BC Timber Sales and Canfor have an external audit scheduled for September 12th. This will be a recertification audit, based on the 2008 Canadian Standards Association Sustainable Forest Management Standard.
- The BC Timber Sales Internal Audit had two minor non-conformances:
 - i. Required documentation found out of date on the DFA website
 - ii. Corrective actions didn't include status to the action plan's due dates.
- The BC Timber Sales audit's Opportunities for Improvements were reviewed.
- The BC Timber Sales auditor's Good Practices were reviewed.
- Update of BC Timber Sales activities:
 - a) Present Activities:**
 - i. Two timber sales out of a total of eleven that were offered were sold;
 - ii. There have been three active timber sales this winter. An additional two will be active shortly;
 - iii. One small (30 ha.) site preparation (excavator mound) contract has been active this winter.
 - b) Upcoming Activities:**
 - i. Summer planting program will include 400,000 trees to be planted;

- ii. Approximately 250 ha. of cutblocks to be site prepared (Donaren Mounding);
 - iii. Approximately 200 ha. to be treated with herbicide;
 - iv. Seventy hectares to be manually brushed ;
 - v. With the Forest Operation Schedule now being submitted, we are considering developing some blocks in the Wonowon area.
- Update of Tembec Activities (presented by Brian Farwell)
 - i. Mill is running 24 hours every day except for scheduled maintenance;
 - ii. Are processing only pulp from aspen at present;
 - iii. No mill upgrades are scheduled;
 - iv. Most of their market is based in Asia;
 - v. Approximate log inputs are 500,000 m3 per year.
 - Cameron River Logging Ltd (presented by Andrew Moore)
 - i. Twenty full time employees in Taylor;
 - ii. Producing dunnage and lathe;
 - iii. Sorting selected pine for utility poles;
 - iv. Marketing oversized spruce for a variety of end users.

Question: With regard to the pine poles brought into your yard, what is your recovery?

Answer: Eighty percent of the logs brought in are suitable and are sent to Prince George for processing.

9) Overview of Process and 2011 Meeting Schedule – Darrell Regimbald

- Goal to bring the SFMP indicator matrix into conformance with the new CSA standard was identified as an outstanding task. With the inclusion of the new indicators and revised indicator, agreed to today, this has been achieved;
- Expect a PAG meeting to be scheduled after the recertification Audit in September (audit to be completed September 12-16);
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- Focus for the next PAG meeting in the fall of 2011 will be review the Annual Report for 2010 and recertification audit results.
- Propose a field trip sometime this summer: June to August 2011;

The general group consensus was that June would be the best month for the field trip. Members were asked to suggest via telephone or email with some suggestions for field tour topics. Some suggestions for a field tour from both participants and the PAG are:

- Soil management strategies;
- Brushing and weeding treatments;
- Viewing the various stages for development, i.e. pre-logging to post-logging activities;
- Viewing accommodation methods on the ground for First Nations;
- Innovative practices;
- Viewing some different grazing leases or range tenures;
- View some silviculture practices.

10) Administer PAG Survey – Gail Wallin

- Survey from Meeting #40 was distributed but not reviewed.

11) Feedback on Meeting

- The month of June works best for most as a time to hold a field trip;
- The Participants are to get back to members with detail of dates and focuses for field trip and meetings;
- It was good to see some pictures in presentations!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Handouts from Meeting #41

1. FSJ Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Meeting #40 Summary and actions.
2. Fort St. John Pilot Project Public Sustainable Forest Management Plan Public Participation Process Evaluation Form.

Summary of Actions from Meeting #41

PAG Meeting #41 Action Item #1: With regard to Indicator #63, revise indicator text to remove confusing wording.

Completed – confusing text regarding contractors and training requirements was eliminated.

PAG Meeting #41 Action Item #2: With regard to Indicator #65, recommend tracking the usage on the website.

In progress – Participants are investigating options to track use of the Pilot Project Website.

PAG Meeting #41 Action Item #3: Provide PAG survey with an option of completing it electronically, or by using a paper version.

In progress – Participants are investigating the preparation of a digital survey, will also include the option to complete a paper based survey.