

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project

Public Advisory Group Meeting # 44

Thursday, October 25, 2012 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 - Gail Wallin
2. Review of Meeting Agenda - Gail Wallin
3. Review of Meeting #43 draft summary – Gail Wallin
4. Review of Outstanding Actions – Darrell Regimbald
5. Update from Participants – all
 - Canfor, BCTS, Cameron River Logging
6. Review of 2011 SFM Annual Report - Andrew Tyrrell
7. Review of 2012 Audit Results - Darrell Regimbald/Walter Fister
8. Other information updates:
 - OGMA process – Stephanie Smith
 - Mountain Pine Beetle – Matthew Donovan
 - Pilot Project Working Group - Darrell Regimbald/Walter Fister
9. Summary of July Field Trip - Andrew Tyrrell/Walter Fister
10. Review of annual PAG Public Process Satisfaction Survey Results - Matthew Donovan
11. Overview of 2013 Meeting Schedule - Darrell Regimbald
12. Review of PAG membership and Notice - Darrell Regimbald
13. Feedback on Meeting

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Roundtable introductions from PAG, participants, members, and observers.

2) Review of Meeting Agenda

- Agenda was accepted. No changes were made.

3) Review of Meeting # 43 draft Summary

Meeting #43 summary was accepted as circulated by the Participants. No changes were made to the summary.

4) Review of Outstanding Actions

- **PAG Meeting #42 Action Item #3:** Participants to consider new members to fill vacant positions on PAG. Participants to follow-up with Karen Goodings re: PAG membership.

Status – Action completed. Contacted Karen Goodings (Peace River Regional District Chair), she confirmed that she will participate on the PAG as an alternate representative for rural communities. Julia Kowalsky (local teacher) contacted, but she did not respond to us. We will contact her again. Patrick Smook had suggested Jennifer Beebe as a possible Oil and Gas representative, we have contacted Jennifer. She is away and will contact us. We contacted Ryan Pennoyer and invited him to consider acting as a recreation rep. Ryan expressed interest, but not able to attend this evening.

- **PAG Meeting #43 Action Item #1:** PAG members indicated that they support the inclusion of this new indicator but recommended that the Participants investigate if the percentage target could be reduced somewhat. The Participants agreed to review the target level and present their decision at the next PAG meeting.

Status – Action Completed. The Participants listened to the feedback from the PAG and set the target at 0.6% of the CFLB. Original target proposal was 1% of the CFLB.

- **PAG Meeting #43 Action Item #2:** Participants will resend the Survey Monkey link to the PAG and send a summary of the survey results to the PAG by email.

Status – Action Completed. The Survey Monkey link to complete the satisfaction survey was resent to the PAG by email. The results from the survey were emailed to the PAG member.

5) Update from Participants

- Andrew Moore gave an update on Cameron River Logging's operations.

Highlights:

- Currently utilizing their property in Taylor for re-load of logs for shipment to Dunkley Lumber.

- Darrell Regimbald gave an update on Canfor's operations.

Highlights:

- Good weather conditions during the past summer prevented shutdowns from occurring thereby shipments have been ahead of schedule. However, Canfor have a strict target of the amount of inventory allowed in the log yard;
 - The sawmill had some growing pains and therefore were not able to take full advantage of the upgrades to the mill. This situation is now improving;
 - Tembec has closed indefinitely their mill near Chetwynd. There is much uncertainty around the planning department of LP as they are responsible for Tembec's forest planning;
 - Warren Jukes is no longer the local Canfor Operations Manager. Mark Thom has replaced him and will be the Operations Manager for the North Division, comprised of Grande Prairie, Fort St. John, Chetwynd and Fort Nelson Operations.
- Walter Fister gave an update on BC Timber Sales' operations.

Highlights:

- With improved timber sales, BC Timber Sales' site preparation contracts have increased. As a result, there will be a larger planting contract in 2013;
- BC Timber Sales planted over 400,000 trees in 2012;
- The manual brushing contract was shutdown due to the high fire hazard therefore not all blocks planned for a brushing treatment were completed. The blocks that were not completed will be added to the 2013 contract;
- BC Timber Sales Fort St. John decided this year, not to sell any deciduous leading timber sales so as to allow the Dawson Creek Field team to sell their deciduous timber sales;
- BC Timber Sales Fort St. John's sales schedule will offer nine timber sales with a volume of approximately 350,000 m3. Three have sold thus far;
- The provincial government has initiated a freeze in hiring. All positions to be filled must have Deputy Minister approval;
- Brian Wesleyson, Timber Sales Manager for the Peace-Liard Business Area, retired at the end of August. Shawn Sullivan, who was the Woodlands Manager, has replaced him as Timber Sales Manager. Due

to the hiring freeze, the Woodlands Manager position for the Peace-Liard Business Area has not been filled at this time.

6) **Review of 2011 SFM Annual Report - Andrew Tyrrell/**

Highlights of 2011-2012

- 2011-12 was the first year of operation under SFMP #2. Report period is April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012;
- Consistent with 62 of the 65 overall CSA indicator targets;
- Participants achieved the performance indicator objectives on 26 of the 28 regulatory landscape level strategy indicators;
- Of the regulatory indicators, the participants were consistent with 7 out of 9 landscape level strategies. They were not consistent with the Reforestation Strategy and the Visual Quality Management Strategy;
- The amount of areas harvested in deciduous and coniferous blocks, by Participant, were reviewed;
- The number of trees planted by BC Timber Sales and Canfor were reviewed.

Review of Indicator Performance:

1. Indicator 29, Reforestation Strategy: Graph was shown that illustrated the level of performance for the years harvested 1994 to 1996. For the 1994 to 1996 harvest years Canfor has achieved a Predicted Mean Volume (PMV) of 104.6% of Target Merchantable Volume (TMV) while BC Timber Sales achieved a PMV of 94.6% of Target Merchantable Volume; BCTS therefore being 0.4% below the target level which is set at 95% of the Maximum Predicted Merchantable Volume.
This resulted in an action plan being developed with two blocks prescribed an herbicide treatment. These two blocks will be re-measured next year and then will be recompiled with their cohort of blocks to determine if they will achieve the 95% target. The results will be reported in next year's annual report.
2. Indicator 44, Visual Quality Objectives: As per the monitoring process outlined in the SFMP, the Participants were required to complete 4 post-harvest assessments during the reporting period. However only two were completed. This issue was specific to Canfor. These two instances were

entered into Canfor's Incident Tracking System. An action plan has been developed. This has been deemed a non-conformance rather than a non-compliance because the participants do not have the data that would indicate a non-compliance has occurred.

Question: When will you know?

Answer: Upon completion of the visual quality assessment. We will try to have this completed in time for the spring PAG meeting.

Action Item #1: PAG encourages the Participants to complete the Visual Assessments and present the results from the data at the next PAG meeting. Also give a presentation on how Visual Quality assessments are completed.

3. Indicator 63, Worker Training: Percentage of participant's employees training that is consistent with training plans. BC Timber Sales are in conformance, Canfor is not. The results: 15 out of 33 employees didn't meet the full training requirements. This was entered into the Incident Tracking System as a non-conformity and an action plan has been developed to address this.

Contraventions Review

1. There were four separate incidents of harvest trespasses. All were less than 1 hectare in size (total). In all cases the cause was operator error. Government was notified of the incidents, no enforcement action taken.
2. Herbicide application outside the planned application area. Canfor had 23 blocks affected but the total of all overspray totaled less than 2 hectares in size. No overspray of riparian areas occurred. BC Timber Sales had one herbicide application outside the target area that was discovered in June 2012 related to the 2011 treatment year.
3. Reforestation Assessment indicator 29 was not achieved by BC Timber Sales. BCTS submitted an Action plan to MFLNRO that was acknowledged. No enforcement action taken by MFLNRO to date.

There were no questions, related to the contraventions review, from the PAG membership.

Comment from one PAG member that the non-conformances seem minor and the Participants have done a good job with their operations.

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7. Review of 2012 Audit Results - Darrell Regimbald/Walter Fister

External Audit by KPMG August 15 to 17th. Objective was to evaluate the participant implementation of the SFMP. The evaluation included office reviews, staff interviews and field reviews.

The results:

- No major non-conformances
- 1 minor non-conformity: A field visit to an active Canfor harvest activity revealed an operator's pickup's tidy tank was not properly labeled (TDG1201). The pickup didn't have a spill kit, fire extinguisher or shovel. The contractor was instructed to correct this situation.
- 1 opportunity for improvement: The audit revealed workers were unaware of the differences in spill pads. Only fuel spill pads were on site. Pads suitable for addressing antifreeze spills were not present. The contractor was instructed to review the spill pad differences with their workers and make sure the proper spill pads were in the spill kits. Canfor harvesting staff will also carry a complement of spill pads.
- 3 good practices identified:
 - Good examples of stream habitat features protecting in WTPS (such as moose licks and goshawk nest)
 - NCDs well protected through stubbing of trees to identify to operators their presence.
 - BC Timber Sales has conducted a review of pre-work/inspection conformance assessments and identified in a report, opportunities to improve pre-work and inspection activities.

Conclusion: The audit recommended the Pilot Project Participants continue to be certified with the Canadian Standards Association Z809-08 standard.

Auditors identified that the focus for 2013 will be:

1. The Fort St. John Pilot Project compliance audit will be completed in 2013. This is done every two years.
2. Follow-up with the results from the 2012 Aerial Herbicide program.
3. Ecosystem representation analysis.
4. Species accounting system.

5. Work participants have completing with spatially indentifying Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs).
6. Will review the actions plans from 2012 and OFIs.
7. Any public complaints.

Review of Internal Audits

Canfor internal audit

Audit was completed June 1 to 8th. The audit focused on Forest Management System and the implementation of the SFMP and see if it conforms to the CSA SFM standard and the ISO 14001 standard, and a review of the compliance with the FSJ Pilot Project Regulations. No field visits were completed.

Results:

- no major non-conformities;
- Two minor non-conformities;
- Five opportunities for improvement;
- Four best management practices.

BC Timber Sales Internal Audit

Audit was completed October 9 to 11th. The audit focused on Fort Nelson, TFL 48 and the Fort St. John Pilot Project. Since there has been little activity in Fort Nelson and TFL 48 areas, the focus was on Fort St. John.

Results:

- non major non-conformances;
- One minor non-conformance (belonged to Fort Nelson Field Team operations)
- Six opportunities for improvement;
- Some good practices.

Question: Would like to see less Coarse Woody Debris (CWD). Do you have to leave a specific target amount?

Answer: The indicator in the SFMP requires we leave a certain amount. This is done on a landscape level therefore some blocks could be left clean whereas some may have a more CWD.

Question: The size of large diameter CWD, does that fit into your objective?

Answer: Yes, the larger diameters can be left on site.

Comment: Not sure the size and amount of CWD. I would like to see some examples.

Question: Who is the internal auditor?

Answer: It is a third party contractor, they are well qualified, and they are accredited.

Action Item #2: Participants to provide more information on Coarse Woody Debris, especially visual examples to put the quantitative value in perspective.

8. Other information updates:

- Old Growth Management (OGMA) process (Stephanie Smith). This project will identify at the landscape level, old growth areas to be protected from logging. The participants are Canfor, BCTS and FLNRO. Criteria used is 140 years for conifer, 100 years for deciduous. Once the proposed management areas have been indicated on maps, the working group will bring this out for consultation /review with the public and first nations. The working group is hoping to have this process completed by March 31, 2013. If it doesn't go into legislation, it is hoped it would be incorporated in to the SFMP. The OGMA Working Group will approach the PAG group once the OGMAs are closer to being signed off.

Question: Will all stakeholders be consulted?

Answer: Yes, however the review process may go beyond March 2013.

Question: What is the purpose of the OGMAs given that we have seral stands?

Answer: At present our target in the SFMP is non-spatial. Having these areas identified spatially will allow us to know that we can't go in there to log. It will give us some assurance that we can go into areas that haven't been identified as Old Growth Management Areas. We could still revise these areas in case of a situation such as a fire event or mountain pine beetle attack.

Question: Not satisfied with that answer, would still like to know why this process is going on.

Answer: Government has recognized the significance of the "old forests", there will be more certainty when these "floating" reserves are designated "spatially". Also, hopefully other industries will be required to abide by these management areas. However, right now these OGMAs are expected to be designated only under Forest and Range Practices Act, and there fore will apply only to the forest industry.

Question: What is the purpose/value in the long term in a seral forest?

Answer: It will give us and others more certainty with regard to the questions of where we can and cannot conduct timber harvesting.

Action Item #3: The PAG be kept informed of the Old Growth Management Process and be given an opportunity for input where it relates to the Sustainable Forest Management Plan.

- Mountain pine beetle update (Matthew Donovan): A PowerPoint presentation was given that showed the extent of the MPB infestation. The infestation has reached the far north areas of the Timber Supply Area. It is also located as far north as Maximish Lake in the Fort Nelson area.

Question: Is it still your focus on pine stands?

Answer: Our mill isn't designed to rely only on pine; we need to harvest spruce as well.

- Pilot Project Working group (Darrell Regimbald): A review of the pilot project was completed a few years ago. The government is moving to revising legislation to incorporate some of the good aspects of the Pilot Project. The working group is developing a recommendation package to give to government to consider revising FRPA to allow all BC forest licencees to move towards implementing a forest management system similar to that established under the FSJPP. Proposed FRPA revisions might include the option to develop a FOS rather than a FDP and an SFMP rather than a Forest Stewardship Plan. These and other good aspects of the FSJ Pilot Project Regulation may be able to continue once the current planning period ends in 2016, if FRPA is revised.

9. Summary of July Field Trip – Andrew Tyrrell /Walter Fister

Slides of the field trip in LPs operations in the South Peace were shown. Generally the feeling was that it was an interesting field trip. Mark Phinney, LP's regional biologist was the field trip leader.

Ideas for 2013 field trip:

- An old plantation;

- Active logging;
- Mile 81 area;
- Sawmill tour;
- Recreation and club management.

It was felt that a trip in June would be better attended.

10. Review of annual PAG Public Participation Process Satisfaction Survey

Results – Matthew Donovan.

- A summary of the results was given. The digital survey monkey tool was used. Generally it was shown that the respondents are satisfied with the process.

11. Overview of the 2013 Meeting Schedule – Darrell

- Expect to have a meeting in February 2013. Suggest February 11 or 12th.
- In fall of 2013, will review the 2012 Annual Report and audit results. Hopefully the Timber Supply Review will have begun.

12. Review of PAG membership and Notice – Darrell

- Asked members if they objected to having their names published in the newspaper showing their interest group. No one objected.
- The members were informed of the passing of PAG member Mr. Stan Gladysz. Condolences were expressed from the Participants to the family and friends of Stan.

13. Feedback on Meeting

Meeting satisfaction survey forms were given out to PAG members to complete.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 pm

Handouts from Meeting #44

1. FSJ Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Meeting #43 Summary and actions.
2. Meeting Surveys were provided. PAG members should complete prior to leaving meeting.

Summary of Actions from Meeting #44

PAG Meeting #44 Action Item #1: PAG encourages the Participants to complete the Visual Assessment and present the results from the data at the next PAG meeting. Also give a presentation on how the assessments were completed.

Canfor staff completed the outstanding VQO assessment on block S01277, the block was found to achieve the modification VQO. In block 02036, the Site Level Plan prescribed that a VQ assessment was not required because only a 0.2 ha portion of the 76.9 ha block resides in a visual quality polygon. The area was felt to be too small to impact the visual quality of the area. Technically speaking, we only had one block that did not have the required post harvest VQO assessment completed by the reporting date. However the intent of the indicator was achieved, as forest operations were consistent with the VQO. A presentation describing the visual quality assessment process will be provided during meeting #45.

PAG Meeting #44 Action Item #2: Participants to provide more information on Coarse Woody Debris, *especially visual examples to put the quantitative value in perspective.*

A presentation providing visual examples of coarse woody debris will be provided during meeting #45.

PAG Meeting #44 Action Item #3: The PAG be kept informed of the Old Growth Management Process and be given an opportunity for input where it relates to the Sustainable Forest Management Plan.

The Participants will continue to keep the PAG informed of the OGMA development project. Since the October 2012 meeting no substantive progress has been made, the Participants continue to work with MFLNRO to identify potential OGMA areas. PAG input will be sought when the draft OGMA identification process has been completed and there is a need to revise the existing seral stage indicator in the SFMP.