

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project

Public Advisory Group Meeting # 51

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 5:30 to 9:30

Fort St. John Northern Grand Hotel Meeting Room

A) Meeting Attendance:

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B) Meeting Agenda & Summary

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions – Gail Wallin
2. Review of Meeting Agenda – Gail Wallin
3. Review of Meeting #50 draft summary & actions – Gail Wallin, Darrell Regimbald
4. Update from Participants – Evan Hauk/Stephanie Smith/Andrew Moore
 - Canfor, BCTS, Cameron River Logging, LP
5. Pacific Bioenergy Pellet Plant - Paul Kalil
 - Feedback from PAG
6. Review of 2015 Audit Results – Evan Hauk, Walter Fister
7. Review of 2014-15 SFM Annual Report – Darrell Regimbald, Stephanie Smith
 - Feedback from PAG
8. Other information updates:
 - 2015 Reforestation Summary – Matt Donovan, Walter Fister
 - Forest Health (Fires, Mtn Pine Beetle) – Stephen Osmond, E. Hunt
 - Timber Supply Review – Elizabeth Hunt
9. Review of PAG Membership and Notice – Darrell Regimbald
10. Overview of 2016 Meeting Schedule – Darrell Regimbald
11. Feedback on Meeting

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Roundtable introductions from PAG, participants, members, and observers.
- Participation in the meeting was extended to all present.

2) Review of Meeting Agenda

- Agenda was accepted. No changes were made.

3) Review of Meeting # 50 draft Summary

Meeting #50 summary was accepted as circulated by PAG. No changes were made.

Review of Outstanding Actions – Darrell Regimbald

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #1: The current plan for the pellet plants is to utilize residue from the mills, but to clarify at a future meeting what the future plans are for the source for the pellet plants.

Update: A presentation on the FSJ Pellet Plant was presented at this the Oct 21 meeting – **Done**.

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #4: To consider for a future meeting, a potential topic around forest fire risk.

Participants will provide a presentation on wildfire risk and SFMP management strategies that are linked to forest health and salvage.

Update: a presentation is planned for the spring 2016 Meeting.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #4: Report to the members at the next PAG meeting, the status of the MDI content of the resin used at the Peace Valley Oriented – Strand Board Plant.

Update: Mark Fonda, LP representative, was to give an update at this meeting, unfortunately he was not able to attend. Mark will be asked to provide an update at the spring 2016 meeting.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #2: Walter Fister will provide more details on the mixedwood stocking requirements to Patrick Smook.

Update: Walter did provide this information to Patrick Smook. **Done**

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #3: The Participants will report to the PAG at the March 2016 meeting, the public and First Nations comments received regarding the public review of SFMP# 3.

Update: The action will be completed when the SFMP review process has been completed. This will include a summary of comments received and revisions made to the SFMP as a result of the public review. **Ongoing**

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #4: The participants to consider including the names of PAG members in the advertisement inviting the public to review the proposed SFM Plan #3.

Update: The Participants structured the ad and SFMP to note that the plan had been reviewed by the membership of the PAG. **Done**

4) Update from Participants – Darrell Regimbald (Canfor)/Walter Fister (BCTS)/Andrew Moore (CRL)

Canfor:

- The log yard is at 95% of its inventory target for this time of year. This is much better than 2014. Primarily due to this fall's favourable weather.

BC Timber Sales:

- stumpage rates are significantly lower than this time last year.
- Fort St. John has only recently started posting its timber sales, therefore it is uncertain regarding their sale ability.

Cameron River Logging:

- have a non-renewable forest license (NRFL)
- The effect of the expiry of the softwood lumber agreement is unknown.
- CRL continues to manufacture survey stakes.
- Business diversity is important to Cameron River Logging.

Question: (for all participants): I understand logging has started on some of the islands in the Peace River in preparation of the site C dam construction, who administrates this logging?

Answer: It was decided by BC Hydro and FLNRO that BC Hydro would administer the harvesting of the timber in the flood corridor. BC Hydro has approached independent

logging contractors to log this timber. These logging contractors will offer this timber to companies such as Canfor and West Fraser Mills.

Question: Would the PAG still like to have updates from the participants?

Answer: Yes.

Question: The softwood lumber agreement has just expired, is the north providing input into its renewal?

Answer: Big question and the answer is, we don't know. Very little information has been shared with companies such as Canfor, regarding Canada's and BC's participation in the re-negotiation of the agreement.

Action Item #1: Participants to provide an update to the PAG regarding the Softwood Lumber Agreement process and what the anticipated affects will be to the northeast region.

5) **Pacific Bioenergy Pellet Plant Presentation - Paul Kalil**

Pacific Bioenergy manages two wood pellet plants, located in Fort St. John and Chetwynd. Started in 2010 as a joint venture with Canfor. Both plants are energy self-sufficient. Canfor FSJ sawmill provides all fiber, however the Chetwynd mill requires fiber from West Fraser. Sixty million dollars have been invested in both plants. Measures have been taken to eliminate the accumulation of dust which could cause fires.

Question: Could the presentation be included in the meeting summary?

Answer: yes.

Action Item #2: Participants to provide *Pacific Bioenergy Pellet Plant* presentation to the PAG.

6) **Review of 2015 Audit Results – Darrell Regimbald, Walter Fister**

Canfor Internal Audit: examined the Sustainable Forest Management (CSA Standards ISO14001) and compliance to the *Forest St. John Pilot Regulation*.

Results:

- No major non-conformities.
- 2 minor non-conformities: 1) fuel management guidelines not followed by one logging truck. 2) Canfor's *Road Structure Management System* not fully implemented as outlined in control document.

- 4 opportunities for improvement:

- 1) Camp deficiencies (not listed);
- 2) Piling practices on block 01004, and disturbances on ditch-line that could impact drainage control;
- 3) Inadequate grass seeding in riparian area on block 02100;
- 4) PAG meeting minutes not posted to the Pilot Project website.

- 2 best management practices

Best Management Practice: Active Management of Wildlife Tree Patch allocation by landscape unit in *Site Level Plans* (SLP).

Canfor External Audit by KPMG

Results:

- No Major Non-conformances,

-One minor non-conformance;

-1) fuel tank, 7 years old had no verifiable record that it had its 5 year inspection completed.;

-Two opportunities for improvement;

1) Monitoring of operational activities - Mounding activity on two blocks were not deep enough to accommodate the entire seedling root plug. There may have been some discrepancy in the GPS tracking of aerial herbicide application of 3 passes on one block.

2) New indicator #67 – rare ecosystems – review whether blocks permitted prior to June 2013 but harvested following April 2015 have rare ecosystems present.

-4 good practices.

1) Good water management with regard to road deactivation;

2) Seasonal harvest notifications provided to stakeholders, First Nations, trappers are a good practice.

3) Herbicide Management Program implementation has reduced the amount instances where herbicide is applied outside the application zone. Also Canfor's practice of combining two Canfor operation's Notice of Intent to Treats into one package for the affected First Nations potentially reducing their workload.

4) The implementation of the deciduous MSQ compiler (this applies to BCTS as well).

Conclusion: Auditor recommended continued certification with the CSA Standard.

BC Timber Sales: Internal Audit

Results (note this audit was completed for the entire Peace-Liard Business Area which includes, Fort St John, Dawson Creek and Fort Nelson Field Team areas):

- No major non-conformities,
- Six good management practices (3 directly pertaining to Fort St. John Field Team),
 - 1) Stakeholder notification with BCTS licensees notifying trappers 14 days prior to logging start that enables the trappers to remove their traps.
 - 2) Good records kept of the inventory of bridges, bridge locations, and issues/limitations of bridges.
 - 3) Good planning with regard to road needs.
- Five Minor non-conformances (2 directly pertaining to Fort St. John Field Team).
 - 1) Staff not filling SFM Training form correctly. This pertains to Invasive Plant training properly.
 - 2) Staff not filling SFM Training form correctly, pertaining to Species at Risk (SAR) training.

BC Timber Sales: External Audit (completed July 27-31). This audit was completed concurrently with Canfor's external audit.

- No major non-conformances.
- One good practice.
 - 1) A logger demonstrated good awareness to the auditor that he could go to the website links identified in the Pre-work Binder, using his cell phone.
- Two minor non-conformances
 - 1) Lack of awareness around Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) and Fuel Tank requirements.
 - 2) An error in the Annual Report was found. It pertained to Reporting of Seed Use.
- Four opportunities for improvement.
 - 1) List of fire equipment in Emergency Response Plan (ERP) during summer harvesting.
 - 2) Snag/cavity sites indicator. Auditor would like to see some live trees left on site.
 - 3) Misunderstanding of a logger had around the harvesting of timber in "Machine Sensitive Zone" areas (MSZs around S6 classified streams).

4) Rare Ecosystems indicator. This indicator came into place in 2014. The auditor felt we should be reviewing blocks for any rare ecosystems developed prior to 2014. This should be done before the timber sale is posted.

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7) Review of 2014-15 SFM Annual Report – Darrell Regimbald, Stephanie Smith

The Annual Report has been made available to PAG members.

Summary:

- Participants are consistent with 64 out of 66 indicators in SFM Plan.
- Participants are consistent with 26 out of 28 legal indicators.
- Consistent with 7 out of the 9 Landscape Level strategies.
- Harvesting activities were reviewed.
- Reforestation activities were reviewed.
- Reportable contraventions were reviewed.

There were no questions from the PAG.

8) Other information updates

• **2015 Reforestation Summary – Matt Donovan**

A presentation on Canfor's 2015 planting activities was given. Canfor is planting larger stock thereby reducing establishment delay. It is also hoped the larger stock will keep above the grass layer resulting in less vegetative press from snow.

• **Forest Health – Darrell Regimbald**

A presentation on forest health including the fire situation was given. Many of the fires occurred in stands with low merchantable potential therefore little salvage harvesting has been completed.

Salvage of mountain pine beetle stands continues. Approximately 35% of the volume going to the Canfor mill is from stands affected by the mountain pine beetle.

• **Timber Supply Update – Elizabeth Hunt**

The Fort St. John Timber Supply Area is due for a review. Comments have been received and analysis is being done. A public discussion paper which incorporates stakeholder, First Nations, and public papers will be written.

9) **Review of PAG Membership and Notice – Darrell Regimbald**

The FSJPP Regulation requires that an annual notice be published specifying the membership of the PAG. The PAG members were asked if they agreed to have their names published as a member of the Public Advisory Group. The members present were okay with their name being published: George Desjarlais, Ray Ensz, Lyle Mortensen, Dave Harris, Andy Ackerman and Roy Lube. Members not present will be contacted.

10) **Overview of 2016 Meeting Schedule**

Spring meeting in late February or early March. Plan to have another meeting in the fall 2016.

Question: In regard to the Pilot Regulation, it would be good to know what the government will be proposing in respect to the fate of the FSJPP Regulation and changes to the FSJPP Regulation and identify who is leading the revision. A representative from the government should come to one of the meetings to present on this topic.

Answer: Good idea, an update on this topic would be beneficial.

Action Item #3: The PAG members unanimously feel the Fort St. John Pilot Regulation is vital to this area; government should maintain this regulation and expand it throughout the province. Invite a representative who could speak on behalf of the government on why government would change the Fort St. John Pilot Project Regulation and what the possible changes will be.

11) **Feedback on Meeting**

- good dinner,
- interesting presentation on the Pellet Plant,
- Liked this larger room,
- Good meeting,
- Would like a meeting invitation through Outlook Calendar,
- Suggest a presentation on the spruce bark beetle.

Handouts for Meeting #51

- 1) Meeting #50 agenda.
- 2) SFMP #2 transition to SFMP #3 handout. Lists the significant revisions to create SFMP# 3.
- 3) Draft minutes from Meeting #50.

Summary of Actions from Meeting #51

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #4: To consider for a future meeting, a potential topic around forest fire risk.

Status – will have presentation during meeting 52.

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Status – will have update during meeting 52.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #3: The Participants will report to the PAG at the March 2016 meeting, the public and First Nations comments received regarding the public review of SFMP# 3.

Status – public review will end March 31/16. Will provide update at fall 2016 meeting.

PAG Meeting #51 Action Item #1: Participants to provide an update to the PAG regarding the Softwood Lumber Agreement process and what the anticipated affects will be to the northeast region.

Status – will give an update during meeting 52.

PAG Meeting #50 Action Item #2: Participants to provide ***Pacific Bioenergy Pellet Plant*** presentation to the PAG.

Status – pellet plant presentation was given at meeting 51. **Done**

PAG Meeting #51 Action Item #3: The PAG members unanimously feel the Fort St. John Pilot Regulation is vital to this area, government should maintain this regulation and expand it throughout the province. Invite a representative who could speak on

behalf of the government on why government would change the Fort St. John Pilot
Project Regulation and what the possible changes will be.
Status – presentation will be made during meeting 52.