

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project
Public Advisory Group Meeting # 59
Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 5:30 to 9:00
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 # 58 draft Summary - Gail Wallin
4. Review of Outstanding Actions – Darrell Regimbald
5. Update from Participants:
 - Canfor - Dawn Griffin
 - BCTS - Stephanie Smith
 - Cameron River Logistics (CRL) -Andrew Moore
 - Louisiana-Pacific (LP) - Derry Sorgen
6. PAG Field Trip Review – Tony Wipfli
7. Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) Certification update
 - Canfor – Darrell Regimbald
 - BCTS- Stephanie Smith
8. SFMP Approval Conditions, Indicator Revisions – Tony Wipfli, Jaclyn Iannetta, Peter Zhang, Darrell Regimbald, Rod Higgins
9. Review of 2018-19 SFM Annual Report – Darrell Regimbald
 - Review of legal indicators and any indicators not met
 - Feedback from PAG
10. Forest Health Update – Elizabeth Hunt
11. Land Resource Management Plan Update – Genevieve Paterson
12. Review 2018 PAG Satisfaction Survey – Peter Zhang
13. Review of PAG membership & Notice – Jaclyn Iannetta
14. Feedback on Meeting – Gail Wallin

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 additions or changes

3) Review of Meeting # 58 draft Summary

- Meeting #58 summary was accepted as circulated.

4) Review of Outstanding Action Items

- Meeting #58 Action: ask KPMG who was contacted regarding the SFI Transition Audit. Action Completed: Darrell Regimbald spoke to KPMG and no members were contacted during the audit.

5) Update from Participants –Andrew Moore (CRL), Derry Sorgen (LP), Stephanie Smith (BCTS), Dawn Griffin (Canfor)

Cameron River Logistics (CRL)

- Main function is transferring logs to Dunkley Hixon, slower than usual with 75% curtailment in volume being moved
- Winter volume will consist of small woodlot operators and other spring timber
- 2 BCTS sales that will not be harvested in 2019 due to market conditions
- No layoffs at this time

Louisiana-Pacific (LP)

- No change in curtailment, not expecting to reopen until 2021 unless conditions change; LP is not selling the mill
- Derry is reviewing the fibre supply agreement with Canfor, as LP desires to manage their own fibre supply when they reopen.
- LP will cooperate with Canfor with regards to certification management and other strategic initiatives.
- Question regarding First Nation agreements: Derry confirmed current harvesting agreements are not ongoing with the closure of the OSB mill however, LP is still interested in reestablishing these contracts upon reopening. LP acknowledges that partnerships with First Nations need strengthening (MOAs, working relationships)
- Derry also confirmed that as long as the PAG continues, it is LPs intention to participate in the meetings and group

BC Timber Sales:

- Fiscal year started April 1st, and Q1 and Q2 sales targets were met
- Understand there will be struggles with stand structures going forward
- Hiring, many positions posted

Canfor:

- 50 million dollar loss posted in Q2, with weak lumber markets and market over supply
- Vavenby mill has closed, Mackenzie has taken an indefinite curtailment, Isle Pierre has moved to one shift, with most mills seeing curtailments
- Taylor pulp was curtailed for three months as pulp markets weakened
- Caribou meeting impacts analysis shared with government, a Leadership Table is to be formed – awaiting information
- Provided a staffing update
- Planted 800 trees in Beatton Park in June with Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski club and a deactivation workshop was held with harvesting contractors
- Log inventory forecast for March 31, 2020 is 277,000m³ for the sawmill and pulp at 80,000m³
- Previous meeting comment: Increased deliveries to Taylor Pulp mill causing issues with Taylor residents. Ray Ensz commented that the communication of the concerns combined with additional speed signage in the area of concern appears to have slowed down industrial traffic
- Comment: Concern regarding where the Taylor chips were going when the mill was closed, and where they continue to go.

ACTION: Provide an update on Taylor Pulp Chips at next meeting.

6) **PAG Field Trip Review** – Tony Wipfli

- Held June 18, 2019 went to 4 sites to see: herbicide use and impacts, retention (riparian, understory, standing mature trees), trapper demonstration by Ray Ensz and Doig Pasture to see range concerns (specifically loss of AUMs (Animal Use Month) after harvesting, and aspen regeneration)
- Trip highlights were the trapper demonstration and a greater understanding of range issues once logging is complete
- Comment: Darrell (Canfor) has spoken with colleagues regarding prescribing a different silviculture system where proposed aspen harvesting takes place in community pastures.

7) **Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) Certification update**

Canfor – Darrell Regimbald

- KPMG issued Canfor SFI registration certificates June 7, 2019
- Certified to SFI Forest Management and Fibre Sourcing standards
- A copy of the audit report is on www.canfor.com and SFI website; a version will be posted to the Pilot Project website as well.

BCTS – Stephanie Smith

- SFI certification on majority of operations since 2011, CSA in the North
- Completed SFI audit in Spring 2019 and on May 1, 2019 received SFI certification

8) **SFMP Approval Conditions, Indicator Revisions** – Tony Wipfli, Jaclyn Iannetta, Peter Zhang, Darrell Regimbald, Rod Higgins

- Indicator 2# Seral Stage & OFMAs - *modified to address SFMP#3 approval condition 3b*
 - Comment; regarding spatial OGMA in FOS that are in natural disturbance unit (NDU), boreal plains NDU is massive; suggest an effort made to distribute OGMA throughout NDU.
- Fibre Utilization - *New Indicator - addresses SFMP#3 approval condition 1c*
 - Report how much fibre is being used for products other than lumber/OSB production
 - Comment: suggestion to consider indexing against total harvested annually.
- Indicator #51 AAC Partition – Deciduous Planning & Indicator 51A AAC Partition – Deciduous Harvest Performance - *focus on meeting partition in new TSR AAC determination.*
 - Comment: concerns raised regarding partition volume calculation; Discussion around who should be responsible for tracking the AAC, and what tracking method (VRI, Cruised, Delivered) should be used.
- Indicator #52 AAC Partition – Conifer Planning & Indicator 52A AAC Partition – Conifer Harvest Performance
 - Same concerns as indicator 51 and 51A
- Indicator #49 Forest Health FOS Planning – *suggestion to consider update terms to ‘damaging agent’*
- Indicator #48 Summer and Fall Volume Deliveries – *discussed intent of additional wording to be added to Variance to identify economic factors (i.e. mill closures) that may impact ability to achieve targets.*
- Indicator #41 Range Action Plans – *address SFMP#3 approval condition 2*

- Comment: suggestion to increase knowledge around range action plans to have government participation. Also suggestion to notify the Ministry when developing cutblocks when overlapping a range tenure.
- Indicator #42 Damage to Range Improvements - *address SFMP#3 approval condition 2*
 - Action: Consider rewording Indicator #42, with a revised indicator statement to add more clarity regarding intent.
 - Comments: what is intent? Answer: the intent is to not negatively impact features, where negative impact occurs, the damaged feature is to be replaced/repared.
- Indicator #10 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Content - *intended to streamline wording and remove outdated web links while providing reference to primary listings of invasive plants.*

9) Review of 2018-19 SFM Annual Report – Darrell Regimbald

- Review of legal indicators and any indicators not met
- **ACTION: Revise annual report data regarding reforestation (trees planted) to ensure reported figures balance.**
- **ACTION: any input needs to be sent to Darrell Regimbald by October 27th.** Annual report will be finalized on October 31, 2019.

10) Forest Health Update – Elizabeth Hunt

- An aerial forest health survey was conducted with a focus on spruce beetle. The deliverables which are anticipated to be ready in mid-October will direct the ground surveys to be completed in October-November.
- The North Peace had a helicopter low-level survey completed on the Kobes which found a few areas affect areas. Halfway River First Nation had requested that this area be flown after.
- The South Peace had a wider-scope fixed-wing survey completed which identified more infected areas than in the North Peace.
- Canfor and BCTS did recce (reconnaissance) surveys in Blue Grave and Chowade, surveyors did notice spruce beetle, but lacked a venue for reporting
- A northeast spruce Beetle working group meeting will be setup in mid-November to better facilitate communication

11) Land Resource Management Plan Update – Genevieve Paterson

- Purpose is to update on the process of the FSJ LRMP
- Project has two phases: scoping and technical planning
- Reviewed opportunities and information heard from all parties, project requirements, design considerations, timelines reviewed.

12) Review 2018 PAG Satisfaction Survey – Peter Zhang

- 80% satisfaction on the survey is required and was met with 92.4% satisfaction rating
- Reviewed highest scoring and lowest scoring questions

13) Review of PAG membership & Notice – Jaclyn Iannetta

- Member lists reviewed verbal authorization for publication given by all members present
- **ACTION: Jaclyn Iannetta to contact members not present and confirm publication of members name is acceptable.**

14) Feedback

- Comment that the meeting is a great resource for information
- Next meeting to include another LRMP Update, and will take place in Spring (March/April) 2020

C) Handouts for Meeting #58

- 1) Meeting #59 agenda.
- 2) Draft minutes from Meeting #58.
- 3) Indicators for review.

D) Summary of Actions from Meeting #59

ACTION: Provide an update on Taylor Pulp Chips at next meeting.

RESPONSE: during the temporary production curtailment of the Taylor Pulpmill, stock piled chips from the Taylor Pulp Mill were sent to Canfor’s pulp mills in Prince George.

ACTION: Consider rewording Indicator #42, with a revised indicator statement to add more clarity regarding intent.

RESPONSE: Indicator # 42 Indicator and target statements rewritten to improve clarity of intent as follows:

Green highlight and strikethrough denotes the proposed revision.

Indicator Statement	Target Statement
Number of natural range barriers or range improvements damaged rendered ineffective by Participants’ activities.	Zero Natural range barriers or range improvements will be damaged or rendered ineffective by Participants’ activities will be repaired within 2 years of harvest completion.

ACTION: Revise annual report data regarding reforestation (trees planted) to balance numbers.

RESPONSE: The planting totals reported in the annual report were correct. The PowerPoint presentation shared with the PAG included an error in totaling the area planted. See below for the revised total area planted:

REFORESTATION

BCTS: Planted 1,682 ha (2,480,153 trees)

Licenseses: Planted 5,996 ha (4,498,985 trees)

TOTAL: Planted ~~8,654~~7,678 ha (6,979,138 trees)

ACTION: Annual report input needs to be sent to Darrell Regimbald by October 27th.

RESPONSE: The input received was incorporated into the annual report submitted to government. A copy of the annual report is available on the Fort St John Pilot Project website <http://www.fsjpilotproject.com/annualreports.html>

ACTION: Jaclyn Iannetta to contact members not present and confirm publication of members name is acceptable.

RESPONSE: PAG members not present were contacted and were found to be OK with their names being included in the PAG membership notice required to be posted in a local newspaper.