

Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project

Public Advisory Group Meeting # 50

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 5:30 to 9:30

Fort St. John Quality Inn, Northern Grand Meeting Room

A) Meeting Attendance:

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Other

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B) Meeting Agenda & Summary

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jane Perry
2. Review of Meeting Agenda – Jane Perry
3. Review of Meeting #49 draft summary & actions – Jane Perry
4. Update from Participants – Evan Hauk/Stephanie Smith/Andrew Moore/Mark Fonda
 - Canfor, BCTS, Cameron River Logging, LP
5. Review of 2014 Public Process Satisfaction Survey-Stephen Osborn
6. Update of Proposed Changes to CSA Standard – Stephanie Smith
7. Review of Proposed Revisions to SFMP #3 - Darrell Regimbald, Stephanie Smith
 - Feedback from PAG
 - Next steps in review/approval process
8. Summary of Field Trip – Evan Hauk/Walter Fister
9. 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 # 49 draft Summary

Meeting #49 summary was accepted as circulated by PAG. No changes were made.

4) **Review of Outstanding Actions** – Darrell Regimbald

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Update: Presentation on the Pellet Plants to be provided at the October 2015 PAG mtg.

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #2: Licensees to notify Public Advisory Group when the Timber Supply Review data package is available.

Completed - the PAG was forwarded an email from Elizabeth Hunt which noted the hyperlinks to the public Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch website where the Data Package Report can be found. The PAG were invited to send any comments respecting the data package report to Elizabeth. Will provide updates at subsequent PAG mtgs.

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/>

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa40/>

PAG Meeting #49 Action Item #3: Move the time frame for Coarse Woody Debris to a six year time frame rather than the present eight year period. All other date time periods were accepted by PAG members.

Completed - the PAG suggested alternative measurement period of December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2022 was considered and accepted by the Participants. The revised measurement period has been incorporated into SFMP# 3.

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

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

5) Update from Participants – Evan Hauk (Canfor)/Stephanie Smith (BCTS)/Andrew Moore (CRL)/Mark Fonda (LP)

Canfor:

- Lumber prices have been dropping since January primarily due to 1) the market downturn in China, 2) low grade economy stock being dumped into the American market; this has negatively affected Canfor earnings.
- Low lumber prices are expected to continue through 2015 – 2016.
- Continuing to expand into new markets, i.e. Canfor office in South Korea is being expanded (marketing pulp, paper and lumber).
- Canfor Canal Flats sawmill is closing.
- The FSJ sawmill has reduced their shifts from 3 to 2. Still experiencing a high rate of employee turnover.
- Construction of pellet plant at the FSJ sawmill is on schedule.
- It was a difficult summer for hauling logs to the yard therefore this is a shortfall of logs in yard.

Question: What is the reason for the shortfall?

Answer: Although it seemed like a dry summer, we had wet periods at the wrong times. Closed the 2014-15 harvesting season with a deficit that was difficult to eradicate

Question: What about the Indian market?

Answer: Currently not a serious market yet. It will be in the future. Canfor has plans to develop a marketing presence in India.

Question: Are enough trucks available?

Answer: Yes, we expect more trucks will be available in the winter.

Question: How many truckloads a day do you expect during the winter?

Answer: A total of about 350 truckloads a day in the winter are expected to deliver to PVO SB and the sawmill.

BC Timber Sales:

- BCTS's recruitment program is progressing better than expected. BCTS has a new forest technician in Fort St. John (Prem Gurung), a new planning forester based in the Charlie Lake office (Tony Wipfli) and planning officer (Mark Van Tassel).
- All three timber sales offered earlier this year have sold.

- Some Timber Sales to be offered in this year's sales schedule were delayed because of litigation
- There are some issues with bridge maintenance on some roads that access our timber sales. These roads are managed by other industries and do not meet load ratings for logging trucks.

Cameron River Logging:

- There have been some upgrading of equipment that works on trans-loading of logs.

Question: Are railcars still going to your yard?

Answer: Yes, still about 40 railcars. All going to Dunkley Lumber.

LP:

- Running 4 shifts.
- Production is at almost 40 U.S. tons per week.
- Still providing timber tenure services to Chetwynd Mechanical Pulp. They have been operating for 4 months.
- Have some of the same bridge issues that BCTS and Canfor face.

Question (for all participants): What can be done about the bridge situation?

Answer: The road tenure holders should be held accountable to ensure that required maintenance and inspections are actually carried out.

Question: Why are you (LP) still using MDI in production of OSB?

Action Item #1: Report at the next PAG meeting, the status of the MDI content of the resin used at the Peace Valley Oriented-strand board plant.

Question: With Alta Gas building a plant on the Swanson Lumber Road, how is that going to affect truck traffic? This road is already at its limit for traffic.

Answer: The AltaGas proposal for the Natural Gas Liquids Separation plant proposed to built on the Swanson Lumber road across from the Canfor sawmill, indicates that they expect an average of 40-50 truckloads accessing the proposed plant on a daily basis. It is anticipated that truck traffic on Swanson lumber road will increase by the 40-50 loads anticipated by the AltaGas proposal.

6) Review of 2014 Public Process Satisfaction Survey - Stephen Osmond

The target the participants are hoping to meet is an 80% level of satisfaction. A survey was sent to members in March 2015 via email. A hard copy would have been provided if there had been such a request. The survey was sent to 12 members and advisors, and resulted in 7 respondents completing the survey of 18 questions. Possible scores for each question was between 1 (very dissatisfied) to 5 (very satisfied). The overall result achieved is a 92.2% level satisfaction.

Question: The PAG members were asked: Is this a good format to use? Is it convenient and easy to use? Does anyone want to use the paper hard copy?

Answer: One member indicated they wanted to receive a hard copy of the questions (Ray Enz).

It was suggested the PAG need reminders to complete the survey.

Question: to the PAG members: Did anyone think of a question that they wished they were asked?

Answer: No specific answers were provided by the PAG. Members were asked to contact Canfor directly if they wish to see changes to the survey questions and/or format.

7) Update of Proposed Changes to CSA Standard – Stephanie Smith

Several documents summarizing the proposed changes to the CSA Z809-08 standard were provided to the PAG members. It was noted that the Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP# 2) is managed using CSA (Canadian Standards Association) Z809 Standards guiding the indicators and other non legal content of the plan.

It was noted that the deadline for the public to provide CSA with comments with regard to the proposed changes to the z809-08 standard is October 6, 2015.

The CSA website address was provided to members who wanted to provide comments directly to CSA.

Definitions used in the CSA standard revision proposal were reviewed. It was noted there are 16 major revisions proposed to the standard.

Our SFMP is the equal to a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) used by the rest of the province. Presently there are 6 criteria, in the proposal, a seventh will be added: that

being Aboriginal Relations. Once the public review period has ended, it could take up to 18 months for CSA to implement any changes.

Question to PAG Members: Has anyone looked at this on the website and how did it look to you?

Answers/comments: Difficult for laypersons to understand.

There was limited interest expressed in commenting on the changes proposed to the SFM standard.

8) Review of Proposed Revisions to SFMP #3 - Darrell Regimbald, Stephanie Smith

Following is a summary of the key points discussed during the review and discussion of the proposed revisions to SFMP#2 to create SFMP# 3.

The Sustainable Forest Management Plan is formed from the content requirements of two different sources: CSA SFM Standard and the Fort St. John Pilot Project Regulation (FSJPPR). The SFM Plan serves as the legally required operational plan for forest harvesting activities in the FSJ TSA. The SFM Plan serves the purpose of a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) that the rest of the province (outside the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area) is required to produce. If a licensee outside the FSJ TSA, want to seek certification under the CSA SFM standard, they would also need to prepare a SFM Plan. We are unique as the SFMP serves as the legally required operational plan and as the optionally required plan necessary for certification to the CSA SFM standard. This Public Advisory Group (PAG) is a requirement of the FSJPPR to provide the participants feedback regarding the indicators/targets and landscape level strategies that are legally required components of this SFM Plan. As well the PAG is also a requirement of the CSA SFM standard to receive public input in the development of the values, objectives indicators and targets addressed by the plan and required by the CSA standard.

Currently the participants are operating under SFMP #2. At the March 2015 PAG meeting, a suite of proposed changes to the indicators of SFM Plan # 2 was presented. The majority of the changes were administrative in nature and focused on adding additional monitoring periods for specific indicators that would coincide with the term of SFM Plan #3. The PAG was given an opportunity to comment on these changes. The PAG suggested reducing the reporting period of the Coarse Woody Debris

indicator, from 8 to 6 years, in keeping with the life cycle of the plan and the other indicators reported out on a periodic basis.

A list of these indicator changes (and other revisions) proposed to SFM Plan #2 to create SFMP# 3, that were discussed with the PAG at the March 2016 PAG meeting were reviewed with the PAG. (See handout).

Following is a summary of the questions asked by the PAG during the review of the revisions proposed to SFMP# 2 to create SFMP# 3.

Question: Where is the climate change test site noted in the new plan?

Answer: We need to be careful in referencing the Assisted Migration Adaptation Trial, as the test site isn't managed by the participants or by FLNRO directly. FLNRO will use data from the assisted migration trials to revise the Chief Foresters Standard for Seed Use, which we reference in the SFMP, and which provides guidance for the use of seed in the Fort St. John TSA.

Question: Did we not decide to have less Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) on range land? Is this going to happen?

Answer: We haven't changed the target, as it was discussed that the target calls for an average amount of CWD to be retained over the DFA. This gives the participants the flexibility to retain less CWD on some blocks where needed to address other values, such as range. Consequently it was decided that the target did not need to be revised as the flexibility to retain less CWD is built into the target.

Question: Are mixedwoods blocks included with the deciduous compiler?

Answer: No, they are not included with the deciduous compiler. There likely will be some work completed during the term of SFMP#3 to develop a landscape level reforestation strategy for mixedwoods.

Action Item #2: Walter Fister to provide more details on the mixedwood stocking requirements to the requesting party – Patrick Smook (Oil and Gas Sector Advisor) prior to the next PAG meeting.

Question: Western larch range is expanding, it is not suitable to use at this time. Will this change?

Answer: Western larch is not approved for use in the FSJ TSA. There is a variance allowed in the Chief Foresters Standard for Seed Use that provides flexibility to vary

from the standard within a specific tolerance. Siberian larch might be better suited to our climatic conditions.

At the conclusion of the review and discussion of the proposed revisions to SFMP#2 to create SFMP# 3, the PAG was asked the following questions by the Participants:

Questions to the PAG members: Are the members comfortable with the proposed changes to SFMP#2 to create SFP# 3? Are there any other aspects of SFMP# 3 that the PAG would like to discuss?

There was general consensus among the PAG to accept the changes proposed by the participants to create SFMP# 3. No revisions were suggested by the PAG to be made to draft SFMP# 3.

It was noted by the Participants that the next step will be to discuss the draft SFMP# 3 with the public and First Nations and report back to the PAG with the results of the public review in the spring of 2016.

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

Comment: Suggestion was made by a PAG member that the participants consider make the public aware that there is a Public Advisory Group who have reviewed and made comments/recommendations to the proposed plan. It was suggested to consider including the PAG member names in the notice of the PAG review.

Action Item #4: The participants are to consider including a statement in the draft SFMP# 3 that the plan was reviewed by the FSJPP PAG.

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9) Summary of Field Trip – Evan Hauk/Walter Fister

The field trip was held in June 2015. Two locations were highlighted:

- 1) A well growing block, one of the earliest plantations from circa 1977.
- 2) Assisted migration adaptation trial, a climate change test site for various tree species including species not native to this area.

The planned presentation regarding aboriginal use of plant species was cancelled the day of the field trip because the designated presenter was not able to attend. The Participants suggest considering this presentation for a future field trip. The PAG members were asked to think about and to provide suggestions for topics they would like for a field tour in 2016. PAG members were asked to send suggestions via email to the Participants.

Some suggestions were:

- Bring in a bird expert to give a talk about birds in the field.
- Look at stream crossings/bridges/water quality.
- Discuss CWD, WTP retention – why is it important?
- Get a trapper to discuss their point of view on forestry practices in the field.

12) Feedback on Meeting – Jane Perry

Response from the people in attendance included:

- Liked the lack of acronyms used.
- Good turnout.
- looking forward to reviewing the new CSA Criterion: Aboriginal Relations.
- Thanks extended to the participants for their work and preparation.
- Liked the interaction of members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Handouts for Meeting #49

- 1) FSJ Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group Meeting #49 Summary and actions.
- 2) Meeting #50 agenda.
- 3) CSA document: What's New in this Revision of CSA/CAN Z809.
- 4) Fort St. John Pilot Project Draft SFMP Indicator Revisions – SFMP #3.
- 5) SFMP# 3 Table 51: SFMP #2 Revisions in Development of SFMP #3.
- 6) Draft Landscape Level Strategy Revisions – SFMP #3

Summary of Actions from Meeting #50

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Update - Participants will provide a summary of SFMP# 3 comments received and any revisions made to the plan as a result of the public review at the spring 2016 PAG meeting.

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