

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group – Western Forest Products

Held at the ACRD Boardroom, Port Alberni

FINAL Minutes – November 13, 2014

Advisory Group Members

Y R	Harold Carlson Barbra Baker (alt)	Forest Recreation	Y	Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
Y Y	Rick Avis Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists	Y	Jeff Slater	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
R	Sheena Falconer Bob Cole (alt)	Watershed/Fisheries West Coast Aquatic	R	Jim Creighton Neil Malbon (alt)	Small Business/Tourism
Y	Lucas Banton John Jack (alt)	A.C. Regional District	Y R	John Smith Brigitte Arndt (alt)	AV Hill Climbers AV Hill Climbers (alt)
Y	Bob Cerenza Darlene Clark	Alberni Fish and Game	Y	Dan Washington Jack McLeman	City of Port Alberni
Y	John McIntosh	Parks Canada	Y	Jane Morden Mike Stini (alt)	Environment
R Y	Jane Bremner Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association	Y	Keith Hunter	Multiple Goods & Services
	Brian Chipman Harold Norlund (Alt)	Catalyst			

Y = attended R=regrets blank=did not attend V=vacant seat
 Quorum Present

Resources Present:

Western Forest Products (WFP) Port Alberni Forest Operations (PAFO)

Erin Badesso – PAFO WFP, Forester

Kevin Somerville – PAFO WFP, Operations Manager

Jennifer Dyson – Facilitator

Michele Laminski - Recording Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 5:30pm, introductions were made around the table.

Safety Orientation

Jennifer reviewed safety procedures.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the WFP WIWAG June 12, 2014 meeting approved and will be posted to website with the following updates:

Question in regards to minutes – page 2 updates – bulletin item about public safety; will be amended to include trucks. Reviewed accident on Bamfield road, minutes will be updated to improve clarity of accident.

Action Item #1: JD to post minutes to website

WFP Updates:

Kevin Somerville (KS)

Brookfield has divested their shares of Western Forest Products. There doesn't appear to be any front runners in majority shareholders. The last two days have been board meetings (Nov 12th and 13th). Some changes that have occurred are: New Chief Financial Officer; Northern Timberlands operations have consolidated to the Port McNeil office and Nanaimo sawmill has closed. Kevin predicts we might hear more about consolidating and investing in sawmills where it makes financial sense. Key focus is to have shareholder investment. Fibre certainty is a current issue. To have investment, we need fibre certainty. We are not relying on our tenures only. We have secured 100,000 cubic meters, mostly from First Nations, and some from BCTS. There was a blockade after a dispute between a First Nation and BCTS. This has been resolved and we are logging in there again this week. This was a learning experience about how to handle such situations.

Question 1: did Brookfield get back their investment?

KS: Brookfield is a company that turns companies over, they definitely made back their investment and then some.

Question 2: Is the closing of the Nanaimo mill because of the tragedy?

KS: Nanaimo saw mill being shut down is no relation to the incident that occurred their last year. The land was leased from the Nanaimo Port Authority.

Locally we are looking at having our mills in town being able to handle more types of species. Good news for us, because it's a big savings to our operations if we don't have to move logs up island.

Jim Muress (JM): We lost time this summer due to heat and this fall due to rainfall. We will continue until Dec 23rd and start up January 5th weather permitting.

Keith Hunter (KH) spoke about Western Forest Products role in the blockade and thanked WFP for their role and response to the situation.

Satisfaction Survey areas to address:

Jennifer-

6.4.1 – The reason this is back on the agenda is that we said that action items will be assigned to address all items that received a score of greater than three. Survey responses are coded as: 1 (excellent), 2 (good), 3 (satisfactory), 4 (poor), 5 (unsatisfactory).

The overall *Objective* is to maintain an effective public participation process. The only way that we can do this is to ensure that issues are brought forward and that we always have a mechanism to deal with any displeasure with the process. Specifically the area of the satisfaction survey that we are looking at is question 5 SWFM process. Overall we met the target but we had two PAG that did not rate the process well. We are not sure if it is through the

SFM process or logging in general. There are a few themes within the comments and Erin will address these. I will take on as an action item to get the evaluation out earlier so that PAG can pin point the problems associated with the process.

The survey is anonymous and we thank all those who take the time to fill the form out.

Flag Action #2: WIWAG Satisfaction Survey Jennifer will make sure the next time we this survey more time is allotted to fill in the survey.

Specific – regarding Indicators 6.3.1 and 5.1.1

Erin Badesso (EB)

Some of the comments were that the indicators are weak for **6.3.1 and 5.1.1**.

5.1.1 Timber and Non-Timber benefits. EB looked at what other PAG groups have used.

Reviewed indicator 5.1.1 (canned statement), basically the indicator describes how well Western Forest Products is doing. The EBITDA ratio is what people look at when investing, not just EBITDA. Erin recommends we add to the indicator instead of taking it out. What is being measured that is Non-Timber? We chose to focus on the timber aspect in this indicator. Erin reviewed list of ideas, local log sales, report on salaries/benefits, contractor payments, purchases in the local economy etc. and is open to suggestions. Discussion around measuring the economic benefit that goes back into the local economy.

How to quantify these measures? - Discussion about the wording of the standard. We do report out on the public concerns and comments in another indicator. There are three addendums to this indicator. We have tried to break this apart, due to the many aspects of the indicator, which may have weakened the initial indicator.

Indicator 6.3.1: Local Economy – Forestry Community well-being and Resilience

Erin presented some suggestions such as notification of road closures to recreational users, Road Safety hotline, information on view scapes etc. Erin asked for ideas on how to strengthen this indicator. There is an ebb and flow to this indicator and as a result Erin reports on what has happened. Request to report more specifically on where the logs are going. The value of sales into the company is reflected in the EBITDA.

Action #3 Indicators 6.3.1 and 5.1.1 recommends we add to the indicator instead of taking it out. Action relevant to what is being measured that is Non-Timber? Focus on timber aspect is in this indicator, ideas, local log sales, report on salaries/benefits, contractor payments, purchases in the local economy etc. WFP is open to suggestion on how to measure the economic benefit that goes back into the local economy better. EB will see how to quantify these types of variables, in regards to these indicators and report back to the group.

Note: Take a look at what all the indicators are and look how to improve upon where the logs are going and the value of sales into the company is reflected in the EBITDA.

This action item is a result of confusion between what is reported out on in each indicator. Good corporate PR so the community sees that they are benefitting from the company and the economic contribution. More indirect benefits lately, maybe not as transparent to the public as it once was.

Other Comments – General

The focus of WIWAG having a global component not just local was mentioned. Erin presented a document The State of Canada's Forests annual report for 2014 provides detailed information on Canada's forest resources and management. <http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/publications?id=35713> Briefly reviewed reforestation chart, carbon emissions, Aboriginal, Employment indicators in the report. Lots of statistics are in the report as well. Looking at global information might be too broad to incorporate, but some national statistics might be workable. - Reviewed area

certification numbers and confirmed that Western Forest Products has a rigorous chain of custody process that proves to the auditor that the wood we are selling is certified. Pool of contractors Western Forest Products draws from: there are a small percentage of companies that are registered in Port Alberni, but their crews are in Port Alberni. Harvesting IPL 50%, Road Building IPL 50% and Star is local, Silviculture – seasonal not sure how many of these people are local. Not sure exactly of what percentage are local.

Action Item #4: Jim Muress will present the percentage of local employees as they relate to the contractors at the next meeting.

Climate Change Resistance – Erin will not speak to this tonight. Annette van Niejenhuis has agreed to come to a meeting in the future and it will be addressed at that time. She has the best information on how the DFA might change to adapt to climate change. Ideas are more than welcomed. Comment on cumulative impacts beyond WFP operations – making decisions today that will impact the future. Some information has predicted possible outcomes and we have picked species based upon these predictions.

Action Item # 5: Annette van Niejenhuis will present at our February 19, 2015 meeting on how the DFA might change to adapt to climate change. Ideas from PAG are more than welcome. We will ask Annette to comment on cumulative impacts beyond WFP operations – making decisions today that will impact the future

Indicator 3.2.A: Watershed Condition

This indicator replaces an earlier designation of “red and orange” listed watershed basins described in a watershed assessment performed every 10 years. EB reported on this at our last meeting. Glynnis has produced a 10 year landslide frequency and ways to log differently to reduce the amount of landslides. Due to the availability of new imagery, she was able to produce a report in 2013. Usually she only reports every three years. Bottom line is target was set at 5.6 for a NET area denominator which is equivalent to the 2.3 GROSS area denominator and we are at 5.5. Next year will be n/a because Glynnis will not do the work again until 2016. The n/a's were a result of the new indicator having data.

There was also comments about Old Growth management and EB will add this to a next meeting to help develop a better understanding of OGM

Action Item #6 – EB will bring OGMA's for perhaps the April meeting, presentation possible.

Meetings 2015

Jennifer – February 12, 2015 – problematic for Jennifer as she will be out of town. She will send an update. Jennifer is looking for feedback. April, June, November and maybe the one in February will be a week late – February 19, 2015.

There seemed to be a general; agreement for four meetings

Communication Facebook site WFP for Bamfield Road Conditions

Kevin – first, bold step for Western Forest Products to utilize social media. Zach White has been hired to assist Amy Spencer, our media relations, to promote WFP's activities in social media. Create a feed and video footage on what to expect on the road. What does it look like from the cab of a logging truck? - Understanding driving from both perspectives. There is a sign posted with the twitter and Facebook information just before the end of the pavement on Bamfield Main.

Klanawa Project Update Erin Badesso

Aerial photo taken of a portion of the Klanawa. Western Forest Products went to some of the locations and took pictures of what it looks like now. For people who were not at the previous meeting and want to talk about the Klanawa, he is offering to get together offline, and review. Jennifer reiterated the presentation was very worthwhile and gave a lot of context.

Spine Trail Recreation – The meeting before last there was a general request what our harvest plan looks like in the next 5 years near the trail. It was posted on the WIWAG website that we would close the trail for a season while harvesting occurs. Harvesting map was reviewed. Stated that WFP would harvest next to or over the trail, and it was communicated back that the trail would be cleaned up after harvesting. The trail has been cleaned up and it is open to the public again.

-Discussion and clarification of the trail. Photos post harvesting and trail establishment shown to WIWAG.

Discussion on Soil and Water

The company has shared examples of environmental incidents WFP has had in the past. Tonight, Erin shared examples of minor environmental incidents relating to soil conservation and stream management reported to the Compliance and Enforcement wing of government. Discussion of the incidents, internal investigations, clean-up, and learnings were shared with WIWAG. A general discussion ensued on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) deployed by WFP to conserve soil and water when timber harvesting.

Future Presentations

Tsilqhot'in Nation (pronounced Sil-KO-tin) Supreme Court decision – Known as the Williams Case. There are some general themes, but still lots of opinions what it means. Keith spoke to a Chief Hugh Brakker who is willing to come in and present, but needs a few months' notice. Is the group interested in a presentation on this topic? Keith addressed the topic: Bases of appeal to the Supreme Court that title is not postage stamp title, title extends across their territory. Also establishes title outside of the treaty. Clarification - security of timber supply that Kevin spoke about earlier in the meeting is not a result of this decision. Keith reviewed the events that led up to the blockade that occurred in Nahmint. .

Presentation on the subject will be tabled until the next meeting, when more has been revealed. PAG was in agreement that this would be an excellent topic.

Thank you to Keith for his input and EB and KS will talk about how to present.

Action # 7: Keith Hunter has suggested that Chief Hugh Brakker could present the Tsilqhot'in Nation (pronounced Sil-KO-tin) Supreme Court decision – Known as the Williams Case. There is great benefit to have it presented in a local context.

Next WFP meeting February 19th, 2015

Announcements - none

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

WIWAG Action Items.

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
1.	JD to post approved minutes from last meeting to WIWAG website	Each meeting			JD
2.	Action #3 Indicators 6.3.1 and 5.1.1 recommends we add to the indicator instead of taking it out. Action relevant to what is being measured that is Non-Timber? Focus on timber aspect is in this indicator, ideas, local log sales, report on salaries/benefits, contractor payments, purchases in the local economy etc. WFP is open to suggestion on how to measure the economic benefit that goes back into the local economy better. EB will see how to quantify these types of variables, in regards to these indicators and report back to the group.	November 13		Note: Take a look at what all the indicators are and look how to improve upon where the logs are going and the value of sales into the company is reflected in the EBITDA.	JD/EB
3.	Action Item #4: Jim Mures will present the percentage of local employees as they relate to the contractors at the next meeting.	November 13		February	EB
4	Action Item # 5: Annette van Niejenhuis will present at our February 19, 2015 meeting on how the DFA might change to adapt to climate change. Ideas from PAG are more than welcome. We will ask Annette to comment on cumulative impacts beyond WFP operations – making decisions today that will impact the future	November 13		February 19	EB/jd

5	EB will bring OGMA's for perhaps the April meeting, presentation possible.	Nov 13	June or Fall		EB/JD
6	Jennifer will get back to Keith once we have established how/who to present Tsilqhot'in Nation (pronounced Sil-KO-tin) Supreme Court decision – Known as the Williams Case. There is great benefit to have it presented in a local context.	Nov 13	Fall		EB/JD
flag	tour of the mill possibly in the spring-Catalyst	Spring	Will re-schedule in New Year to accommodate new representatives	Jennifer explained putting the tour off until the new year. Be done in the afternoon and not on a meeting night.	JD
flag	Improve minutes to reflect all discussion and presentations back to Criterion and mandatory discussion items	Backdate and ongoing			
flag	Jennifer will make sure the next time we do a survey more time is allotted to fill in the survey.			2016 WIWAG 6.41- Satisfaction Survey	JD

Mandatory Discussion Items (CSA Discussion Items - *Italics*)

CSA Standard Z809-08	Presentation/Discussion Items	Lead
Communication	<p>This is the fourth WIWAG meeting were held in 2014 these meetings in addition to presentations listed also include company updates and on-going dialogue.</p> <p>February, April, June and November 2014</p>	JD/EB WIWAG
Continual Improvement	Annual Detailed Indicator & Results - Data set	Erin Badesso – Continual Improvement
1 — Biological Diversity	<p>Marble Murrelet Recovery Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in government programs to protect threatened and endangered species linking Indicators: • 1.2.1 — Habitat Protection • 1.2.2 — Suitable Habitat <p>Pest Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • posted Silvicultural regimes and tools such as plantations, pesticides (including integrated pest management and pesticide-use regulations), structural retention, and timber harvest practices (including clear-cutting) • Practices to limit the spread of invasive alien species, and the regulatory prohibitions related to adverse ecological effects and the use of exotic tree species <p>Presentation from Erin Badesso comprehensive handout that looks closely at selected Indicator and Results within a specific geographic area of the DFA based on a picture of the Klanawa Drainage Effective December 31, 2013Total Area of the DFA: 139,446 Ha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Productive Area of the DFA: 117,478 Ha • Total Productive Area of the Klanawa Watershed: 22,602 Ha • Total Area depicted: 2436 Ha (1.7% of the DFA) • Total Productive Area Depicted: 2,265 Ha (2% of the DFA; 10% of Watershed) • Comprehensive discussion on Indicators and what each indicator means when we see it from the landscape from the June 12, 2014 minutes links to all Criterion 1 – 6 and multiple indicators to gain a broader understanding. 	<p>Ian Parnell John Deal</p> <p>Erin Badesso</p>

<p>2 — Ecosystem condition & productivity</p>	<p>Interior & Coastal BC Fibre Strategic Overview Murray Hall Forest ecosystem condition and productivity by maintaining the health, vitality, and rates of biological production. The public participation process shall include discussion of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change impacts and adaptation • Trends in natural and human-caused disturbances • Proportion of naturally disturbed area that is not salvage harvested • Biomass utilization 	<p>Murray Hall Consulting Ltd</p>
<p>3 —Soil and Water</p>	<p>Discussion on Soil and Water WFP has shared examples of environmental incidents WFP has had in the past. WIWAG was presented with examples of minor environmental incidents relating to soil conservation and stream management reported to the Compliance and Enforcement wing of government. Discussion of the incidents, internal investigations, clean-up, and learnings were shared with WIWAG links to Criterion 3 Indicator(s) 3.1; 3.2.</p>	<p>Erin Badesso</p>
<p>5 — Economic & social benefits</p>	<p>Interior & Coastal BC Fibre Strategic Overview Murray Hall Benefits for local communities, Fair distribution of benefits and costs Proportion of goods and services sourced from local communities (to the extent that they are available and reasonably cost-competitive) WFP local government meetings links to Criterion 5 and 6 WFP meetings with FN links to Criterion 5 and 6 Indicator(s) 5.2.1 Annual Fall Fair WFP Booth with WIWAG participation (September) linking to Indicator(s) 5.2.1; 6.5.1; 6.5.2 National Forestry Week – WFP at FLNRO (September) linking to Indicator(s) 5.2.1; 6.5.1; 6.5.2 including maps and slide presentation</p>	<p>Murray Hall</p>
<p>6 — Society's responsibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator 6.1.2: Acceptance of Management Plans (PMP) Pest Management Plan Pest Management Plan (PMP) – the PMP and 'Notifications of Intent to Treat' are referred to affected First Nations and a record of communications are maintained on file (a referral binder) by the Operations Forester. <p>WFP local government meetings links to Criterion 5 and 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP meetings with FN links to Criterion 5 and 6 Indicator(s) 5.2.1 • Annual Fall Fair WFP Booth with WIWAG participation (September) linking to Indicator(s) 5.2.1; 6.5.1; 6.5.2 • National Forestry Week – WFP at FLNRO (September) linking to Indicator(s) 5.2.1; 6.5.1; 6.5.2 including maps and slide presentation 	<p>Erin Badesso</p>