

**Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project
Public Advisory Group Meeting #21**

**November 24, 2003
3:00pm to 9:10pm**

North Peace Cultural Center

Meeting Summary

Meeting Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>email</u>
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<i>Observers</i>			

1. Welcome and introductions

- Meeting opened at 1515 hr.
- Roundtable introductions were made

2. Review of Meeting Agenda

- Draft Agenda for tonight's meeting was reviewed; no changes were recommended, agenda was accepted.
- Facilitator provided an overview of the purpose of Meeting 21.

3. Review of September 22 2003 Meeting Summary

- A review of the Sept 22 2003 meeting summary was undertaken.
 - Corrections to Sept 22 2003 summary:
 - Stan Gladysz surname spelled incorrectly

4. Review Section 8 of SFMP

- Indicator # 16: WG changed that prior to PCR release on Sept 21st.
- Indicator # 44: WG incorporated into PCR release.
- Regarding Indicators on Snags (Section 6.9) and Caribou:
 - Dave Menzies reported on the Working Group's response that was incorporated into the SFMP; He noted that about 56% of the harvest area will have snags/wildlife tree patches (WTP's)
 - Indicator # 12 Caribou Indicator: WG solicited an expert's comments from Dale Seip MOF; Dale noted that the WG would have to be involved in SARA Recovery Teams for caribou, that begin in 2004. Also that the WG should deal with new info in an adaptive mgmt for caribou.

5. Report on outcome of KPMG Audit

- Warren reviewed the audit process that they did beginning back in July, and continued in October.
- Audit Findings:
 - NO, major non-conformances
 - There were three minor non-conformances
 - Planning: for SARA could be strengthened. For Elements they wanted a certain degree of implementation.
 - Planning: Carbon uptake and storage indicators needed to be improved (WG structured a new indicator)
 - BCTS: EMS corrective actions needed improvement
 - Participants are required to provide an ACTION plan to KPMG (within 30 days) as to how we would address the non-conformances. This was done, and CSA certification recommendation is carrying forward.
 - There were seven opportunities for Improvements:
 - Effectiveness monitoring needs work
 - Improved description of several indicators
 - Caribou indicator needs to be linked better to the access mgmt processes proposed in the SFMP.
 - BCTS: EMS is new and needs to be improved as the SFMP is implemented.
 - BCTS: Culvert installation needs to be dealt with.
 - Slocan-LP: EMS is new and needs expanding as operations begin.
 - Canfor Silviculture Prescriptions: minor inconsistencies need to be reconciled and maintained.

6. Report on STAC meeting and input Working Group met on Nov. 4th, 2003

- 11 STAC members provided the Working Group with good positive feedback.
- STAC identified strengthening of SFMP in reforestation and soils.

7. Overview of Input Received on Draft SFMP

- Working Group presented the Summary of Comments (2 – pager) table that accounts for all agency and public comments. First Nations comments not shown, but briefly discussed at dinner.
 - Point by point review of the Table.
 - Don Rosen reviewed the new Patch Size Indicator # 6.3
 - Don Rosen reviewed the updated MAI (mean annual increment) Indicator # 6.38 now titled Average Carbon sequestration rate.
 - Don Rosen reviewed the updated Growing Stock Indicator # 6.39 now replaced with Ecosystem Carbon Storage indicator.
 - **PAG COMMENTS & Questions:**
 - RON WAGNER: Is this system measurable? Can we afford to do it?
 - ORLAND WILKERSON: Graphs need to be consistent. Sequestration needs better clarification of the definition (gross or net)

- In response the Working Group, described how it would adjust the SFMP to reflect how the participants considerations of the comments into the FINAL SFMP submission to government
- **PAG Commendations**
- PAG has been a wonderful learning experience, the Working Group's demeanor was excellent, openness to provide info has been excellent. The PAG commends the participants in job well done.
- Impressed with opportunity to participate. Not sure they've got the know-how to evaluate things, but glad to know the forest will continue for economics and recreation for public use. Of the process itself, the participants have made a superb effort in making the info understood and provide assistance to the PAG to bring them along.
- MWALP; feels the participants have done a fabulous job. Very impressed.

8. Update on next steps

1. Submission of the SFMP

- WG will be submitting the SFMP to the Regional Managers of MOF & MWALP. They approve Section 4 and Indicators related to the Landscape Level Strategies, and Section 8 regarding the proposed changes of Performance Standards.

2. Review of Annual Report

- Submitted to the two Regional Managers, summary of roads, planting and harvesting.
- WG will circulate the Annual Report to the PAG; we'll review PAG comments at the next meeting.

- **OFFLINE: pag meeting in May / June?**

- **Annual Rpt (mar 31)**

- **Progress o n SFM**

- **Revise matrix**

- **Audit**
- **Nov. / Dec**
- **PAG and Review of audit**
- **Finalize matrix**
- **PAG members need lots of PRE-contact to remind them of meeting schedules.**
- **PAG members will be mailed a FINAL –approved version of the SFMP.**

9. Recognition

- The Working Group summarized a Letter of Thanks to the PAG members, and emphasized the value the PAG has provided the participants with interests and values of the community in support of forest management, and the incredible sacrifice of time & commitment PAG members have made to this process. Working Group looks forward to a continuing role with PAG members in the implementation and monitoring of the Fort St. John Code Pilot Project.

10. Next Meeting

- **To Be Confirmed** –tentatively mid-2004

Meeting ended 1710 hours.