

Tsawak-qin Forestry Public Advisory Group

Location: ACRD Boardroom

Minutes – February 8, 2024.

Advisory Group Members

Y	Harold Carlson	Forest Recreation	Y	Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
Y	Judy Carlson (alt)	Naturalists		Jim Proteau (alt) Rony Mazumder	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association	Y	Solomon Schachner	General Interest
Y	Mike Sparrow	Alberni Clayoquot Regional District	Y	Brigitte Arndt	AV Hill Climbers
Y Y	Francois Warren Scott Lemkay	Small Business	Y	John Douglas	City of Port Alberni (Counsellors)
Y	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Jane Morden Mike Stini (Alt)	Conservationist

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

Resources Present:

Port Alberni Forest Operations (TFLP)

Dave Poilievre – Tsawak-qin Forestry, TFL Forester

Anna Flint –Tsawak-qin Forestry, Planning Administrator, Recorder for TPAG

Erin Badesso – Facilitator

Guests

Will Sloan - WFP Certification & EMS Manager

Jonathan Flintoff - WFP Certification & EMS Manager

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order @ 6:00pm.
- Review of agenda.
- Minutes from November 9th, 2023, meeting adopted (Motion by Stefan, seconded by Mike Sparrow).

Introduction – Erin Badesso

- Recognition: 20-year anniversary for Roc Star, a million safety hours
- Will Sloan is retiring at the end of 2024, Jonathan Flintoff is taking over
- Jonathan worked in Port Alberni on TFL44 in 1998-2006
- Previous meeting minutes were adopted
- RRZ definition -area of riparian forest extending out from the edge of the high-water mark
- RMA definition -area of riparian forest comprised of the RRZ and RMZ.
- RMZ definition –area of riparian forest extending out from the edge of the RRZ or from the high-water mark where there is no RRZ.

Tsawak-qin Operational Update – Dave Poilievre

- Slow start for harvesting and road building due to inventory and taking longer to get cutting permits approved, First Nations influence as well
- DP met with 4 nations with Maryna Rayner and Kindry Mercer to discuss IRMP's with them.
- TFLP has a HIRMP with Huu-ay-aht, but the plan is to add 4 other nations for a TFL44 wide IRMP
- Silverside is by useless inlet
- APD update- DP requested an update but the information was nondisclosed. There's a deal ongoing deal but unsure who with. Details TBD

2024 Tsawak-qin External CSA Audit Results – Will Sloan

- Audit was supposed to happen in May or June but due to heat shut down and Cameron Lake fire the audit was held in September
- Report was finalized over Christmas Break
- 5 operations covered by CSA certificate, Englewood, and Port Alberni operations are under same report
- Overall good outcome- TFLP had no non-compliances or non-conformances.
- 1 corporate issue found- CSA requirement is to make audit results, SFMP's and other details public. Which means it is required that all operations have a working website. It was a company wide issue that most operations have websites that

were out of date or weren't working at all. Action plan- to work with communications team to post all information on the WFP site in meantime but will eventually get a team together to create a site and get groups to say what they would like to see on the sites.

Opportunities for Improvement

- SFMP for TFLP, had a note that general public concerns could be added to the list of sources for the indicator results as the current sources are largely geared towards the TPAG process
- Issue for Net Carbon Update indicator- questioned source material- Forester will be reviewing process and seeing if accurate and up to date
- Stream cleaning in China Creek was suggested (\$6)

Good Management Practices

- Good feedback on our satisfaction survey
- Strong engagement with First Nations groups
- Mount Sicker performance- well trained, good awareness and well spoken
- Proactive riparian protection
- TFLP has 5 weather stations to report fire weather and rainfall
- Banding cedar trees- putting band around tree for when it falls it holds it together, so tree doesn't lose value – positive when replanting as well leaves more land
- Guardian program had a lot of praise- 2 guardians that are Huu-ay-aht members who drive around the land base and reporting back on illegal activity, snow levels, replace delineators and signs, potential danger trees, road hazards, road inspections and PHARM (Post Harvest Appraisal Reconciliation Model)
- A guardian passed logging course in North Island and was top of the class-Harry Brossault
- Quality of internal auditing was praised

Other

- Audit scope includes paperwork, records, pre works (info provided to crew before projects), Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP), interview crew members, etc and pull together a report
- Noncompliance is something illegal- government findings
- Non-conformance- met all legal requirements but haven't met all CSA requirements
- The corrective and preventative actions for the 2023 external audit findings were submitted to PwC and will be reviewed by them for effectiveness at the 2024 external audit."
- PEFC is the old CSA standard

PEFC (CSA) Standard Update – Will Sloan

- Revised standard sent out by email; it is a follow up on the presentation Will gave in 2022
- PEFC=Program for Endorsement Forest Certification
- Will is on the board on directors
- Canadian forest certification system was submitted September 2023
- Chris Harvey, Will Sloan, Michael Alexander and Sylvi Holmsen be on the PEFC committee
- Established in 2009
- WFP has CSA certification and SFI certification but not overlapping, dual doesn't exist

- CSA standard began revision in Dec 2020- then it went on pause due to Covid. Started back in up 2022 with a public announcement. Public reviews (60-day period) began in April 2023 and the formal vote to confirm was in Sept 2023.
- Endorsement is in there because of Europeans
- Big changes were the definitions, Aboriginal to Indigenous, terms of reference have been reduced and info is now in the annexes, only need to discuss indicators that group wants to hear about as well as ones that weren't met, audit summaries are required to be public, mandatory discussions must be discussed at least once in the 5-year cycle, multi site certification request
- Carbon uptake indicator will remain the same
- SFI's are used in areas where we cannot get public advisory groups
- Beneficial group feedback is to make sure they're not alienating people, but they are in a time crunch to get new standard out before old one expires so no big changes can be done
- PEFC website will be sent out to the group to review website, documents and webinar and there is also a feedback portal
- Will be back to bring John here to proper introductions and farewells

TPAG Satisfaction Survey – Erin Badesso

- Reminder to fill out surveys either online or at the meeting

Conclusion and Announcement - Dave Poilievre

- TPAG was specifically mentioned at the Kelowna Forestry Conference

Next meeting – April 11th, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

TPAG Action Items

#	ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS	Date of request	Recommend Completion	Completion Date	Person Responsible
12	Group to review 5.2.3. Dave to add another variance and will be reviewed at next meeting.	November 9 th , 2023.	February 8 th , 2023		Dave Poilievre
13	Dave to get Brian Marcus to discuss FSP, FLP and FOM at next meeting.	February 8 th , 2024	April 11 th , 2024		Dave Poilievre
14	John Douglas requested at the November 9 meeting that the TOR be adjusted to detail further explanation as to when "in camera" would be used.	February 8 th , 2024	April 11 th , 2024		Dave Poilievre
15	Erin will be sending out the audit results (discussed) and the links on how to provide comments to the PEFC Canada Standard by February 9 (going out shortly).	February 8 th , 2024	April 11 th , 2024		Erin Badesso
16	To send out and compiling the Satisfaction Survey (by next meeting).	February 9 th , 2024	April 11 th , 2024		Erin Badesso