

**Tsawak-qin Forestry Public Advisory Group**

Location: ACRD Boardroom

**Minutes – April 11, 2024**

**Advisory Group Members**

<b>Y</b>	Harold Carlson	Forest Recreation		Bill Coates	Logging and Roads Contractor
<b>Y</b>	Judy Carlson	Naturalists		Jim Proteau (alt) Rony Mazumder	Forests, Lands Natural Resources Operations
<b>Y</b>	Stefan Ochman	Bamfield Road Safety Association		Solomon Schachner	General Interest
<b>R</b>	Mike Sparrow	Alberni Clayoquot Regional District	<b>Y</b>	Brigitte Arndt	AV Hill Climbers
<b>Y</b> <b>R</b>	Francois Warren Scott Lemkay	Small Business	<b>R</b>	John Douglas	City of Port Alberni (Counsellors)
<b>Y</b>	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 Regrets  
Anna Flint –Tsawak-qin Forestry, Planning Administrator, Recorder for TPAG  
Erin Badesso – Facilitator

### **Guests**

Brian Marcus – Tsawak-qin Forestry, Silviculture Forester  
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 February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting adopted

#### **Introduction – Erin Badesso**

- Safety update – First Aid etc.
- Action item update

#### **Tsawak-qin Operational Update – Brian Marcus**

- Operating in Silverside – only area that needs boat to access currently
- Building road in Henderson
- Planting has started with contractor Sitka Silviculture
- Less harvesting so far in 2024– partially for market and partially due to cutting permits not being issued

#### **PEFC Update – Will Sloan**

- Will was on a call this morning with member from Hungary to go through new endorsements
- Recommendation is that new standard will be done hopefully by September
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party going through standard
- If there are concerns, they are to be allowed to be given until the end of the year
- 1 year transition period
- Will Sloan will have more information at next visit this November
- TBD when standard out
- European deforestation regulation update in November
- Will is retiring at the end of 2024, he and Jonathan will be doing at introductions at every operation to give him a proper send off/transition

#### **Tethered Harvesting Presentation and His Bio – Jonathan Flintoff**

- He worked on TFL44 for 6 years, came onto WFP in 2006 and transferred to Port McNeill – during the transition to combined Weyerhaeuser with WFP in Port McNeill
- Ran public advisory group in Port McNeill

#### **Presentation**

- Developed in New Zealand to overcome challenged harvesting on steep slopes

- 2010 is when it got started, was used on the northern island in 2015
- Safety is the main cause of function, danger trees and windfall cause many hazards
- Environment is another cause, machines cause erosion with rain etc., with having traction assist it helps with less spinning on ground
- Can be used for 35-65% slope
- Enhances quality in volume recovery
- Need a minimum volume to make sure this process works efficiently
- The equipment winch plays a large part in this process, needs a good trail and place to set up, road at top of block for winch placement
- Brian Marcus identified that tethered falling has been used once so far in TFL44 Thomas – some minor soil disturbance, wouldn't want in wet areas, need to analyze the site to see if it is the best plan
- Another idea is to attach a winch to a hoe chucker rather than using a grapple yarder
- Images were shown of the machinery for a better idea of what these processes entail
- Road building equipment was modified to be a winch
- 0 accidents so far

#### **Forest Operations Map – Brian Marcus**

- FOM is acronym
- Came into affect April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Website is [www.tfl44lp.com](http://www.tfl44lp.com) to see FOMs - under forest stewardship plan tab
- Before applying for a cutting permit or road permit a FOM must be posted on gov site
- A map of approx. area of harvesting/road building (any area being permitted) is posted onto the Alberni Valley News for 30 days and posted onto the TFL44 website to receive comments
- Questions received from TPAG included: licences to which FOM applies; definition of "public" in the legislation; does the company need to adopt all comments received; can the District Manager deny an application based on un-addressed comments received from the public; how many roads/cutblocks can be included in a FOM; in what newspaper(s) do FOMs need to be advertised; does the public see a report on the comments received; does the record of the FOM vanish after 30 day
- Applies to all tenures with a Forest Stewardship Plan including woodlots
- Idea to send notice out to PAG members to be notified when a FOM is posted
- Comments can be made by public on a FOM for 30 days
- Licensees are not obligated to incorporate all public comments received, but all must be taken into consideration
- Option to email comments, send by mail or can make an appointment to come to office and say comments in person
- This will include an overview map of everything included on a FOM then smaller individual maps with more detail
- Must create a report for government with proof of being in a local paper, map, and descriptions of comments
- Government may refuse to issue a road or cutting permit based on significant comments received.

- Important to use number on the map for the cutblock or road to use to specifically comment on it
- A FOM has a 3-year period to be harvested or to build the road or else a new FOM is required
- No limit to how many blocks or roads in a FOM
- Brian to send PowerPoint to group so they can have access to info and links (action item)
- Due to low turn out, show presentation again for awareness and Brian can give update on comments at a later meeting once there have been more FOMs posted
- Plan to have first FOM out next week
- After 30 days, FOM will be taken off and won't be able to view

#### **TPAG Satisfaction Survey 2023 – Erin Badesso**

- 10 respondents
- Tied to indicator 6.1.1 – numerical score, and they all have a value to come out with a final number
- Value 1.45 which means on average means TPAG is satisfied-very satisfied with the process
- A slightly better satisfaction score than in 2022
- A member commented that they would like a fisheries rep
- Encouragement to keep participating in the survey so the process can continue to improve

#### **Conclusion and Announcement**

- Anna's last meeting, moving to Haida Gwaii

#### **Next meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

**TPAG Action Items**

<b>#</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM AND PROGRESS</b>	<b>Date of request</b>	<b>Recommend Completion</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
12	Group to review 5.2.3. Dave to add another variance and will be reviewed at next meeting.	November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.	February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		Dave Poilievre
13	Dave to get Brian Marcus to discuss FSP, FLP and FOM at next meeting.	February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11, 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 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11, 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 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 9, 2024	Erin Badesso
16	To send out and compiling the Satisfaction Survey (by next meeting).	February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	April 11, 2024	Erin Badesso
17	Brian to send PowerPoint to group so they can have access to info and links	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		Brian Marcus