

Minutes
Okanagan Sustainable Forest Management Plan
Public Advisory Group Meeting
Tolko Kelowna Boardroom
November 5, 2009 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Attendees:

Richard Toperczer	Keith Boulter	Paul Ross
Randy Hardy	Kerry Rouck	Pat Salm
Mike Watkins	Dave Gill	Rob Kennett
Scott Smith	Patti Hansen	Ed Sims
Renee Clark	Grant Thompson	
Mark Hopkins (Facilitator)		

The intent of this special meeting of the Okanagan PAG group was called to meet the following objectives:

- Allow licencees to commence the process of updating the current Okanagan SFM Plan to the new standard.
- Inform the PAG about the update process and time commitment involved.
- Identify those PAG members willing and able to help in the update process
- Devise an implementation schedule

1.0 Introductions and Agenda Review

Following the self-introduction of the PAG members, the agenda was reviewed, no new additions were noted.

2.0 Update on the state of CSA - SFM Certification in Canada – Pat Salm

Pat provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of SFM certification around the globe, including:

Hectares of SFM certified lands (all systems) by country
Hectares of certified land by SFM system (CSA, SFI, FSC)
Highlights of the changes to the CSA standard, including:

- Mandatory Discussion Items
- Increased Aboriginal consideration
- Required Indicators

3.0 Comparison of Current SFM Plan to the New Standard Requirements

3.1 Mandatory Discussion Items

Pat outlined the new mandatory discussion topics and the “net down” process he used to arrive at a shortened list of topics which have not already been discussed by the PAG over the previous two years. The shortened list will be addressed as the new plan is being developed. Pat also outlined his process of “netting down” the list to reflect only those items which were not addressed over the previous 2 years of PAG Mtg’s. There was general agreement with this approach.

Outlined the Discussion papers developed by the McGill University students and their role in the discussions.

Scott Smith: asked if there was an opportunity to bring in experts in certain fields to aid in the discussion of some topics.

Pat S./Mark H.: yes there is, but need to keep in mind the time constraints on the process.

3.2 Required Indicators:

- Pat outlined the 6 Criteria and new Required Indicators.
- Provided the PAG with a summary of which new Indicators are met, partially met, or not met at all by the existing suite of Indicators.
- Summarized those current Indicators which are surplus to the new requirements.

Scott Smith: Asked if most Plans are changing the number of Indicators or just using the require Core Indicators?

Pat: Generally yes, most are using the core plus a couple from the new “orphan” indicators list (old ones without a home).

4.0 Implementation Plan/ Meeting Schedule

Anticipate approximately 6 full day meetings of the PAG to devise the new plan. Kamloops took a total of 6, including the initial session.

Paul: Is the plan to Report 2010 in 2011 to the new standard?

Pat: Yes, although it may be a portion of 2010 only.

Rob: Ideally new plan completed by March 31st, 2010 as this is the end of the funding year.

In order to meet the March 31st timeframe need to start soon and meet every two weeks or so, allowing for the Christmas break.

Mark: Suggested that we start the afternoon of November 26th, already have the regularly scheduled PAG Meeting on that date.

General Agreement with that approach, subsequent meetings will be on the following Thursdays, alternating between Kelowna and Vernon (in Kelowna on the 26th):

- Nov 26th
- Dec 10th
- Jan 7th
- Jan 21st
- Feb 4th
- Feb 18th
- Mar 4th. (if needed)

Given the time commitment, a number of PAG members expressed a desire to attend some, but not all of the meetings, focusing on their areas of interest.

Mark/Pat: Will devise a plan detailing which topics/Indicators will be addressed on which days allowing PAG members to plan their attendance on key issues. This plan will likely have to be adjusted “on the fly”.

