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**North Island – Central Coast District
Forest Management Leadership Team
Meeting #6 - Minutes**

Date: January 19, 2012

Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill

Time: 9:30-4:00 pm (lunch 12-1)

Attending: Jon Flintoft, Andrew Ashford, Kai Sonnenburg, Mike DesRochers, Ione Brown, Scott Mitchell, Jennifer Barolet, Dave Mackay, Mike Wedel, Vadim Stavrakov, Kathy DesRochers, Cyndy Grant, David Flegel (by video), Ryan Clark (by phone), Tom Cole (by phone)

Guests: Kerry McGourlick, Gord Glover, Ed Korpela, Dorte Jakobsen

1. Welcome/Housekeeping – Jon (Chair)
 - Safety
 - Introductions
 - Review of Sept meeting – minutes accepted

2. NICC Unused Volume Strategy – Andrew

Andrew outlined Provincial and Coastal Unused Volume disposition strategy (see handouts, previously sent). This conversation regarding disposition of unused volume is taking place at district FMLT tables; some districts may be able to offer some undercut tenures at this time; some may postpone that conversation. Andrew reviewed unused volume by management unit. In MidCoast, there are 185,000 m³ of unused volume. The unused volume offered to CFN in the amount of ~400,000 m³ (CFN + NCH). MidCoast re-charting is on-going; Andrew gave an update. One FN has requested a review of the re-charting process/history. Rory Annett has granted that request, given that no licensee is negatively impacted by taking more time to facilitate greater understanding.

Operating area for volume offered in FRAs, FRO's, the Nanwakolas and CFN protocol, (both replaceable and under harvested) volume is on-going. David outlined Nanwakolas volume to be distributed; the Protocols can be found at:

Nanwakolas: see attached.

Coastal First Nations (see schedule D):

http://www.newrelationship.gov.bc.ca/shared/downloads/Haisla_Amending_Agreement_Nov2011_signed.pdf

Once these obligations are met, the district can consider disposition of un-harvested volume.

To determine the specific area and profile that has been under-harvested, look at scale returns.

There was some table discussion as to whether to dispose of Kingcome Valley deciduous volume. Dzawada'enuxw may be interested in that unused volume. District will present undercut figures (tenured, not-tenured, committed, available) at next FMLT for all management units (including TFL 25 blk 5, TFL 37), as well as update on MidCoast re-charting.

3. EBM update –Dorthe Jakobsen (Section Head, Resource Initiatives, FLNRO) by phone
See attached powerpoint.

Public input on 2014 LUO amendment will be through consultation with Regional Districts and First Nations.

Regarding pending changes to Grizzly bear schedules, licensees should be using new GB polygons. Final authority is digital dataset. SLRD is dynamic – operations will inform update cycle.

Will current minor revisions to the LUO necessitate FSP amendments? No, the upcoming amendment will be to amend the GB schedule and fix grammatical and clarification issues.

The 2014 amendment will be a major revision. Licensees are currently discussing operational challenges that may require changes to LUO. Environmental groups have different interpretation of ecological integrity objectives. This needs to balance with human well-being. The technical review committee of JSP is discussing this topic.

Does it make sense to hold off on establishing hard reserves, SLR prior to completion of TEM, etc? Deputy Ministers made a commitment to have this completed by 2014.

Marine component of Conservancies in Conservancy Management plans may have impacts on log handling. Dorthe will forward link so group can review drafts. David Flegel is going to check on PNCIMA process.

4. OIF Update/Messages – Kerry McGourlick (Chief Forester WFP, OIF CoChair)
 - See attached letter from OIF co-chairs supporting local FMLTs.
 - This FMLT has been recognised at Provincial OIF for leadership in First Nations consultation.
 - Public Interest Evaluation Project is underway – to gauge the impacts, decisions made. Resourcing the project is challenging. Interested in knowing the local challenges.
 - Keep in mind that FMLT is meant to be advancing professional reliance.
5. Fire Management Planning – Ed Korpela (Fire Management Specialist, FLNRO)
See attached powerpoint.
6. First Nations consultation update – Kathy DesRochers (Consultation Coordinator, NICC)

Coastal First Nations (CFN) agreement implementation phase challenges: engagement level interpretation, log handling strategic conversation, requirement to consult on CP & RP regardless of info sharing conducted by licensees (consultation is only triggered when application is received). Very few decisions have had FN engagement. Licensees are encouraged to submit permits as early as possible. Where information sharing has been conducted we've been suggesting level 1 engagement. Kathy will be going into FN communities to work through the interpretation issues. Kathy and David are sitting on working group to operationalize the CFN protocol – has it's own difficulties working on guidebook, scheduling meetings, etc. Not all FN in CFN are adding additional process.

Nanwakolas Clearing House (NCH) is working well. NCH have hired additional referral forester. Kwakuitl have new leader and referral coordinator (Chrissy Chen). Kwakuitl opted out of NCH SEA – direct engagement. We are no longer aware of KFN boundary (it has not been updated since KFN have pulled out) – still have to refer to NCH.

For other nations, First Nations Consultation and Revenue Sharing agreements are being signed. We're following the Provincial Guidelines. No Tenure Opportunity Agreements have been negotiated yet.

Nanwakolas Reconciliation Protocol bestows additional benefits. Kwakuitl are not signatory.

7. FMLT Workplan Priorities

The group reviewed the initial list and added new issues.

- Alder Management (quota available; silviculture) Consider district-wide strategy. Silviculture - CRIT silviculture sub-group presentation on alder management. TSR modelling. Working group: Scott, Kai, Jon, Paul B., Mike D.
- Landscape level biodiversity. There is a gap where LUs are shared among licensees where not all licensees belong to CFN. Consider FMLT paper speaking to SLRD – Working Group: Ione, Andrew, Bob Craven.
- TSR Rationale (Kingcome & Mid Coast) – explore the Chief Forester's recommendations and work on implementation – eg: - Second Growth Management – Kingcome TSA TSR recommended on-going tracking. Working group: Scott, Dave, Jen
- First Nations info sharing, consultation, accommodation – work on making info sharing meaningful and consistent. Concern with current protocols; this group may want to provide recommendations to government for other agreements being negotiated. Consider as standing agenda item. Kathy D is going into CFN communities and hopes to have common interpretation of engagement framework and expectations of licensees for successful info sharing. **All – next meeting there will be a round table – come prepared with info-sharing examples, recent experience with CFN, NCH and others, including recommendations (successful strategies). Business vs info sharing conversation.**
- Landscape Level Planning – Total Chance Planning – tie into TSR discussion.

- Communication – Drop as topic.
- Revisit Section 7 notices with respect to IWMS. 200+ WHA proposals – IWMS 1% cap. 1% budget interpretation: 1% is guidance; the objective is to provide habitat certainty. Bring forward.
- District FSP – not currently a priority. Revisit when MidCoast recharting is completed.
- Marine Planning – PNCIMA and BMTA/Conservancy Management Plans have implications for this group. David will report back at next FMLT.
- Silviculture, RESULTS tracking - Mike has included the RESULTS FPB report. This group could provide guidance for professionals – Bring forward to next meeting- have FPB speaker.
- Informing LBIS – how can FMLT influence LBIS priorities - have a speaker next meeting - Paul Barolet?

8. 2012 Field Trip – Jon

Target April or May.

Field: Alder plant – WFP

RESULTS – what’s meaningful to report? Should we be reporting everything?

Office session: FN consultation.

9. Neucel Bio-solids – David Flegel

Celgrow representative has been brought in to help Neucel dispose of bio-solids (2 trucks per day of primary & secondary bi-products from pulp mill) – Celgrow would work with MOE on permits required. Celgrow sells to agriculture sector. Hoping that forest sector in North Island could provide some opportunity to get rid of bio-solids. If you would like to explore this possibility, please contact:

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Celgrow Soil Amendments

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10. Working Group Progress Reports.

Salvage – bring forward. Tom is working on a paper and will share it with the group in 2012.

Waste & Residue – Dave and Vadim wrote report. See attached. Send comments to Dave for revision by next FMLT. Mike Wedel recommended calibrating with field data to be able to use ocular estimates.

Ocular Assessments Guidance – Mike DesRochers didn’t find any published data. Aerial/remote sensing resolution does not meet standards. There was an Ocular Assessment workshop held in Ontario in 2006; there was no clear guidance. Presentations explored calibration, bias, experience. When written products are available from that workshop, Mike will share them. This topic may be suited to all licensee presentation.

Cruising – Scott and Ryszard looked at decay, waste and breakage factors. Darren was involved. Doesn't seem to be ability to influence loss factors policy. Andrew will get policy person to present information on cruising issues at upcoming FMLT meeting.

Log Handling – Jen reported that group hasn't met since last winter. Streamlined application process is underway. Uptake is good. Feedback is welcome. Consider temporary permits for heli-drop zones. Working on streamlining termination, rent reviews. Contract for map notations for Log handling sites is underway. District will be looking into tracking DFO compensation sites as map notations.

Other: FMLT Sharepoint Site. Cyndy will send out link to FMLT sharepoint site & send minutes to Chuck Rowan.

Next Meeting & Field Trip: April/May 2012 (2 days)