

NICCRD Forest Management Leadership Team (FMLT) Meeting #34 – Minutes

April 13, 2021 9:00 am – noon

Conference Call via MS Teams

Attendees: Andrew Ashford (Co-Chair), Jon Flintoft (Co-Chair), Christina Mardell, Ione Brown, Charlotte Mellstrom, Jenn Peschke, Gary Gallinger, Robert Zeigler, Megan Hanacek (joined after 10am), Kim Lefebvre (joined 10-11am), Jon Lok, Emmarie Leeson, Amy Beetham (facilitator)

Regrets: Cyndy Grant, Tyson Berkenstock, Mike DesRochers, Kai Sonnenburg

Guests: Sally Cargill, Charles Short

1. Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement & Agenda Review

Andrew welcomed everyone to the 34th meeting of the FMLT and reviewed the agenda.

2. Adopt January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes and Review FMLT Action Items

[https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DNI/external/!publish/FMLT Information/Meetings/Meeting 33 January%202021%20FMLT%20Minutes.pdf](https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DNI/external/!publish/FMLT%20Information/Meetings/Meeting%2033%20January%202021%20FMLT%20Minutes.pdf)

Minutes were circulated January 18, 2021. No comments were received.

There are no outstanding action items. The minutes are adopted.

3. Coast Operational Issues Forum (OIF) Update – Andrew

- most recent meeting was held March 4th as a half day virtual meeting

- Licences of Occupation, specifically log handling: three Vancouver Island districts have been working on a guidance document to guide licensees and this work is just about ready to put out broadly; do not expect big changes here locally (we have pretty much adopted the principles that will be in the guidance document).

- Forest Operations Map (FOM) - presentation from Julius Huhs, Office of the Chief Forester: some pieces of the Bill 21 Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) regulations like this one are expected to proceed; there is a requirement to advertise the approximate location of cutblocks and roads, collect comments received, and submit this with your cutting permit or road permit application; expect a transition period; anyone with a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) will require a FOM; application incomplete without the FOM piece done; newspaper advertising is likely, and some were concerned that this is an outdated mode compared to a web platform; you can have an infinite number of FOMs, not just annual; there is no limit to the number of blocks; cannot amend FOM, so will need to readvertise if there are changes required; needs to be at an appropriate scale; discussion about how consistency between approximate location in the FOM will be interpreted by government in terms of final block configuration – there is no guidance being developed for this; there is no dispute resolution process as FOMs are not approved

- Old Growth Report Implementation: we are still awaiting direction from government; in the meantime, provincial staff are getting information ready, and old growth variants inventory analysis is being undertaken; there was a question about whether there is an explicit socio-economic analysis being done – we do not know; old growth variants below 10% representation may be considered likely

targets for deferral consideration; not much to report currently and we are preparing information for government while awaiting further direction

-Cost Driver Initiatives: \$30 in 3 months process is deemed concluded and some of the projects and working groups are continuing (i.e. changes to the Fibre Recovery Zone)

-Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP) – presentation by Leah Malkinson: 17 years of FREP data has been collected, reviewed the webpage and FREP Extension Note #39 (see link below) which highlighted consistent impact on S6 and S3/S4 streams and the need for a greater management emphasis; just over 40% were not properly functioning; this is something to reflect on in terms of your own operations https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/frep/extension-notes/frep_extension_note_39.pdf

-PHARM – presentation from Al Rudson: came into being in 2019; adds second appraisal post-harvest; Industry-Ministry subcommittee has been formed ; in 2020 received 12-13 post-harvest appraisals and in 2021 only 7 post-harvest appraisals have been submitted so far – so not a lot of coastal experience to date; licensees say there is a horrific amount of work to complete these post harvest appraisals

-Bill 21 – presentation from Stuart Glen, Western Forest products: piloting the move from FSPs to Forest Landscape Plans; coastal pilots in TFL37 and Sunshine Coast; TFL37 pilot is underway with the participation of 'Namgis First Nation

-Landfill Issue – raised by Les Kiss: debris management for log dumps and log sorts; thought the Code of Practice had resolved this but in the last year Ministry of Environment has been looking at these sites and rescinding permits; new sites have clarity, but the issue relates to sites done under the Code of Practice; many of these sites have complementary SUPs to support these

Action Item: Would like to explore what is out of sync here in terms of wood waste debris management, so all FMLT members please let Andrew know about any issues you are aware of personally, or that you can share from within your organization related to this issue, by August 31, 2021.

Discussion:

Robert: not specific to OIF but was wondering about the Intentions Paper mentioned at the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) convention?

Andrew: based on information from the public domain, it was interesting to hear the Premier and Minister talk about a Policy Intentions Paper; heard two key messages: forestry has been historically important in BC and will continue to be so and they will put out an intentions paper soon; Some of the things I heard from the Premier's COFI speech included: important to encourage fibre access and business to business opportunities with First Nations; sharing of tenure and fibre and the province may step in; opportunity to work with First Nation partners; BC Timber Sales will continue their work supporting the market pricing system; an intentions paper will be out in a few weeks

Gary: related to FREP and streams at risk, I assumed it would be S4s rather than S3 streams?

Andrew: wrote down that there were more impacts with S3 streams, but the paper would be the best source of information for everyone to look at; broad agreement from the FMLT that we should we ask Leah to present this topic to the FMLT

4. What's going on out there? What is keeping you up at night? Around the table discussion of top of mind issues/interests.

-Andrew: new forest policy changes announced at COFI last week and the intentions paper; the public debate on old growth management, and debate is healthy, but the misinformation circulating bothers me as I like informed debate and decision-making; *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* has set expectations and still find a gap between expectations and the implementation tools available, which adds to tensions at an operational level

-Irene: chart position with the impending timber supply review and with reconciliation so think this could become a concern for smaller licensees; old growth continues to be on my radar; goshawk and wanting more communication with the regional biologists, it has been too quiet; forest landscape planning and what it will look like and wondering who is paying for it and who will do all the work; protests and misinformation, and outcome from the timber supply review; excited about opportunities to do better and greater things

-Paul: FSPs and streams are always topical, don't want to open any can of worms today; feels like there is a lot of weight on everyone's shoulders right now

-Amy: the Premier's recent statements in the media, where he referred to a seismic shift and a paradigm shift in response to questions on old growth, as well as the message of significant tenures changes relayed at the recent COFI convention; I was around for the last tenure takeback process and know that any paradigm shift could mean big changes as well as being a lot of work to enact so I am looking forward to the release of the intentions paper in a few weeks; concerned about the capacity for people to enact change during a pandemic, some recent data collected suggests that people are 50% less able to adapt to change as a result of the pandemic situation reducing their natural resilience

-Charlotte: forest landscape planning is very interesting and what it will look like and how it will replace an FSP and looking forward to seeing how it all develops; echo the concerns about work and trying to find qualified people to come to the north island to do the work; we are asking a lot of our professionals and will be asking more of them moving forward; interesting to see if the people are even out there to hire

-Emmarie: public perceptions and the protesting of old growth logging; lately noticing a lot of misinformation and the amplified speed of spread of this misinformation in various media; concerned about these protests being done in the names of First Nation communities and this is troubling to see; need to make sure we are engaging properly with First Nations; hiring people

-Gary: two topics causing gas for me include the government not moving forward on old growth - and there was a lot of good stuff that came out of the old growth review - and fire initiated stands and the old growth management areas there do not make a lot of sense for natural disturbance type (NDT) 3 and NDT4; should move to aspatial and try to maintain stand structural attributes and not just old growth; Fairy Creek-related Resource Works presentation that shows the planned harvesting is out of the watershed; other day saw on CHEK news an interview with the environmental figure head with very little factual information, while something that gives you information is not meeting the 15 second sound bite; doesn't think government has gotten the message as he was analyzing a marginal licence offered to a First Nation and government staff didn't know what was there and were hoping for 50,000 m³ and there was a marginal 8,000 m³ when analyzed; why are we being given the dregs rather than the profile when working with First Nations; does government want a true partner or not with

First Nations? Note: Gary confirmed this had not occurred within the North Island – Central Coast Forest District

-Jenn: these times can be a little overwhelming; workload and uncertainty with protesters and policy change; so much change and the concern about the amount of professionals available to do the work - they are valuable; old growth summary of Vancouver Island from a previous meeting, where did that work go? Andrew: it exists, but there is reluctance to put it out until the government has given their old growth direction

-Jon F: always an optimist and the transformational change is exciting; doing simple things can unload stress; being able to pivot and address change with pending policy change from government and within his own organization; retaining and recruiting staff

-Christina: there is a huge divide about who knows what about different changes coming and enacted; worried the changes are coming out piecemeal and keeping up-to-date on current changes is challenging; as a professional, how to plan and manage and show to the public that you know what you are doing; the legislative and policy changes do not seem coordinated and there are parallel processes that should inform each other; awkward to learn information from media rather than the association or through your workplace

-Jon L: agree with the group there are so many changes; 'Namgis Nation became owners of the Atli Chip Plant in partnership with others; about a month ago we lost a local colleague and a big part of the industry up here and we will miss him

-Robert: more of a pessimist than an optimist; I am thinking about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and how exactly is that rolling out and a lot of uncertainty and differing expectation levels; COFI convention with an introduction from a Regional Chief speaking to free, prior and informed consent, when new policy rolls out it should be supported with information; old growth and where is it all going to lead, lots of misinformation out there; is this about old growth or is it about big trees; someone needs to make a decision on old growth so we can all move forward

Comments:

Gary: the thing around planning and planners is going to be challenging; everyone is having a tough time finding planners, and government has also lost planning expertise

Andrew: noted that he agrees the talent pool has to be developed and succession planning for the next wave of planners; Forest Landscape Plans are a tactical level plan and it is the same skill set, and will need to be done in collaboration with First Nations and in negotiation with other stakeholders; looking for a blend of skill sets and one reason we volunteered for a pilot locally was so we could begin to develop these skill sets locally ourselves

5. Marine Planning Update for Northern Vancouver Island and the Central Coast – Sally Cargill, Marine Planning Specialist, and Charles Short, Executive Director FLNRORD

-presentation: Marine Planning Initiatives - Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) and Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network Planning in the Northern Shelf Bioregion

-our team works within provincial jurisdiction

MaPP:

- co-led process between the BC government and 17 Coastal First Nations; timeline began in November 2011; May 2015 four sub-regional plans signed; 2016 – subregional implementation agreements
- Mapp outcomes to be achieved over 20 years with workplans and budgets developed annually; governance is provided by the province and First Nations; Forestry Representatives: Warren Warttig, BCTS: Christina Mardell, Bharat Adhikari, Mike Viveiros
- Regional Implementation Priorities: planning, climate change assessment, ecosystem-based management indicator monitoring, plan performance monitoring, etc.
- spatial marine zoning and recommended uses and activities; aspatial vision, goals, objectives, and strategies
- sub-regional activities include: youth engagement, cumulative effects monitoring, etc.
- for more information visit: www.mappocean.org

MPA:

- focus of current work is to develop a regional network of marine protected areas under guidance of the Canada-BC strategy
- primary goal is to protect marine biodiversity; secondary goals to protect First Nations traditional use and cultural heritage, and contribute to social, community and economic certainty and stability
- ecological features, human uses, areas important to First Nations
- draft network scenarios released in February 2019 and feedback was sought by January 2020; currently engaging with First Nations who are not part of the collaborative planning process
- 5 advisory committees with marine sector representatives, local governments, local community members
- a series of open houses will be hosted in fall 2021
- governance partners reviewed sector feedback and revisions to boundaries and management measures made; developing next draft for fall public engagement
- detailed socio-economic analysis of potential benefits and impacts will be conducted
- the end point of the planning phase is an Action Plan that will guide implementation of the Network
- for more information visit: www.mpanetwork.ca

Linkages to Other Initiatives (Salish Sea Marine Spatial Planning, Oceans Protection Plan, Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA), Provincial Coastal Marine Strategy) – Charles Short:

- Salish Sea Marine Spatial Planning: province working on agreement on how to work as a partner with the Federal Government Department of Fisheries and Oceans; this includes figuring out key outcomes and deliverables of the initiative; initiating discussions with First Nations
- Ocean Protection Plan: Transport Canada-led initiative with a focus on safety and preparedness related to shipping given port expansions; Province is leveraging existing committees and mechanisms to streamline engagement; very focussed on shipping -related measures
- PNCIMA: another large-scale federal initiative which led the way for MaPP; overarching framework so no focussed delivery except through MaPP
- Provincial Coastal Marine Strategy: new mandate commitment from the provincial government this year to have an overarching marine plan for the province; Minister Cullen is leading the strategy;

figuring out what government wants to do and what their direction is; marine accountabilities are spread across government; articulated vision for the province; big coast lines and need to reflect what the people of British Columbia want; expect more over the next few months, need to know what government is thinking first; need adequate people to do the work

Questions / Discussion:

Gary: Tula Foundation and Hakai Institute – do you do any work with these groups?; they map kelp forests

Sally: yes, working with Hakai Institute on the kelp project because this is one of our indicators

Andrew: it is sometimes difficult to understand the interjurisdictional space between the federal government and province, where would I send someone who asks about what is going on in terms of marine planning? Sally: we have provincial sites that speak to marine planning, MaPP and MPA network are a good place to start

Andrew: Is there somewhere to look and see the full range of marine initiatives?

Charles: we get this question a lot and it is difficult to answer; will send Andrew some useful work from West Coast Law one-pager and some information developed for Deputy Ministers; it gets really interesting around the big major projects that include port expansions and developments

<https://www.wcel.org/ocean-and-coastal-jurisdiction>

Christina: The MPA stage we are in right now is Phase 2 and there is a very limited time to comment on the shapes that will then be available for public review in the fall and for socio-economic analysis; Warren is hoping to follow-up with Western Forest Products and International Forest Products; please engage with Warren as these shapes are not publicly available; Tyson Berkenstock is the alternate for Warren in the Central Coast

6. Public Engagement - All

A discussion of ideas to engage and inform the public on forestry topics through local or social media. Come prepared to share positive examples, new ideas, cautionary tales, and real or perceived barriers.

Andrew: How do we engage the public on forestry? Would like to put Megan on the spot in terms of public engagement on forestry in Port McNeill?

Ione: There was a conversation after the last FMLT about how to counteract misinformation in the public regime; about a decade ago a group of us wrote forestry articles as a way to engage the public; - Ione is looking at writing an article; Andrew shared out the 52 topics we did as part of the Forestry Capital work; the articles still seem relevant; getting it out to the media such as the North Island Gazette (might get picked up and posted/shared).

Andrew: seems to be a lot of success on social media for the environmental non-government organization (ENGO) message; do we as foresters have the skill set to engage on social media?; do we need to consider using it too?

Megan: interested in us getting some messages out there around the complexity of issues which don't fit nicely into a 30 second sound bite; was thinking recently why we don't hear the voice of the forest

professional on these issues; these are big issues and we are involved; we haven't done a good job explaining to the public about ecosystem-based management, so looking at a piece of private land in Port McNeill to set up a static display that builds awareness around forest management for both locals and visitors; just in the final stages of that work with a private landowner and providing the guidance along with some other forest professionals in terms of the accuracy of the image presented; there is a missing voice of forest professionals

Andrew: as most of you know, on March 19th there was a forest demonstration at our district office in Port McNeill, which was advertised on social media; some disagreed with the protest; a guy showed up at the office and had a cleansing ceremony on the front steps of the office, there were 5-6 supporters, and had about 12-14 pro-logging demonstrators who showed up; at noon the pro-forestry demonstrators had an energetic discussion related to defending their jobs, lifestyle; there were no forest professionals there; Andrew did not engage as he did not want to be a catalyst; imagine how much more powerful would this discussion have been if it was informed by forest professionals; but is this the forum that professionals want to engage?

Gary: a couple of years ago we had environmentalists doing a tour of the island giving presentations; remember talking to one of these guys about how nervous they were to come into a forestry town; any time we heard a falsehood during the presentation, we gave the public facts; the environmentalists never came back, but had people come up to him that thanked him for the information provided; a lot of times at these forums the general public is interested in information; get to know your local media and engage with them about what you are doing, cultivating this relationship is worth the effort

Megan: there is mistrust of ENGOs and their messages and we can do a much better job bringing facts rather than soundbites; we could start doing incremental acts

Andrew: is there a need for Forestry 101 to provide a baseline?

Ione: this is a good thing to target to schools

Megan: worthwhile presenting to BCIT students, and had experienced a hard time as ABCFP employee as some schools saw them as lobbyists and did not want to welcome these types of presentations

Jon L: the power of story rather than facts provides an emotional response from the public and is less reactionary to the ENGOs; the message is better coming not from big G government or big I industry, but from people first and foremost as a grassroots effort; I feel like we (our profession/industry/sector) seem more likely to react to ENGO initiatives rather than bring our own vision/message to the public space; I also feel that we keep bringing a knife to a gunfight...i.e. we bring 'facts' to an 'emotional discussion'; we might be better served telling our stories...we are the ones working, walking and living in a beautiful and sustainable working forest...nobody can tell that story better than us...and our story is way cooler than just facts

Andrew: agree that it can be awkward for government professionals to engage and deliver this message

Jon F: the public advisory groups have a solid core group of members and the feedback we get is that they appreciate hearing presentations on sustainable forest management and from experts that come in to discuss current topics; has been difficult to run this virtually; this is just another way to reach out; we do an annual field trip as well

Paul: in the 2010 era there were also presentations at the Gatehouse theatre;, there was also the Festival of Forestry with the teachers and this was highly successful; the teachers were completely blown away after 2 days of tromping around, and they were from across the province

Megan: there is a video for the oil and gas sector that could be used as a forestry story template
<https://twitter.com/fairquestions/status/1381792040007069699?s=21>

Jenn: can these ideas be summarized in the meeting notes to help you think about how you could participate? (see below); have to think about how you engage in terms of how you represent your employer as well; acting as an individual versus an employee can be complicated

Idea Summary:

- writing newspaper articles on natural resource / forestry topics
- sharing your expertise and knowledge in many forums consistent with real and perceived limitations based on your own employment situation and conditions; counter misinformation with facts
- sharing your personal story and experiences with others
- supporting Festival of Forestry and other professional development opportunities for teachers
- giving presentations to students (kindergarten-post Secondary)
- sharing your expertise to assist others working to further awareness (example: static display)
- Public Advisory Groups are another opportunity to build local awareness and understanding of forestry
- support opportunities to raise awareness of forestry topics and bring speakers to your community (example: 2010 Forest Capital Gatehouse Theatre speaker series)

North Island Gazette Articles

Forest Capital 2010

Week	Week of:	Subject
1	Jan 4th	Welcome to 2010 Forest Capital
2	Jan 11th	What is a forest professional?
3	Jan 18th	RDMW Forests - an overview
4	Jan 25th	RDMW Forest Industry - an overview
5	Feb 1st	Silviculture - how does the forest grow?
6	Feb 8th	Natural Regeneration
7	Feb 15th	Tree Protectors - what are those cones?
8	Feb 22nd	Tree-planting
9	Mar 1st	Ecosystem Based Management
10	Mar 8th	Forests and Water Management
11	Mar 15th	Forests and Wildlife
12	Mar 22nd	Stand Tending - helping the forest grow
13	Mar 29th	MFR roles and responsibilities
14	Apr 5th	BCTS roles and responsibilities
15	Apr 12th	Forests and visual management
16	Apr 19th	Non-timber forest use
17	Apr 26th	Forest Recreation for Kids
18	May 3rd	Public participation in forestry
19	May 10th	Forest Worker Safety

20	May 17th	Forests and Carbon Sequestering
21	May 24th	Bio Energy and Forest Fuels
22	May 31st	Forest Fire and the North Island
23	June 7th	Forests and Fish -the interconnection
24	June 14th	The AAC & what it means
25	June 21st	Traditional aboriginal uses of the forest
26	June 28th	Current role of First Nations in forestry
27	Jul 5th	Safety Tips - the public in the forest
28	Jul 12th	A unique history - TFL 37's logging railroad
29	Jul 19th	Forest Roads - who uses them?
30	Jul 26th	Forest Certification
31	Aug 2nd	Red Cedar - historic & present importance
32	Aug 9th	Snags - dead trees aren't useless trees
33	Aug 16th	Helicopter logging - where and why
34	Aug 23rd	Alder management - weed or green gold?
35	Aug 30th	Invasive plants
36	Sep 6th	National Forest Week - A celebration!
37	Sep 13th	Smokey the Bear
38	Sep 20th	Logger Sports - A NI Tradition
39	Sep 27th	Waste and Residue - forest utilization?
40	Oct 4th	Pile Burning - what's with all the smoke?
41	Oct 11th	The Biggest Burl in the World?
42	Oct 18th	FRPA - our forest legislation
43	Oct 25th	FSPs - guiding forest management in RDMW
44	Nov 1st	The Tri-Port Community Forest - an update
45	Nov 8th	Woodlots in the RDMW - varied and valued
46	Nov 15th	Where does our RDMW timber go? End uses
47	Nov 22nd	Karst management - not just another black hole
48	Nov 29th	Compliance and enforcement- I&I model
49	Dec 6th	Forest Health and Climate Change
50	Dec 13th	Forests contribution to the community
51	Dec 20th	Forestry Schools - how to make forests a career
52	Dec 27th	Summary of 2010 Forest Capital year & thanks

Action Item: FMLT members interested in participating in Ione's idea to write regular newspaper articles (similar to 2010) please advise Amy by August 31, 2021. Other ideas related to public engagement are also welcome.

7. District Reminders – Andrew

-Small Streams: we have put a lot of conversation into this at FMLT, especially around 2016; I still expect to see a continued focus on small streams that have higher transport capability or connect to fish streams – they require greater management emphasis; in the field we saw that there was an S6 feeding into an S3 and care and attention during planning and operations was great until deactivation – need to remember when planning our operations to maintain that focus and range of considerations and values; we have freedom to manage as professionals around the prescriptions, and we don't want to see this eroded to a more prescriptive approach; we don't want our practices to result in a more regulated environment; any observations from FREP Paul?

Paul: pretty positive season last year and looked at S3 and S4 and nothing failed (not properly functioning); there is a FREP dashboard to see how we are doing provincially for various values and you can query it

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=603880eba0034040810572ca99f7c385>

-Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Replacements: had a group of FSPs approved initially within an 18 month cycle; have another round coming and it would be great if we could receive these submissions 10 months ahead to facilitate the review and First Nations consultation; would also ask that we get a quick turnaround time on licensee response to district review comments (within 60 days or quicker) to help us schedule our workload; if you are thinking about extensions to bridge the gap, we need to consult and that could take 60 or more days so we need to receive these no less than 3 months before they expire so that no gaps are experienced in your operations; when you are information-sharing on your replacement FSP, also information-share on the possible extension of the FSP; with a high volume of FSPs we are speaking to licensees to stagger the schedule to allow for the work to be spread out; district will entertain extensions for short term staggering of work or operational needs, but not for longer terms

Discussion:

Paul: once Bill 21 comes into force, extensions will be limited to 6 months; can still operate on issued CPs if the FSP expires; replacing FSPs are something within our control; don't know how other legislation will trigger FSP amendments

Ione: has been thinking about her client's FSPs and certainty versus the uncertainty of FLPs and is resigned to doing this work

Andrew: expects there will be a longer transition as we move to FLPs as there are 7 management units in our district; absolutely we will need FSPs for at least one more round

Jenn: Tom Hartz with the District of Campbell River has advised licensees to submit 12 months ahead to allow for consultation

8. Next Meeting –

Jon: How is our current virtual format working for members (length, frequency)? We have still been sticking to our regular meeting frequency of three times per year.

Gary: I like the format and think we are going to find this type of forum becomes more common; like that it is not a full day

Jon: like that this meeting fits into the day while allowing you to handle other things while the meeting goes on; perhaps we could add a fourth meeting?

Ione: I like the idea of a fourth meeting; like the format and not needing to travel; leery of a September fieldtrip for now, but perhaps closer to the date this can be assessed

Charlotte: I like the half day format as well, and nice to check-in with everyone else

Jon L: Atli Chip Plant would make a great field trip and it would be timely to discuss utilization and reconciliation

Amy: I appreciate the efficiency of these virtual meetings but also miss and enjoy the social aspects of in-person meetings

Topic suggestions for the next meeting:

- Amy will see if Leah Malkinson is available to do the OIF FREP presentation on streams for our FMLT
- release of the intentions paper may lead to some topics
- field trip unlikely, but will keep it on the radar; Atli Chip Plant visit for field trip

Next Meeting: Thursday September 23rd; 9am -noon

9. Closing and check-in –

Andrew thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting. The comments from the meeting check-in from participants included: great engagement everyone!; it was great; thought the meeting went well; the meeting, support, topics were great as usual and I enjoy the interaction very much; always nice to hear from everyone, great meeting; good; we need swag, an FMLT hat or shirt; good meeting