

# **GAMBIER ISLAND WOODLOTS PUBLIC MEETING**

**West Vancouver**

**July 24, 2014**

## **Themes:**

- Land Use Plan and cumulative effects study
  - Woodlot disposition process
  - Social license
  - Options for a park or conservation area
  - Real Estate values
  - Resource values like:
    - fish
    - riparian
    - biodiversity
    - old growth forests
    - visual quality
    - hiking trails
    - wilderness access for kids camps
  - Operational planning:
    - amount of harvest per year
    - monitoring of woodlot licence operations
    - process before logging will take place
    - groundwater morphology
    - logging practices adjacent to private land
    - attention to extreme weather patterns
    - log handling and booming grounds
  - Woodlot boundary amendment process
  - Economic benefits including tourism
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 7, 2014 11:20 AM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** opposition to woodlots on Gambier

In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

I am very concerned about a lack of public consultation in regards to the proposed woodlots. A mailed notice, much like how I receive my tax notice, would have ensured that we received adequate notification of the proposal and an opportunity to provide input, rather than just receive information from the public information night. Community consultation should be reciprocal in nature, not just the members of the community being forced to receive the information from the ministry.

Additionally, I am very dismayed at the requirement of our committee working on the OCP to have their original OCP rejected as it did not contain forestry use. When local consultation was taken at that time, members of the community gave clear feedback as to their opinions on forestry use, primarily strongly opposed to woodlots and logging, which was included as an addendum to the resubmitted OCP including the requirement of forestry on the plan. The committee worked hard on an OCP for the Gambier community that reflects the community's intentions to preserve the island and capitalize on its recreational uses (so close to the city of Vancouver) and it feels as though a bait and switch has occurred, with the ministry now exploring forestry and woodlots due to its inclusion in the OCP.

2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> 2. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

I would like to be informed as to the other avenues for revenue that the ministry has explored for this crown land. Forestry and woodlots are not the only way to gain revenue from public land. With Gambier being so close to the city of Vancouver, and being visible from our famous Sea to Sky highway where thousands of tourists travel regularly, I would hope that the ministry would have explored further recreational uses for the island. Camping, further camps for children, hiking, canoeing and other recreation businesses could be explored as options to preserving the land while still generating revenue for the province (and keeping the existing members of the Gambier community and current service providers happy).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Woodlots on 1/3 of Gambier island will affect not only the use of old forested areas, but also other businesses that operate on Gambier. Many contractors from the islands and mainland are contracted to help build, maintain, develop and provide services to the island. While woodlotting land technically allows continued access to the land, hiking, camping, biking, walking, and other outdoor recreational sports are certainly not the

the same when recreating in stumpage areas. The community members from Gambier who live near the existing woodlot on Gambier expressed at the community meeting how their personal enjoyment of the island has been negatively affected by the woodlot neighboring their property.

**Public Meeting Feedback**

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Very little worked well. The only positive note that I will add is that the representative from the ministry, the "decision maker" made himself present at the meeting in his efforts to gain a feel of the community input.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

The venue was horrible (lack of parking, no night lighting, small space, poor visibility for presentation). The meetings should have been spaced apart so that those that may be out of town at that time of year would have opportunity to attend a meeting during a different week. Summer months are when Gambier folks are mostly on Gambier and not in the city! If the members from the committee understood the community of Gambier people, they would have recognized the need for better access to the public meetings.

6. Overall Session Rate: How would you rate this meeting?

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**Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 6, 2014 1:28 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gambier woodlots  
**Attachments:** July 2014 questionnaire document from FLNRO--Morgan.doc

My apologies for lateness. This was blocked yesterday. Am forwarding via someone else's email.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca)  
**Cc:**  
**Date:** Tue, 05 Aug 2014 08:09:22 -0700  
**Subject:** Gambier woodlots  
**Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals**

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions).

The current use of the interior of Gambier island by the camps (Latona, Fircom, Artaban, and Elphinstone, plus Sea to Sky Outdoor School) needs to be sustained. Hikers, boaters and residents use the many trails to access Gambier Lake, Lost Lake, Mount Killam and Mount Liddell, and Gambier Creek. To us, the value of the Crown land is why we come to Gambier. Many others feel the same. LEAVE IT ALONE!

2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external!/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> 2. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Why would you propose such a rape for so little return? Surely the recreation values alone outweigh any small return you will get? Less than \$1 million over 15 years!

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I suggest that the Province does a thorough review of the whole of Howe Sound before allotting any land for industrial use?our proximity to Vancouver should be sufficient reason to leave the Sound as a recreation destination for all citizens of BC

Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

**Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 6, 2014 5:53 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Gambier Island Woodlots public feedback

**Importance:** High

Hello,

Please forward to:

- Heather MacKnight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast FLNR
- Emma Neill, Senior Tenures Forester, FLNR
- Brian Kukulies, Land and Resource Planning Officer, FLNR
- Robert van der Zalm, Acting District Manager, Sunshine Coast, FLNR
- Scott Barrett, Manager of Resource Stewardship, FLNR
- Dave Southam, District Manager for Sea-to-Sky

I attended the public information meeting regarding Gambier Island woodlots on Thurs July 24. Thank you for making yourselves available for the public forum.

I am a property owner [REDACTED] on Gambier Island and I would like to reiterate my opposition to these woodlots, both from a personal property owner perspective and from a conservation perspective. I believe if you walked the Gambier Creek watershed you would appreciate the value it has as a unique habitat. We have nick names for frequented spots such as the "Magic Pool" and the "Enchanted Forest." Further, if you spent almost every weekend there in the summer as I do, you would witness the amount of recreational use the Douglas Bay beach sees. The social-cultural value of this area and the hiking trails to Lost Lake and Gambier Lake is hard to quantify, but I believe it to be quite significant. We risk losing those values if the woodlots are allowed to proceed.

I have some questions that were not answered at the public meeting and we were told to address these questions to you and they would be answered. (Robert van der Zalm may be able to answer the wildlife assessment questions.)

- A Recovery Strategy for marbled murrelets was released this spring and it shows modelled critical habitat on Gambier Island within the areas identified to be woodlots, presumably in the "old growth" areas. The target identified in this strategy for habitat retention (i.e., maintaining areas of old growth identified as marbled murrelet habitat) in the Southern Mainland Coast Conservation Region is 85%. Was this taken into account when identifying these areas for woodlots on Gambier Island? If not, what is the process to have the decision revisited based on the 2014 recovery strategy?
- In the illustration of the Competitive Woodlot Disposition Process, it shows that consultation with First Nations have already take place related to these woodlots. Can you please tell me which First Nations and which representative individuals you spoke with?
- There is a significant and sustainable commercial spot prawn fishery that takes place in the seafloor gully that extends from Gambier Creek. Have you explored what impact logging in the Gambier Creek watershed might have on the creek's flow regime and therefore on the prawn habitat, prawn population, and economic value to the fishery? Has DFO been consulted about potential impact to this fishery habitat, or does that come at a later stage in the process?
- If one of the objectives of the woodlot process is to ensure that real estate on Gambier Island maintains its value, how much of a dip in the market value of our lots in the Douglas Bay strata will be tolerated before a review of the process and objectives is triggered?

Thank you in advance for your answers and please keep me informed about this process.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 8:29 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions).

In my opinion, a wise decision around the woodlots needs to pay close attention to values, concerns and questions. If the ministry would have asked us any questions at all they would have known that we were very concerned that this place that we value very highly were to be left in the hands of someone who may or may not (at their discretion so to speak) ruin it for generations of us. Really, the way the ministry has handled this situation to date has been disgraceful. It seems to everyone that I have talked to that is directly affected by this nightmare that the ministry has purposefully excluded the real stakeholders in the "process" if indeed process is a proper term for what you have done. Very deceptive in my view.

2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- 1.) How has the ministry come to the conclusion that logging this particular land is the best use of the land?

Please be specific as I have heard your rhetoric to date about how it helps you meet your quota, and how we had all agreed that it was part of the community plan etc. I think that after the meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> that it would be clear to the ministry that the community is dead set against this initiative. We feel that it would have a much higher value as recreational land even from a monetary standpoint.

- 2.) I understood that the ministry had stated they would actually consult with the community. What is being done in that regard? The meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> was obviously not a consultation meeting as much as we tried to make it such.

- 3.) Has the ministry consulted with their counterparts concerned with tourism? If so, what came out of that consultation and if not would you consider doing so?

- 4.) Premier Clark has been talking a lot about accountability of public sector organizations such as yours and I would appreciate your honest opinion of how you feel your actions in this matter to date would stand up to what she has been saying. To quote here here: "In reviews of public sector organizations since 2011, we have identified opportunities to enhance public sector governance and increase accountability to taxpayers," said Finance Minister Michael de Jong. "These principles will be built into the ongoing business of our public sector organizations to ensure the decisions they make reflect the priorities and values of government and their shareholders — the public." Well, we the public don't feel that you are reflecting our priorities and values in any way with your decisions and actions to date. The very few people who might benefit by this and the very few dollars this venture represents to the public

purse could not possibly outweigh the potential harm of the very many it would negatively impact. So again, how do you honestly feel your decisions and actions to date would stand up to what Premier Clark is trying to bring to bear?

- 5.) Your brochure on Woodlots states that a woodlot should be of high value to the community. You finally got a chance to meet the community on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Our community is the people who own property near the proposed woodlots and the many people who use the lake, creek, trails and beaches. It was said at the meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> that the woodlot proponents were members of our community and that we would be bumping into them at the grocery store. This is certainly not the case in this particular area. How do you feel that these woodlots would be of any value whatsoever to our community.
- 6.) Would the ministry consider allowing our community to manage the woodlots? No one would be better stewards of this precious resource than ourselves. Please don't get me wrong in that we all would greatly prefer not to have this area logged at all but not because we are against logging. In fact, I don't know of more than a couple of people within the community that are against logging. A great concern is that the ministry has no real control once they hand over the land to the proponents. I heard at the meeting all about the tight controls etc. We have an active woodlot on the island already and know firsthand that it is not working for us as much as the woodlot owner would like to believe otherwise. He claims that there have been no complaints but, as was heard at the meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, it has been a huge disruption to the people on that side of the island. We are horrified that what we value so highly be put in the control of someone that may cause the kind of damage that has been going on at the existing woodlot on the island.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Yes, please start this process again and this time please involve the communities affected by this initiative. You might be very surprised at what would transpire. It seems like you purposefully avoided the actual stakeholders to date. We are not idiots and we would be very willing to engage in real consultation. We are determined that we will be heard and look forward to beginning some real cooperation in this important matter.

### Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Well, that would depend on whether or not we were successful in showing the ministry that we are a broad base of very concerned people who are more than a little frustrated with the way this important matter has been managed to date. The fact that it was the first time that we got a chance to be heard on the subject, and that the ministry had set up things in such a way as to limit our input was very disrespectful. That none of the hard questions were answered was annoying.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Never let it get to the point where you are drastically affecting a community without their input and then, near the end of your process, throw in a public information meeting to try to appease them. That will never really work for you. You should have reached out early to the stakeholders and allowed their input rather than purposefully trying to avoid them. If you really want to know how you could do better, just follow your processes and I should think you would be OK. Certainly much better than what you did in this case. Your processes all sound good and seem to have the spirit of what might work ingrained within them.

6. Overall Session Rate: How would you rate this meeting?

1 (poor value) 2 3 4 5 (high value)

Again this would depend on if we had any impact upon you. I think from our side we were astounded at how far this woodlot initiative had gotten without any input from the affected parties.

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**Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 3:56 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Gambier Woodlot Proposal: Meeting feedback

In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions).

A wise decision re the proposed woodlots would understand in detail the current uses of the affected land (hiking, camps, outdoor recreation...), the recent logging that was done and how ugly the area is now, the cumulative effects of other proposed projects, and the huge potential there to maintain and improve the island as it stands without exploiting any resources.

2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> 2. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Can you tell me who will be responsible for the site-specific planning of forest management and the woodlot license plan? Once the plan is agreed upon, who will be responsible for ensuring it is adhere to?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Gambier Island is an important part of Howe Sound, an absolute jewel. Millions have been spent cleaning it up. This project along with others (incinerator, gravel plant, LNG plant) can undo all of this effort. Keeping Howe a paradise has the potential to the south coast as Staley Park has to Vancouver.

**Public Meeting Feedback**

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

I can't think of anything that worked well. The location was difficult and expensive to get to. Ditto on time. The room was way too small. The presentation did not address concerns appropriately...

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

It was my understanding that the purpose of the meeting was for the FLNRO to provide new information and better understand the how Gambier residents and property owners felt about the proposed wood lots. There was little attempt to do that. The agenda was focused on the FLNRO telling the audience what they already knew. Given the fact there had been previous meetings, it is hard to believe that the FLNRO didn't know this beforehand. They did not appear to be prepared for this specific meeting.

The first step in making a meeting relevant and therefore successful, is to understand your audience. Difficult as it may be, it does not work to ignore this and go ahead with an irrelevant presentation. It is a waste of everyone's time and makes things even worse. I would also suggest having a professional external facilitator.

6. Overall Session Rate: How would you rate this meeting?

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 9:56 AM  
To: Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
Subject: Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

- 1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions). Identify and conserve additional old growth stands, protect and enhance existing trails and recreational potential, Be aware of sight lines and visual degradation
- 2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> 2. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share? Communicate some of the positive forest management techniques like forest fire reduction and making the community more fire smart. Identify any forest health issue that can be addressed through informed stand tending and silviculture

Public Meeting Feedback

- 4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting? Probably one of the best "take away's" from the meeting was that an actual decision maker attended
- 5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings? Audience participation in setting the agenda at the beginning, More engaging presentation with less technical data and more emotional content
- 6. Overall Session Rate: How would you rate this meeting? Value 2. Unfortunately the audience for the most part had their minds setup prior because of poor historic public engagement. There was a sense of betrayal and anger from a deep sense that the community hadn't been consulted or listened too

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**Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 4, 2014 10:45 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Feedback: Public Information Meeting regarding Gambier Island Woodlot Proposal

I am a resident of Gambier Island. I attended the recent public information meeting in West Vancouver, and was very encouraged that there were so many people at the meeting who had much the same reaction as I have. The process that has led to the bids on the woodlots has been blatantly dismissive of the values represented by Gambier.

If I hike up to the lakes, from my back gate, within an hour into the trail, I climb down into a ravine and cross a brook on a trail that takes me into a clear cut from one of the present woodlots. It is a devastating sight, and a shock coming out pristine forest. You can hear water running under the debris, and I wonder how logging there has affected the ecosystem which is already so fragile. It is heartbreaking to think that there might be more of this kind of destruction on the trail to the lakes and so close to them.

Gambier Island is a unique gem in the heart of Howe Sound. It is so easily accessible to residents of Canada's third largest city, a place where young people can be educated (and so many have been), and where countless people can find peace and spiritual renewal in an increasingly hectic world.

The spiritual and ecological value of the island cannot be dismissed. There can be no long term value in another woodlot.

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Subject: FW: Gambier Island Woodlots  
Date: Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 4:51 PM  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: <Dean.Perrin@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: <orcbc>, ORC, Worlcombe

To: FLNR officials involved in the Gambier Island Woodlot Information Meeting on July 24, 2014.

Please forward to:

Heather MacKnight, Regional Executive Director, South Coast,  
Emma Neill, Senior Tenures Forester  
Brian MacNauughton, BC Woodlot Association  
Brian Kukulies, Land and Resource Planning Officer  
Robert van der Zalm, Acting District Manager, Sunshine Coast  
Scott Barrett, Manager of Resource Stewardship

I attended the FLNR Public Information Meeting on Gambier Island Woodlots at the St. Francis Church in the Wood in West Vancouver on July 24, 2014 on behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC and, coincidentally on behalf of the cottage owners of Worlcombe Island in Howe Sound.

My Background: [REDACTED]

My Response: The following is my personal response to the *Opportunity for Input and Public Meeting Feedback* form distributed by FLNR at the end of the meeting:

**Question 1.** *In my opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to:*

the present and the potential recreational use of Gambier Island and the present and potential use of the Howe Sound area as a whole for recreational and tourism purposes.

Gambier Island Woodlots: – While commercial harvesting of timber in woodlots in a carefully monitored, sustainable, eco-system based manner can be appropriate in other areas and situations in the province it is not an appropriate land use on Gambier island because: harvesting activity would not be compatible with the residential and recreational uses of the Island and especificaly not in the proposed woodlot areas. As another meeting participant pointed out, the logging roads and the log dump(s) that would be required for harvesting would have serious unavoidable negative impact on well established youth camps and on other recreational use as well as visual values within the proposed woodlot area and at the dump site(s). From my experience in provincial land use planning I found that dump sites that were promised to be barely visible and restorable to before harvesting visual quality were not and could not be effectively restored. At Gambier Island the harvesting of the woodlots proposed would continue for up to 100 years and more so that roads and the dump sites there would remain operational and visually degraded essentially forever.

Howe Sound: – Gambier Island is a central visible part of Howe Sound. Howe Sound is a major recreational destination located near the Lower Mainland with its multi-million population. It is visited year round by recreationalists in boats, large and small, and by land by recreationalists young and old,

including nature study students and their instructors. Some visitors are tourists; most are Lower Mainland residents. These water based and land based visitors spend a substantial portion of their recreation time in Howe Sound. There are also year-round and seasonal residents who enjoy the natural setting and contribute to the economy. There is no doubt that the total social and economic benefits are large. These accrue to the public and to the lower mainland businesses and to the lower mainland and provincial governments. Independent thorough quantitative studies to determine the actual amounts should/must be undertaken before decisions on the use of Howe Sound are made.

An example for reference for determining economic benefits: an independent study for the Central Coast provincial land use planning initiative (LRMP), in which I participated, demonstrated that the economic benefits of public recreation, which were previously not taken into account, actually equalled that of commercial tourism. The investments in building, purchasing and the continuing costs in the mooring, the maintenance and the operation of boats, gear and the supplies used for independent boating, salt water fishing, fresh water fishing, kayaking, hunting, diving, nature study, snowmobiling, mountaineering, ski mountaineering, all terrain vehicle use, hiking, riversports and trail riding and associated travel costs on the Central Coast were very significant. Together with commercial tourism their contributions rivalled that of the area's extractive uses. I have one copy of this 119-page report prepared by The Economic Planning Group in Victoria in 2003. There may still be copies available at the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC. If not, I could have mine copied for you. Note that the Report covers also the economic contribution of public recreation on the North Coast and Haida Gwaii, each computed and reported separately.

**Question: 3. Other Thoughts:** By pushing ahead with a development that is highly unpopular with local residents and communities and ignores the present and potential recreational benefits that conservation of Gambier Island and Howe Sound provide is ill advised economically, socially and politically.

**Question 4. What worked well for me in this public information meeting?**

The meeting provided an opportunity for the public recreation sector to provide input to the FLNR proposal.

**Question 5. What do I recommend the Ministry DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?**

The Ministry should not convene a Public Information meeting or make a development decision on an individual parcel of land within a larger enclosing area with diverse present and potential uses before having developed a thoroughly studied plan with the participation of all substantial stakeholders of the enclosing area, in this case of Howe Sound and its residents and its users.

**Question 6. Overall Session Rating:**

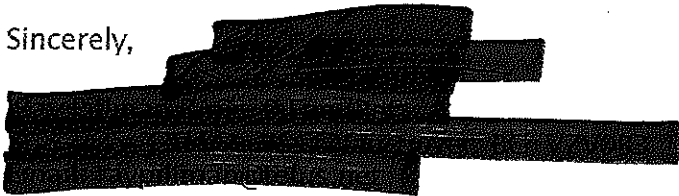
My ratings of the meeting, not as intended, but as it turned out:

As to FLNR intentions: Poor(1)

As to a Wake-up call for FLNR: Good(5)

As to Opportunity for Stakeholders to express their views: Good(5)

Sincerely,

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July 30, 2014

By Email

RE: New Woodlots on Gambier Island, Howe Sound (Sunshine Coast Forest District).

Mr. Dean Perrin(email: dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca)  
Sunshine Coast Forest District  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources  
7077 Duncan Street  
Powell River BC V8A 1W1

Dear Mr. Perrin,

Further to your request at the public information meeting last week that the public send you written comments about concerns over the Gambier Woodlots, I am forwarding this letter to you with same. Also enclosed is a previous letter written by me last October, to which there was no reply, so I do not know if it was even read.

1. I have concerns over the idealist approach of FLNR concerning how the woodlots will be operated with a small annual cut yearly representing 1% of the total cut in the woodlot. Reality on the ground is quite different. Operators often accumulate years of allowable cut without doing any harvesting then go in and cut the accumulated cut all at once. This would leave larger areas scared and greening up all at the same time instead of how you represent the logging would be carried out. I think it imperative that this practice not be allowed as it totally defeats the ideals your program is aspiring to uphold in terms of impacts. I know that some current bidding proponents have a view to log in this way. Furthermore I am concerned that the operator will not be monitored to ensure compliance is met before damage is done.
  2. You have suggested social licence will also regulate the operator. Unlike Port Alberni or Powell River, I doubt the operator is going to be living in the community most affected. That community is a cottage community with no commercial infrastructure and limited permanent residents, all of whom travel to the mainland for their shopping and many of their community activities. I doubt this ideal will be a reality in the case of these woodlots.
  3. I have concern that logging will not respect recreational values to the extent users would like to see. Buffer zones around drainages and lakes favoured by recreationists need to be worked out in concert with such users.
  4. I am a property owner in [REDACTED] and I am very concerned that my view of treed hillsides in the woodlot area will soon turn to scared hillsides, thus affecting the value of my investment here, which is substantial. Can you assure me that visual impacts to my viewscape will not be a problem?
  5. I have also gained experience with water well behavior on the island and, with my geological background, would caution you that groundwater in the area is largely controlled by fracture patterns in the bedrock. There is far reaching sensitivity to alterations and blasting. By way of example, one neighbour fracked his well to improve water flow, and another neighbour's well 1,000 feet away was immediately impacted by the action. Turbidity in the well water is also a concern and blasting could impact this during road building, causing deterioration in well water quality for the residents nearby the woodlots. Attention to groundwater morphology as it relates to residents wells should be part of any study work done prior to logging.
  6. I am concerned for the residents of Douglas Bay and Brigade Bay. That you have woodlot boundaries so close to their properties, suggests a lack of sensitivity to the impacts logging will have on their life style and their investments in the properties. With boundaries so close, how do we know logging will
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not be right up to the boundary? Logging upslope from these residences could pose a serious risk for flooding. I can tell you the extreme weather patterns surfacing in Howe Sound these past years have seen incredible torrential rains that could devastate areas disturbed by logging or its infrastructure, causing flash flood problems for residents if such was not a suitable distance from them. Should residents have to bear the costs of installing mitigative measures for such increased risk caused by logging?

7. I have been disturbed by how insensitive FLNR is to both residents and businesses of Howe Sound and Gambier Island, as it tried to push these woodlots through the stages of implementation. These other users have already invested individually sums of money sometimes in the millions. They have relied on the spirit of the Official Community Plan to protect their investments. Clearly, that spirit has not been maintained or embraced by FLNR which is very disappointing to me. Residents feel betrayed. Bureaucrats need to keep up with changing dynamics of the island usage, and work more in concert with Islands Trust and the public. Our province is growing smaller every day as its population increases and seeks out various values, previously in abundance. As all facets of users start to bump shoulders with each other, planners must adapt to the new demands and dynamics to ensure a more positive and sensitive style of management, resulting in positive outcome for all users, and promoting a spirit of cooperation, instead of war in the woods.

I hope my comments here will be taken into account in your review of public input.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Property Owner, [REDACTED]

cc: Brian Kukulies, RPF, Land Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
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Jordon Sturdy, MLA, West Vancouver – Sea to Sky (email: jordan.sturdy.mla@leg.bc.ca)

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July 30, 2014

By Email

RE: New Woodlots on Gambier Island, Howe Sound (Sunshine Coast Forest District).

Honourable Steve Thomson (email: [steve.thomson.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:steve.thomson.mla@leg.bc.ca))  
Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
PO Box 9049 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

As a property owner on Gambier Island, I was shocked to learn of impending plans to open two new woodlots on Gambier, which would mean nearly half of the island's Crown lands and one quarter of the entire island will be subjected to clear-cut logging. Please stop this process now, and reconsider. It is difficult to understand why your Ministry would embark on such an initiative without public consultation and with an apparent disregard for community values. There has been a significant amount of planning and development work done by other agencies and the real estate industry to guide the development of Howe Sound so as to build a solid, sustainable tax base for B.C. from the lands in the Sound. From what I have learned, your Ministry appears to be unaware of that effort based on its policies relating to this issue.

[REDACTED] I am not opposed to logging but question whether strategic plans for the natural resources provided by the island have given adequate consideration to other plans already in place or under construction by other government agencies.

The property tax revenues being generated as the result of these other development plans will dwarf the momentary tax benefit obtained from these wood lots over the period it will take to reforest the lands to their current state following logging. Why devalue that tax base and potential by allowing unrestrained logging which will impact the scenery values and thus property values for the next 50 to 80 years.

Others who are writing to you in protest are outlining many of the specific uses and benefits the current forest base provides to residents, recreationists, and businesses on and around the island. A great deal of anxiety over the logging plans has spread through the community over what will happen to those uses and benefits. I feel it is imperative that the Ministry enter a consultation process with the Howe Sound community/organizations and other agencies to properly guide any resource extraction, if it feels it must harvest these new woodlands.

As for my own selfish interest, I do not want to see my investment and dream home on the waterfront devalued by scarring of the landscape for limited tax benefit to the government. Nor do I wish to see some of the past logging heritage (such as massive 10 ft diameter stumps) hidden away in majestic woodland scenery on these lands destroyed by further clearcut logging.

Having travelled much of the province and its back roads, I am very much aware of how regions have been opened up to development of recreation, settlement, and tourism by access roads built by the logging industry. A well managed, integrated plan involving locals, relevant agencies and organizations, and the Ministry may well design a solution to allow both logging and the preservation of scenic and wildlife values, while providing residents, boaters, tourists, and businesses better access to those crown lands. Future development into private properties generating a sustained tax revenue base could also be possible, rather than seeing lands fall into the non productive category for another 80 years.

[REDACTED]

July 30, 2014

I hope my input will influence you in determining a course of action to avoid dispute and transform that potential into a more positive course of involvement for developing forestry plans for the island lands and Howe Sound in general.

Sincerely,

  
Property Owner, 

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# No more woodlots on Gambier Island, please!

— protecting the Wild Heart of Howe Sound—the voice of the Gambier Island Conservancy

## Give feedback to FLNRO about Gambier woodlots

Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

Email responses to Dean Perrin, FLNRO Powell River dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions). Yes, all of those, plus long term economics

2. What additional questions do you have (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> 2. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?  
I have sent e-mails and letters.

Why did Gambier have to include an agreement to be logged in its OCP when the community didn't want it?

### Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?  
The opportunity to speak to so many of you.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?  
When the situation can be seen as difficult, switch to dialogue

meetings rather than public information meetings.

6. Overall Session Rate: How would you rate this meeting?

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2 thoughts on “Give feedback to FLNRO about Gambier woodlots”



August 5, 2014 at 10:50 am

Mailed in my questionnaire



August 5, 2014 at 8:15 pm

My wife and I have owned a cottage on Gambier Island for 30 years. We did not attend the information session, but we did read the distributed information package. We have also read a Letter to the Editor in the North Shore News written by the owner of an existing woodlot on Gambier Island. We concur with the woodlot owner that the small amount of logging that will occur each year in the proposed woodlots will not be detrimental to the enjoyment of the recreational values of Gambier Island. If people were a little more open-minded, they might even learn something about the sustainability and renewable potential of small scale logging, and what it is like to be an entrepreneur. Opponents of logging such as is proposed in these woodlots often use scare tactics, such as pointing to the map and threatening that the whole area will be logged at once. In actual fact, we know that the forest will be harvested gradually over the entire rotation period. We have no objection the granting of two additional woodlot licences on Gambier Island.

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Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:00 PM  
To: Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Hi Dean here are my comments

email: [dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dean.perrin@gov.bc.ca)

(Copied from Public Information Meeting form) Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals:

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (Values, concerns, questions):

In my opinion it needs to pay attention to current information. Gambier island has changed in the last 5 years with a lot more cottages being built and more people from Vancouver experiencing the island, and the waters around the island. Land use studies and suitability from 5 years ago are no longer relevant. The island is 20km from downtown Vancouver. Vancouver now is 2.2 million people in the lower mainland. On average 50,000 people a year move into BC, most settling in the lower Mainland. The same vision of creating Stanley park when the city was incorporated , should be used now. We need areas around the city where people can get away from the pressures of the city. Vancouver will be 3 million before you know it. The density is going up in all areas. Transit breaks down, traffic backs up, sometimes for four KM's.

I don't think the wood lot examples from Port Albernie and Pemberton that were presented are relevant. These are small communities where people are connected to the land.

They are not under the same pressures. Gambier is related to Vancouver. It would be like putting woodlots in Stanley park or the endowment lands. After you are in the city, you want to experience nature in it's pure form.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information.

I have to say I was new to the process and I got the feeling that the ministry was trying to avoid the meeting based on the comments about the court action to force the meeting. So here is my question: All business now has to listen to customers and use up to the minute information for decision making. I am concerned that the ministry is doing neither. How has the ministry changed in the last 5 years to address these concerns. What specific process have they put in place to listen to customers?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

If there is a follow up meeting with a woodlot plan we should invite the minister so he gets a clear idea of where we stand on this

Public Meeting Feedback:

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

[REDACTED]

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

I would suggest a much larger venue. Something that could hold 1000 people, and have the meeting downtown, where you can get there by transit.

6. Overall Session Rating: 5 out of 10

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July 24/14

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DEAR DAVE SOUTHWAY,

IT IS QUITE APPARENT THAT THIS  
WOODLOT PROPOSAL IS FLAWED WITH  
DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE RESIDENTS  
AND OTHER RESOURCE USERS OF  
THE ISLAND. IT WAS OBVIOUS  
AT THE MEETING THAT THE  
INITIAL CONSULTATION PROCESS WAS  
NOT PROPERLY CONDUCTED. THERE  
WAS NO DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

THE WOODLOT PROPOSAL MUST BE  
REMOVED IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD.

YOURS Sincerely

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- PART TIME RESIDENT GAMBRIN

[REDACTED]

Duke Soutkam,

Thank you for promoting democracy  
in the process. As a political student,  
I understand the power and  
lack of your position.

As you know, when asked by a number of  
unions to make changes to labour law, FDR  
said: "I agree today. Now make it."  
By then he meant he needed evidence to  
support him in his decision.

In the case of this decision:

① Please take into account the lack of  
democracy in the process to date. You  
are advertising the lots and clearly  
there is no social license in place.

② This is not for me a NIMBY issue.  
I actually think windtels are a viable method  
of logging. And I think it works very  
well in another area ~~where~~ of the  
province where my wife's family  
lives. But the issue is not  
unlike place and running through

a decision using a broad administrative  
model is needed.

Let me say as well that many more people  
to my (I) students that they use  
their power to make change. You have  
the power/influence to both let the  
ministers know about the  
processes as planned. But you could also  
be the person who created a Home Guard  
special zone (much like Richard Hunkah  
did with the GPRD Parks) through  
your position.

I would say as well that I'm sure  
you are going to see that the  
negotiation of this and other  
decisions which the government is  
governed is undermined by  
these types of decisions with  
limited public input, or  
land use plans made under duress.  
Please let the ministers know that  
is real.

Thank you and your team.

## Gambier Island Conservancy – July 24, 2014



### Key Questions:

1. According to Ministry of Forests documentation, Woodlots are intended for areas where forest management/logging is its best use. How was it determined that logging of 25% of Gambier Island's forests was its best use? Why was community and stakeholder consultation not part of the process of determining that logging was its best use?
2. According to Ministry of Forests documentation, Woodlots are intended for areas where Woodlot logging is considered to be of high value for local communities. Given that there is wide ranging opposition and lack of support by the Gambier community and stakeholders, why is the Ministry trying to force through approval of logging?
3. According to Ministry of Forests documentation, Woodlots are intended for areas where there is no serious land-use conflicts. What studies did the Ministry undertake in determining that the use of the Crown Forest on Gambier were not in conflict with recreational use, summer camps, cottages/cabins, sea kayakers and other land uses?
4. According to Ministry of Forests documentation, Woodlots are intended for areas where road access is in place or not overly difficult to establish. Given that there are no road currently in the proposed Woodlots, and plans indicate that the existing hiking trails be turned into roads, how does this fit with the Ministry's requirement?
5. According to Ministry of Forests documentation, Woodlots are intended for areas where there is no major conflicts with other tenures. What other tenures have been considered?
6. MLA Jordan Sturdy on May 30, 2014 acknowledged that the communication between the Ministry, Island Trust and the community and stakeholders was "broken". Given that there was a failure in the initial planning stages to account for community and stakeholder concerns, what will the Ministry do now to fix this?
7. How is putting the winning bidders in direct conflict with the community a good thing?
8. Will the Old Growth forests and environmentally sensitive areas identified on the OCP documentation be protected from logging? Were the Woodlot bids based upon the assumption

that the Old Growth forests could be logged as they are not designated as part of the Old Growth Management Area?

9. Heather McKnight has indicated that the Gambier proposed Woodlots have been elevated from a Level One "Sharing Information" to a Level Two "Consultation". What is the Ministry doing to actually consult with stakeholders?
  10. As there is an enormous desire of the community for engagement, there is a clear need to update objectives, there is a huge risk to ecological, societal, and economic values, will the Ministry engage in a Level Three "Planning Together" process and a Level Four "Acting Together" process?
  11. Has the Ministry obtained the consent of Native Groups with potential claims to the Crown Forests on Gambier? If so, can you please provide us with a copy of their consent.
  12. How does the logging of 25% of Gambier Island fit with the Ministry of Tourism's "Gaining the Edge" tourism strategy that is looking to increase tourism by 2016 to 18 Billion Dollars? (13.4 Billion Dollars in 2012).
  13. It would appear the logging of 25% of Gambier Island conflicts with the tourism investment in Howe Sound with the elevation of Porteau Cove to a Class A Provincial Park, the creation of the Sea to Sky Gondola, the investment of a Billion Dollars in the Sea to Sky corridor. What consideration has been given to the future of Howe Sound?
  14. Does the Ministry support its program of Cumulative Effective Framework for Howe Sound?
  15. What are the cumulative effects of the proposed Woodlots on the island, and on Howe Sound?
  16. Howe Sound is one of the last areas in the Southern part of the Province without a Land Use Resource Management Plan. Why is that? Does the Ministry support integrated management planning?
  17. Heather McKnight indicated that the Gambier Island's Crown Lands will continue to contribute to the "carbon sink" for the lower mainland. What studies have been done to determine how productive a mature and old growth forest is acting as a "carbon sink" vs. a newly planted tree farm after logging?
  18. Does the Ministry value timber harvesting above all other values related to Crown Forests?
  19. If it can be shown that this is not highest and best use, not supported by the community, has far greater negative ecological, social and environmental harm than good, would the Ministry abandon its plans for additional logging on Gambier Island?
  20. Premier Christy Clark has stated: "In some cases, the public has come to believe that some government entities are acting on their own behalf and represent the interests of their executive and management team, which demonstrates a lack of respect for the shareholder: the citizens and taxpayers of B.C." How does the Ministry plan to address this concern and abide by the Taxpayer Accountability Principles?
  1. The Taxpayer Accountability Principles includes: Engage in equitable, compassionate, respectful and effective communications that ensure all parties are properly informed or consulted on actions,
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decisions and public communications in a timely manner. Proactively collaborate in a spirit of partnership that respects the use of taxpayers' monies. How will the Ministry fix its process regarding the proposed Woodlots to live by this principle?

## Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

removal for 200,000 annual revenue in such a high profile, well visited local island space. Surely there are other woodlots situated in other locations not occupied by people in this province.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.foi.gov.bc.ca/foi/docs/external/publicity/Gambier%20Woodlots%20information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

is this process just a means to say that the public has been consulted, or actually allowing the public that uses this space and will be directly impacted to have some influence.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

What are the options for the province should these woodlots not be allowed & harvested?

### Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

a face to face dialogue

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

expectations for discussion is not just a presentation on the process, what's desired at outset.

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6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## A TESTIMONY TO HOWE SOUND: A REQUEST FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SOUND

PRELUDE: My wife and I are residents of [REDACTED] and have owned a summer home in Howe Sound on Gambier Island for over 30 yrs. We chose to summer on Gambier owing largely to my earlier career as a [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] study of the biological oceanography of Howe Sound. The free metal pollution from the Britannia mine discharge; the storage of logs with associated debris fields along the intertidal shorelines of most bays; the pulp mill effluent discharges from Pt. Mellon, and Woodfibre pulp mills; and chemical discharges from Squamish chemical plants collectively were affecting the biological production, biodiversity and water quality of the entire sound. Findings from these studies together with work by other scientists on the intertidal, estuaries and fisheries were written in peer-reviewed papers and published in scholarly journals. This increased publicity and served to elevate public interest and concern by Island residents and recreational users of the sound including politicians that collectively put pressure on the federal and BC Governments to enforce and tighten regulations of fishing and effluent discharge. With strict regulations imposed by Island's Trust, and DFO throughout the 80's and '90s Howe Sound has gradually recovered, and for the first time in over 40 yrs residents have witnessed the return of herring stocks, white-sided dolphins, and pods of Killer Whales along with the recovery of some Lingcod and rockfish stocks. Clearly, Howe Sound of today is on a 'road to recovery' from severe degradation of water quality over the past half century - a true resurrection!

RISKS: Today the Sound has 2 very large woodlots proposed for logging, a proposed LNG terminal at Woodfibre, gravel extraction adjacent to McNabb Creek estuary a productive salmon river, and a proposed waste incinerator for Pt. Mellon. We have witnessed over the last several decades and ever increasing numbers of boating, sailing, sightseeing and recreational uses of Howe Sound by residents of the lower mainland. We believe that preservation of these amenities and the natural beauty of islands in the sound for the greater good of the public is far more important than short-term gain resource extraction and transport activities. By placing Howe Sound on the National registry as a Provincial Recreational Area can be assured that in the future our grandchildren and future generations will witness the benefits of the 'resurrection' of Howe Sound while watching herring schools chased by dolphins and whales, not by barges of gravel, log booms, and large LNG tankers!

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Please see attached form.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Have the woodlots already been allocated?  
It was mentioned that the tenure by the licensee could sometimes be passed on from father to son - What is the duration for the licensees?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

One of the loggers at the meeting indicated that his cut would encompass 5% the first year and he would not be back for 4 year to allow for his 1% a year. This in my opinion would cause a large area of damage all at once and I would be very unhappy to see such a plan take place.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Give people a proper heads up before you rush ahead

What value is a meeting where you give your input to people (FLNR) who have already predetermined

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer) *here direct*

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## Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

With Respect

Because the form attached does not afford adequate space to express all I have to say re the Woodlot proposal I would like to forward you this document to express some of my concerns.

I attended the meeting of July 17, 2014 at St. Francis in the Wood, West Vancouver. From the outset it was more than apparent that about 95% of those in the audience were opposed and upset that the proposal and lack of public input that had taken us to this point.

There were numerous points made on both sides but it was obvious the FLNR was clearly on the defensive throughout. And for good reason.

Firstly the lack of public consultation prior to arriving at this point put all concerned in the FLNR camp in a untenable position. This was the first meeting of its sort and well into the process.

A point was made that the reason Gambier was chosen for these lots was that it was agreed in the Official Community Plan that these would be allowed. It was clearly apparent that members of the committee who worked on the OCP were forced to include this provision or the OCP would not be approved. This was later reinforced by members of Islands Trust. A classic case of Catch 22.

A point was made by a member of FLNR that these woodlots afford an opportunity to have both recreational tourism and logging at the same time. Termed a win win situation. This was quickly disputed by an elderly lady who presently lives next to the existing woodlot on the island stating that her granddaughter could not hike up to one of the lakes on the island through the woodlot as the older trails had been obliterated and she was forced to turn back.

Members of the children's kids camp at Camp Fircom [ a camp which has served the island for multi generations } informed the group that it would be catastrophic to themselves as well as Camp Artiban, Camp Latona, Camp Elphinstone, and Keats Island Camp. These lots would affect thousands of children for ever.

It was pointed out that the road into the area could very well compromise a pristine stream which presently is a trout habitat and that the dumpsite for the logging on the beach presently proposed is one of the few pebble beaches in Howe Sound and is constantly used by children's groups as a waterfront camp site.

From an economic perspective it has been suggested that the operator of the proposed woodlots could make about \$200,000 a year with Province collecting stumpage of about \$9000. Why on earth would we want to destroy this beautiful place for such a small amount of money. The long term tourism benefit from a place 15 minutes from the mainland are limitless. It makes no sense. As well there were submissions from residents who presently live in close proximity to the proposal that they have already been negatively affected and property values have gone down as a result.

There was a submission by a 14 year old boy who is a property owner on Gambier that he feels that his future opportunity to enjoy this area will be taken away.

There is also a new successful Gondola near Squamish which overlooks these woodlots. The view from tourists visiting this area will be diminished.

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It is lamentable that we are now at this point in the process. My sense is that because FLNR has already put a lot of time into moving this woodlot proposal along that there are probably thoughts on their part that they must complete for fear of job security, quota, with possible bonus attachments. In an effort to save face they may be throwing the concerned citizens opposed to the woodlots under the bus. I pray this is not what is happening here.

I want to leave you with a few thoughts. Many years ago in Vancouver there was a proposal to fill in False Creek . The idea was to have {short term} benefit probably for industry or real estate. Today it is one of the most picturesque city landscapes in the world. Where would we be if we destroyed it. This area area on Gambier is much the same. Some of these trees were here before any European set foot in this part of the world. Once we cut these trees down we will never see the likes of them for hundreds of years.  
Is this our legacy.

Some of you may know of a singer named Joni Mitchell. Singer ,songwriter and resident of the B.C. coast. Decades ago she composed a song with lyrics that are appropriate today. It's called Big Yellow Taxi. And some of the words are appropriate.  
"They took all the trees and put them in a tree museum and charged all the people a dollar and a half just to see em . Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got till it's gone. You pave paradise and put up a parking lot."  
There's a lot more to the song if we care to listen.

With respect

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

ALL THIS IS WITHOUT DUE CONSIDERATIONS!  
THIS AREA IS A RECREATION MECA OF PRICELESS ADVENTURES TO BE ENJOYED NOW AND FUTURE GENERATIONS -

TO WHAT GREATER ADVANTAGE IS LOGGING THE WOODLOTS BENEFICIAL?

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

WHY THE INTRUSION TO OUR REAL ESTATE SO CLOSE TO THESE TOURISM DESTINATIONS? WHY IS THIS NOT A MAJORITY VOTE WITH LOCAL LANDOWNERS?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

THE SACRIFICE OUTWEIGHS THE ECONOMIC BUSH WITHOUT CONSIDERATION TO THE YEARS OF REPAIR RE TO OUR FOREST DESTINATIONS - ELSE  
CANNOT BELIEVE WE HAD NOTHING AVAILABLE IN LAND THAT IS LESS INVASIVE TO THE COMMUNITIES

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

THE LAST MEETING SHOWED MY FAMILY HOW WRONG THE DECISION TO WORK ON OLD GROWTH FOREST LAND IS.

THE IDEA WAS A ONE WAY ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE INTERFERING WITH REAL PROGRESS!

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

IMMEDIATELY AMEND THE IDEA AND LOOK AT NEW AREA LESS DISRUPTIVE TO OUR RECREATIONAL HABITAT.

BY PRE CONSULTING WITH LOCALS PRIOR TO HAVING A MEETING WITH ANIMOSITIES.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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The IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S CAMPS

The IMPACT ON TOURISM

The IMPACT ON THE WORLD VIEW OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH  
WOULD SANCTION SUCH A HARE BRAINED SCHEME  
ONE QUARTER OF AN ISLAND TURNED INTO WOOD LOTS ? —  
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

The MINISTRY REPS SEEMED SURPRISED BY THE NEGATIVE  
REACTION OF THE CROWD <sup>ASSUMING THAT THEY</sup> HAD ~~THEY~~ READ ALL THE LETTERS  
OF OBJECTION ALREADY RECEIVED, THIS SEEMED STRANGE.  
DOES ANYONE IN GOVERNMENT PAY ATTENTION "TO THE PEOPLE" ?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

THIS SCHEME ALONG WITH ALL PLANNED INDUSTRIALIZATION  
OF HOWE SOUND SHOULD BE SCRAPPED.  
IT'S TIME TO CREATE A NATIONAL OCEAN PARK  
IN THIS AWESOMELY BEAUTIFUL AREA OF B.C. SO  
CLOSE TO VANCOUVER - TOURISM IS THE NUMBER ONE  
ECONOMIC DRIVER IN THIS AREA — DON'T KILL IT !

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

I was able to listen to highly articulate people  
voicing genuine concerns.  
The impact on the camps which largely serve the  
underprivileged children of Vancouver was something I  
had not considered before.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

HOLD THE INFORMATION MEETINGS BEFORE  
MAKING THE DECISION  
PUT FORMS LIKE THIS ASIDE AND LET EVERYONE  
RESPOND ON A WEBSITE

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

The public does NOT want a woodlot!

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

why was there no public consultation?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

is this another idea that is being railroaded through without due process?

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

terrible chair - too much baffle-gab that wasted time

Chair needs training in running a meeting, facilitating discussion + respecting the voice of people!

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

see above

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Logging beside recreational cottages devalues the land, the quality of life, & the quiet enjoyment of our property. One of the woodlots is situated at the back corner of our land where children play.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

The process of designating woodlots - i.e., no choice but to include in the community plan - is flawed

Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

The information follows a "done deal" & the process of consulting is a sham

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- Start over because the process stems from a political (the minister) decision to force the inclusion of woodlots into the OCP. If the residents or Islands Trust knew that this would come back they would have refused to comply with the minister's directive to include woodlots in the OCP

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Can an appeal process be developed to allow constituents a "relief valve", i.e., hope that their interests can be achieved. Why won't BC Gov complete an LRMP or similar strategic plan for Howe Sound?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Consider putting a conservation designation on the area to preserve its intact wilderness values.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Ministry staff were outstanding in the face of the unruly disrespectful persons in the audience

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Walk out & close the meeting if the ~~some~~ participants act like angry children.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

This is the largest island w/ intact ecological values in Howe Sound, in an ecosystem in recovery - whales, dolphins are returning - in close proximity to one of the most liveable, beautiful cities in the world. Tourism and recreation values will only increase in Howe Sound. This is simply the wrong place to denude  $< \$1m$  value to the province. In 30 or 50 years' time we will ask, "what were they thinking?" And no, woodlots are not compatible w/ core recreation and tourism values.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Best practice in land covenants sets aside 10% of the land value for enforcement of covenants and ~~that~~ that enforcement is by a 3rd party. Are woodlots managed in this manner.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

45% of Bowen Islanders voted in 2011 to advance planning towards a national park on all crown land on Bowen Island. Many of the 55% who did not support it were supportive of such a park in Howe Sound. There is an opportunity for conservation that will be diminished if woodlots covering 20% of Gambier's area go ahead.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

It was an opportunity for FLNR staff to see the clear and reasoned case for rescinding the decision to approve woodlots.

The facilitator made an honest attempt to maintain order, and staff were willing to listen. Thank you.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Staff representing other important values to BC - eg. tourism - should be present.

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

• SOCIAL LICENCE

(By no means shared in this)

• REPUTATION OF ENRO

• TRUST in "DEMOCRATIC" PROCESSES

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

• NOW WHAT?

• CUMULATIVE EFFECTS - WHAT THE PLAN FOR DOING THAT FOR ALL OF HOWESOUND?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

• TAKE DOWN THE ATTITUDE PROBLEM.

(Cyber-flare)

• REAL ESTATE VALUES MATTER, AS DOES RECREATIONAL VALUE

• ASSESS THE COSTS (IMPACT ON TOURISM, PROPERTY VALUES, TAXES, EMPLOYMENT...)

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

• THE PRESENTATIONS

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

1. DETERMINE SOCIAL LICENCE BEFORE GRANTING LICENCE. SUGGEST AT THE "CONSULTATIONS WITH FIRST NATIONS & LOCAL GOVT."

2. IMPROVE THE "ADVERTISING" STEP

3. CHANGE THE OLD PROCESS TO REMOVE MANDATE FOR FURTHER USE

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Please pay attention to:

- Public opinion!!! It should be obvious from tonight's meeting that the public does not support this project, and has not been consulted.
- Recreation + Natural beauty
- Environmental concerns (Cutthroat Trout, Herring, Salmon)

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

I'd like specific details on how the woodlots will be managed. I heard "rumors" that the Douglas Bay Roads & Bay will be used. My children, ages 10 and 7, play on these roads and swim, kayak, and tube in the bay. Will they be encountering logging trucks and log dumps?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I think this process needs to be started over, with appropriate public consultation. I hope to see some areas on Gambier (particularly around Gambier Lake) preserved and protected.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

I'm glad it was held, and the public given a chance for feedback. I hope it makes a difference to the outcome.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Hold them EARLIER when there is more chance to make a change.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- other values and goals in official community plan. The need for a land use plan for Howe Sound
- The value of Tourism & wilderness opportunities on the South Coast of B.C. next to one of Canada's largest urban centres
- The logging of Gambier as the 'best use' of the forest lands? Value of woodlots far less

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- How could 1/3 of Gambier Island be identified for logging? This is an unreasonable concentration of log
- Is there collaboration between Ministries to plan for and identify best uses of land

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

It seems that the process currently used is outdated and does not take into account the changing values of British Columbians and the changing economic value of tourism, recreation, and wilderness adventure outfitting

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

- Understanding of how process managed to proceed to this point without input from the community stakeholders.
- Identification of statutory decision-making responsibility. Opportunity to present public opinion

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Hold meetings with public earlier in process. Hold more meetings  
Larger venues, meetings in Gambier Community Hall. Meet own process requirements  
Invite ministers from Tourism, Fisheries, etc.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Concerns of local community

values of larger Howe Sound community

a lot of time & money has been put into clearing up  
Howe Sound - why reindustrialize?

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

in what way is this the best use of the forest

why wasn't there public consultation

recreation cannot happen in a clear cut

what benefit to the Gambier community comes from the woodlots

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I'm concerned about oversight of the new woodlots  
given the total lack of management of the  
existing woodlot, where replanting ~~was~~ is completely  
ignored

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Have a chairperson & follow proper procedures  
allow all questions to be asked and answered

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Land use can't be subject first to arbitrary forestry goals, especially given the proximity of a rare wilderness area so close to Vancouver.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

- This should not be a Forestry file alone

- ~~the~~ long-term economic plan for Gambier that looked beyond just forestry would never propose lots as a rational plan.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

None of the people representing the ministry had any authority or were willing to commit to anything.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Why Gambier Island, when there are so many remote areas in B.C. that would not affect people the way Wood Lots on Gambier will?

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

What sort of consultation with First Nations has taken place?

Aboriginal artifacts have been found on Gambier. Is this not a serious concern?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Any woodlots should have trails clearly marked & kept maintained.

The existing wood lot on Gambier no longer has the marked trails to Gambier Lake.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Decision makers were here.  
Questions were taken.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Start the process right at the beginning with the public.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- the big picture.  
• this is a valuable wilderness <sup>region</sup> adjacent to a major metropolitan population; recreation, preservation.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

• how are the boundaries of ~~the~~ these woodlots determined? Why include the lake? Why are our watersheds not protected? This is a land use choice -

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

• this is a poor land use choice for this valuable wilderness region

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

• allow for input BEFORE decisions are made!  
The advertisements are already out!

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

See my comments on  
brown paper.

See  
Comments  
Inside

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

① What is the ministry's  
official position on  
the Tsilchotic (sp?) decision on  
the legitimacy of this process.

Answer  
please.  
Personal  
response.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

See comments  
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## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Use an independent facilitator for  
a meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

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## Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Proposed Woodlots violate all other established uses & community values. There needs to be recognition that 99% of the community is against these Woodlots because they are not the best use of the land. The economic impact of tourism & recreation vs timber harvests needs to be studied.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Will you redo the OCP for Islands Trust? The inclusion of Woodlots in Islands Trust was forced & specifically against the community's wishes.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I highly recommend that the SDM makes the Minister of FLNR aware of the following:

- 1) You do not have Social License to proceed
- 2) You have angered a whole community to the point where those who may vote Liberal will no longer do so.
- 3) Please fix the process → please see over →

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

I appreciate the courage to face 200+ very angry people who are universally opposed. Please convey the fact that you have no Social License to proceed to Minister Thomson who clearly needs to be made aware.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Firstly, change them to Public Consultation, record them properly, post them for all to access.

Your "moderator" was rude, a poor listener & amateurish at best. She did the rest of your staff a

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer) *disseance*

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

IS a woodlot really the best landuse for this area?

Given the proximity to Vancouver should we ~~not~~ log <sup>in some</sup> ~~to the~~ a visible area? Shouldn't we take the long term ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> for the area into consideration?

Why ~~are~~ is the government planning to log such a large % of the Island (30%)?

The social feedback from the community is negative will the Gov continue w this?

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Who will monitor the woodlot Management & see it follows the plan  
The Economic impact on tourism <sup>ref</sup> needs to be considered.  
Where is the proposed log dump, looks like it's close to docks & kayak routes.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

- Is this really part of being a world class destination? Will
- We look back in 30yrs & wonder why this was allowed to happen.
- Will a full biological diversity & environmental review be completed.
- It is time to review the OCP in light of today's world.
- Can we turn this area into a Park?

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

We learnt that the Gov. staff were not prepared for this meeting & could not answer questions directly but were evasive.  
The moderator treated the meeting participants like pre-schoolers & was insulting.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Have a larger room, this one was too small.

Paper feedback is ridiculous.

Public servants should answer the "public's" questions, not ignore them.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

yes, but this has not happened! Consultation at this late of a date has basically forced the woodlots on Gambier Isl. and without paying attention to VALUES stakeholders concerns or questions - we were given no opportunity to comment.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- 1) Why was there no meaningful consultation done with the public when the decision was made to open woodlots on Gambier Isl?
- 2) Are the concerns of local stakeholders not important to the Minister?
- 3) What can we do to save the sensitive forest areas within the woodlots

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share? such as Gambier Lake?

- 4) Do you not find it insulting to the local stakeholders to only engage with them at the very last minute of the process?
- 5) Did the Ministry even send people to the woodlot area on Gambier in and around Gambier Lake to see it. It is hard to believe that if someone went there, that they would see it as a viable logging site.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Thanks for FINALLY engaging with the public - but too little too late.

It seemed that it was basically a waste of time since it was apparent that our opinions could not effect the end result.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Consult at the beginning of the process.  
Listen to what emotional things were said and take that back to the minister.

WE WANT THE WOODLOT BOUNDRIES TO BE REASSESSED

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- IMPACT ON THE ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS  
- \* OVERALL IMPACT ON HOWE SOUND. THE RELATIVELY PRISTINE NATURAL CONDITION SHOULD BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. - NO TO WOODFIBRE LNG, MEAGHER CREEK GRAVEL  
THE ~~SMALL~~ INCOME FROM LOGGING IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE VALUES FOR TOURISM

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- HOW MANY YEARS WILL THE WOODLOTS BE LOGGED?  
- WHAT IS THE APPROX. INCOME TOTAL COMING TO THE PROVINCE?  
- IF CROWN LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE LOGGED, MUST THE GOVT. AGREE

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

AT THE MEETING I GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM A <sup>GOVT.</sup> FORRESTER THE THE GOVT. COULD NOT REFUSE LOGGING ON CROWN LAND - IS THIS CORRECT.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

• the voice of the community. The community is overwhelmingly opposed to these two wood lots as the infrastructure (access roads, log dumps) are certain to damage, from day 1, recreational access to the lake, and the beach.

• Economics: ~~there is~~ no economic analysis has analyzed the trade-off between forestry revenue vs. recreational

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

1) How does the government justify the economic benefits of the woodlots in light of the recreational and tourism impact, as well as the loss of property values and associated tax revenues. OVER →

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

This project is a no go. Risks cannot be mitigated. The Ministry does not have the social license to push this ahead. It must be stopped.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Government officials were on hand to (finally) hear the community's feedback.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

not an after the fact information session  
Start with a public consultation as a first step to determine best use for the land.  
Bureaucrats who have never set foot on Gambier Island are not the best placed persons to decide the fate of the

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touristic and land value impact. Also needs to be done. info for government to come

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Potential recreational values, especially trails and foreshore areas.

Local wishes should be respected too, if possible.

Future expanded demand for recreational space near Vancouver is important to anticipate.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

1) How frequently and where will logs be landed and collected for transport to mills or market - presumably by barge or in rafts? Can recreational use co-exist if log handling is seasonal - winter & spring?

2) Any impact on proposed TCI site on shore of island?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Local and non resident property owners seem to favour less or zero resource extraction - ie park status. Is this feasible?

Recreation access in Howe Sl needs more attention. Mt Arctibian trail was disrupted by private property development. Prefer to see more control on private development esp. along shore. Woodlots seem to be least negative form of resource extraction if this must occur.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Presentation were clear & good. Good answers to most questions.

Would have liked to hear cum. effects talk also.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

More parking & room capacity. More strict adherence to speaking order & agenda. Don't have a suggestion re heckling & out of order loud comments but suggest stronger control by chair, although facilitator was effective in keeping some order and defusing anger - friendly manner.

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

All you need to do is listen to the people of Gambier Island and the Region of Howe Sound.

Your "Win-Win" slogan might work in other areas but not here.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/lpublish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

I do not have any Questions!!

When will the Liberal Government "STOP" messing around with Vancouver's Playground = Super Natural B.C. ???

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

My husband worked with [REDACTED]. He has seen the devastation from the air over B.C.

There are other ways in using the land on Gambier. As the city become overcrowded we need to have places where we can recharge.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

The only segment of the meeting worked well, when the people (full house) were finally given the chance to have their voices heard. There was so much anger and discontent. The rest was wasted time.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

To finally let people have a voice.  
To record what has been said.  
To stop making us write over & over again.  
It seems to be the only way to clear the air.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (Please circle your answer)

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## Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

① Loss of trees throughout Howe Sound region at a time of increased industrial activity & population growth. Trees are filters of air & ~~are~~ trees help fight greenhouse gases. LNG processing, Incineration plant proposed for Howe Sound degrade air quality. A cumulative effects study of future projects needs to be done. An overall mgmt plan for Howe Sound is needed prior to dedicating all this land to forestry. Full economic assessment to determine negative impacts to tourism, recreation (separate) potential & real estate related services from logging.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/lpublish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

What was the Cumulative Effects Assessment in the SCTS Area Supply Review 2012 is it relevant to today's proposed projects? ~~Provide~~ Provide data on Environmental cumulative impacts in Landscape Unit planning. Provide evidence of adequate consultation. ~~to the~~ Advertising or notice to those affected on the islands. Bowyer & Metro Van-hou were

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share? they notified?

Clearcut in McNab Valley is visible from Seatokey Hwy - how does this respect VQA? SCTSA doc. difficult to find - ~~its~~ provide this document & CEA detail, & the record of public input to Howe Landscape Unit Plan. Provide Letter of Understanding June 21, 1999 with Ts1. This is evidence logging all this area is best land use in Howe Sound for the future. Tourism & recreation need to be evaluated separately. Values need to align with values of all stakeholders in the region - these have been shared. ~~FLNRO~~ FLNRO needs to respect these values.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Confirmation FLNRO ~~is~~ does not appreciate or acknowledge the process to arrive at the decision to dedicate all this land to forestry misses & ignores context of all projects facing Howe Sound by Prov. Confirmation this has not been a democratic process. Confirmation this concern is not limited to a small group of conservationists but many who agree a better

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information plan for Howe Sound is needed.

Listen to people & apply a democratic system for conducting a meeting & gaining input. Speakers list adjusting agenda as requested for 2 way communication - ~~per~~ Answer questions or write down questions for follow up. Larger venue, ~~as~~ name tags - staff identified. Feedback forms - where to send

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- Long term disposition/use of Crown Land and what the alternatives to woodlots might be.
- Impacts on all stakeholders: residents, recreation use, local employment/contractors and businesses.
- Coastal timber supply if we are to start removing <sup>community/</sup>urban interface type areas everywhere

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I thought it would have been helpful to show how the trees grow relative to the rate of cut; ie when the third cut control period occurs, the trees planted in the first cut control period are already 10 metres tall.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

It gave me an understanding of what other people perceive to be the issues around the woodlot proposal. The opportunity for people to ask questions to ministry staff in an open manner manner illustrated the issues well.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Ask people who don't wish to participate in a civil fashion to leave.

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attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Enough people showed up to discuss this, that the government must surely think it all through again, getting a lot more public input.

What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/> if you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Get more public input from the residents of Gambier.

## Public Meeting Feedback

What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Mainly the fact that some 400 people were interested enough to attend the meeting.

What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Have the government representatives prepared to answer with facts and the truth rather than being evasive on just about every question.

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your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots. Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

please pay attention to the wise words of the public at this meeting of 400 concerned lot owners. They said NO to woodlots. NO to cutting old growth trees.

LISTEN to and ACT on the wise advice you were given at the meeting.

What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

My question is why do you think there will be more money in the gov't coffers with logging than with the return from tourism and education of young hikers about natural world?  
by OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

READ the Vancouver Sun July 26, page A  
The Cowichan River on Vanc. Island is now in great distress - low water flow - fish unable to spawn in a famous river, removal (beheading) of old growth at Cowichan lake causing most of these problems

## Public Meeting Feedback

What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

The intelligent comments by a wide diversity of people who care about the health of our Island.

What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Send gov't people who were knowledgeable. Your reps did not even know there was old growth there!

only if you LISTENS to us.

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

*It would be a very wise decision to decide NOT to have the woodlot at all. Please plan to personally see that area yourselves. It is beautiful - The lake is gorgeous and it is a wonderful place for the various camps to bring their children. There is old growth forest mixed in. I CANNOT understand WHY - This area was chosen for a wood lot. It is best just left as it is!!*

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

*I heard various reasons last evening for why that area was needed for a woodlot and none made any sense at all!!! So WHY did "The powers that be" decide on that area. Leave Gambier Island alone. Please.*

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

*The meeting last night was certainly a good one. And one that left no one in doubt about how upset everyone was. The feeling was - This time you must listen - We ALL voted "NO" to any more woodlots on Gambier Island and we hope that we live in a democracy.*

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

*The fact that so many questions were allowed & were answered, even if the answers didn't always make a lot of sense. It gave people a chance to say how very important this issue is to them and why it is NO to woodlots.*

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

*This was an unusual meeting so I can't answer this question.*

*Your staff did very well to keep the no one against an angry (and pretty so) crowd.*

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- personal needs of local & visiting folk  
esp. young campers.  
- income from tourism (Howe Sound is a great tourist attraction - why spoil it).

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- How many areas like this are there close to a large urban area like Vancouver?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

Our family has been fed & clothed because of the forest product industry so we are NOT against logging

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Most staff were well informed & polite. Even when challenged - appreciate that. Chair was not very effective.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Please don't talk down to us or try & impress us with flow charts & diagrams. Most audience members were as well read & educated as presenters.

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

MY CONCERN IS THAT THOSE MINISTRY STAFF, WHO KINDLY GAVE UP THEIR TIME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT ST FRANCIS, CAME WITH THE IDEA THAT THESE WOODLOTS WERE A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. WHEN IN FACT <sup>THIS</sup> WAS NOT THE FEELING OF EVERYONE OF THE PUBLIC WHO ATTENDED

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

MY QUESTION IS THIS; HAS ANY THOUGHT BEEN GIVEN TO COMPARING THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE PROVINCE OF ALLOWING THE WOODLOTS TO PROCEED AGAINST THOSE OF LEAVING GAMBIER ISLAND IN FACT THE WHOLE OF HOWE SOUND IN ITS NATURAL STATE AS A MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION AND HENCE BOOST

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share? TO BC'S ECONOMY.

- WHEN CONSIDERING FUTURE WOODLOTS THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEIR OVERALL ECONOMIC VALUE AND THEREFORE THE NEED OR NOT FOR THEIR EXISTANCE
- I AM DEFINITELY NOT A NIMBY PERSON BUT DO BELIEVE IN THIS CASE THE GREATER GOOD HAS NOT BEEN SOUGHT.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

HAD IT BEEN PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY PUBLIC CONSULTATION THAT DISCUSSION ON A SPECIFIC WOODLOT WAS IN ORDER, THE TECHNICAL PRESENTERS WERE EXCELLENT.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

WOULD BE TO COMPLETELY "RETHINK" THE APPROPRIATENESS OF ANY FURTHER WOODLOTS ON GAMBIER ISLAND. "MIXED USES" HAS NOT WORKED FOR US IN THE PAST, IN FACT IT'S A DISASTER.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

OUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO TAKE A VERY CAREFUL & STUDIED LOOK AT HOWE SOUND OVERALL. IT HAS HUGE POTENTIAL FOR RESIDENTS & VISITORS TO THE EXPANDING LOWER MAINLAND & IT'S RIGHT THERE - REACHABLE - AFFORDABLE & BEAUTIFUL.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

THE FACT THAT SO MANY CONCERNED CITIZENS TURNED OUT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE - IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK - IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER. I THINK THAT SAYS A GREAT DEAL

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

~~A~~ NOT SURE THERE WAS ANY VALUE FROM THE PUBLIC POINT OF VIEW AS WE WERE BEING TOLD INFO. WE ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH IN MOST PART. BUT THANKS.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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I ACTUALLY FELT RATHER SORRY FOR ALL YOUR STAFF.

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

A wise decision needs to pay attention to the need to educate Gambier residents about woodlots & how they work, the importance of the working forest & its economic value to British Columbians. We need to build relationships & get more Gambier residents on board.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/ipublish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

The economic value of harvesting a forest goes much further than stumpage. What is the real cost of not harvesting the woodlots?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I realize that it's late in the game but did any First Nations apply for the wood lots? It would be much harder for the Gambier Island residents to protest against a First Nation harvesting the land forest.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Great idea to include Brian McNaughton. I thought his presentation was particularly well done. I also thought Robert van der Zalm & David Southam spoke well.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Rather than presentations about woodlots in general, it might have been good to go through the feedback you had already received, pick out the top ten concerns & address them specifically. I think that would have helped people feel engaged & listened to.

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

1st: new process !! to meet the objectives!

2nd !! Nothing on earth compares to this beautiful northern hemisphere place, the combination of wild life, culture & nature is unique, please be wise people and not hang in a system of destroying Howe Sound.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Can Forestry help turning it into a UNESCO world Heritage site? and draw visitors from all around the

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

bring world that money.

The existing woodlots on Gambier have not resulted into positive things, please don't make the same mistake!!!!

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Ministry should stay objective to public & not pro woodlots!!!

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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!! new process please !!

## Public Information Meeting: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Saying 'woodlots are beautiful' is like saying 'guns are beautiful' because of only one thing: money!  
You have the ability & power to not destroy one of the most beautiful places on earth where wild life, culture & nature is giving us everything.  
Please use your wisdom to conserve this area that really should be a UNESCO world heritage site.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/fip/dsc/external/lipublish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Would you like to go into history as some one that stood up for paradise in your backyard or as some one that was responsible for destruction by logging on islands in Howe Sound.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

logging yes, woodlots yes because it's part of Canadian culture & Forestry but not in Howe Sound or on pristine islands such as Gambier, B.C. is large enough to have to logging done in the interior.

### Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

just sharing information, dialogues is always good prior to final decisions  
The current experience with the existing woodlot on Gambier should not be forgotten! it is wrong to do this on an island

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings? in Howe Sound.

list of speakers

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Values of the community and region  
considering proximity to major urban centers  
Values and concerns of the Chehalis camp  
and the thousands of children whose lives  
are impacted by their connection with the  
wilderness through hiking, camping,  
studying nature and the ecosystems

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Consider the long term health of the region  
Too big a trade off - socially, Economically  
Physically, Emotionally

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I know forestry is important for our economy  
but please not in Howe Sound! (specifically  
Gambier Island)  
It's inconceivable to think of a woodlot because  
to include the area around Gambier Lake  
(It will create so much resentment & negative  
feeling!)  
Once attached - NO TURNING BACK!

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

I gained an increased understanding and  
appreciation of all points of view and  
where people are coming from  
It helped reinforce my values & beliefs  
"There should be NO logging on Gambier!"

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Start the process earlier  
There's been a lack of public  
consultation!

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Recreation & tourism value of area for current and FUTURE use.  
Insignificant return to province from woodlot licenses compared to return from recreation & tourism activities  
Degradation of environment  
Lack of consultation on development of land use plan prior to development  
Lack of oversight to ensure compliance if licenses are approved  
"Phoning the Ministry" (A7) is TOO LATE

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

What public notice was given prior to approval of Land Use Plan and delineation of area as appropriate for woodlot licenses?  
What opportunity was there for public consultation

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

The PROCESS is flawed - with public input possible only after licenses have been approved. The system of advertising available licenses is known only to those seeking them, not the community to be impacted. The demand that the OCP indicate preference for some form of approval of timber harvesting is unreasonable.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Listening to Ministry staff who did a good job stating the government's position  
Having a chance to hear articulate & thoughtful comments from stakeholders & residents, OCP, Islands Trust etc.  
These opportunities are too late in the Planning Process

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Inform all stakeholders, and the public at large of public meetings well in advance of the event.  
I am not opposed to timber harvesting in BC. It is a renewable resource which should benefit everyone. The only beneficiary of this proposal is the licensee at the cost of future generations enjoyment of this accessible & important natural area.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

maintenance of biodiversity  
protection of endangered plants, fish, wildlife  
protection of old growth - It can not just be isolated  
as it needs the protection of other trees.  
A "wise decision" would be to protect the island  
and not squander it with woodlots.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Why has this woodlot proposal gone so far without  
consultation of residents?  
If forests are "sustainable" why can't the previous ly  
logged ones be re-used? Must you have a pristine  
area with trees hundreds  
of years old?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

We use more energy and more materials to destroy  
and rebuild houses that are larger and larger.

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

Seeing how angry the residents of Gambier  
are and members of various environmental groups.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Have them before you make a decision  
Have them at a convenient time for  
residents of Gambier. (No small boats at night.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

- THE NET ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF ~~THE~~ HARVESTING THESE SMALL WOODLOTS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A MAJOR METROPOLITAN CENTER? IE INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES - MANAGEMENT FEES - LOSS OF LOCAL PROPERTY & TAX REVENUES, RECREATION, TOURISM, ETC., VERSUS PUTTING ~~THE~~ SCARCE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES INTO HARVESTING LARGER RESOURCES -

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

THE LACK OF CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PROPERTY OWNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS PRIOR TO ANNOUNCING PROJECTS IS VERY CONFRONTATIONAL AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE PROVINCIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC WELL BEING (BOTH PROPONENT & RESIDENTS)

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

- HAVING WELL INFORMED AND WELL QUALIFIED STAFF PRESENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATIVE ANSWERS.  
- GOOD EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

- HOLD THESE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS PRIOR TO REACHING DECISIONS ON SCOPE TO ~~MAX~~ MAXIMIZE INFORMATION & MINIMIZE CONFLICT

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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AREAS. IT WOULD CERTAINLY APPEAR FROM THE PROVINCIAL STAFF INVOLVEMENT THAT THE ~~ECONOMY~~ ECONOMIES OF SCALE DO NOT FAVOUR THESE CLOSE PROXIMITY <sup>SMALL</sup> WOODLOTS AND THE ROI WILL BE NEGATIVE.

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

an alternate approach to the entire question and an integrated response to resource development in the entire Sea to Sky Corridor. As the new Sea to Summit chair is proving, Tourism is a viable resource with a value added that it has opened up back-country terrain for experienced hikers. See the municipality of Whistler's plan to increase access and quality of trails to enhance tourism experiences

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>.

If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below)

How open is the Ministry to bringing in consultants from Parks Recreation Outdoor groups to develop a Sea to Sky corridor overall plan rather than have a single-minded woodlots for all BC = "economic gain" approach?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

For the past 42 years I have hiked, kayaked, swum and enjoyed the Sea to Sky corridor. Both going north or south on the highway my friends and I never fail to comment on the beauty of the islands. Rather than seeing these islands as an economic generator using traditional resource means (logging) the Ministry needs to take leadership in developing eco-sensitive tourist opportunities along the corridor and

## Public Meeting Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you in this public information meeting?

on the islands that all residents can use

Information presented by Ministry staff was useful. Slides need to be print form and not read out from/as main script

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information meetings?

Read the mail that has been coming related to this (or any) project BEFORE the meeting. It would have given you a clear message that the crowd would be very demanding. There seems little value in stockpiling letters to be reviewed only by the statutory decision maker

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this meeting? (please circle your answer)

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No large meeting hall in Horseshoe Bay?  
Really??? This disenfranchised the HSB  
people as well as others who could not  
attend on Thursday.

Try church halls, community centre  
catholic/private school auditoriums. A room  
for 12-15 people is unacceptable.

Good idea to post the presentations on the  
website - if this had been done before the  
presentation and posted in the advertisement  
about the meetings perhaps there would  
have been less resistance.

and  
although clearly <sup>the Ministry</sup> has not listened to the ideas  
sent to them by Gambier residents to this  
point

Prepare the chairperson in methods of  
dealing with angry (and irritating) participants  
Although understandably frustrating, her  
condescending comments were not  
appropriate

Have the statutory decision-maker was  
a good example of responding but setting  
boundaries.

There was a male bias in both the  
presenters and the crowd. The one vocal  
and irritating woman made good points  
poorly presented. The Ministry could prepare  
suggestions for how to get your ideas listened  
to. (Although I was not convinced that they are prepared to  
respond to questions and comments in other than a rigid  
manner -)

**GAMBIER ISLAND WOODLOTS PUBLIC DROP-IN**  
**Horseshoe Bay**  
**July 25, 2014**

**Themes:**

- Coordinated land use planning for Howe Sound
- Changing the woodlot licence areas into a park or conservation areas
- Input into the woodlot disposition process, also at an earlier stage
- Resource values like:
  - hiking trails
  - old growth forest
  - riparian areas
  - wilderness access for kids camps
- Update to the Official Community Plan

**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Virginia Howlett  
<[virginiahowlett@gmail.com](mailto:virginiahowlett@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Perrin, Dean FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** Feedback on Proposed Woodlots

Hello,  
I attended the drop-in meeting in Horseshoe Bay because I could not attend the night meeting in West Vancouver. Here are my responses to your questions:

1. In my opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots needs to pay attention to:
  1. The Gambier Island Community - which does not want a large woodlot.
  2. The scenic and recreational value of the land, which is severely diminished by logging -- even when re-planted, even when logged in smaller increments.
  3. The recreational and ecological value of Gambier Lake, which is hugely diminished by logging, even if a corridor around the lake is maintained.
  4. The needs of the Howe Sound area in the future, as it will become a greater source of recreation for urban Vancouver -- which is growing very fast.
  5. The scenic value of the Sea to Sky Highway both now and into the future.
  6. Whether woodlots in this area make any sense at all.
  7. Whether the size of these woodlots is too large and will therefore have too great an impact on Gambier Island.
  8. The impact of booming logs in Douglas Bay, ecologically, visually and recreationally.
2. What additional questions do I have?

Please send me a response to: Ms. Virginia Howlett [virginiahowlett@gmail.com](mailto:virginiahowlett@gmail.com) - Thank you! My questions are:

  1. Given the very negative response by the community and the bad press about these Gambier woodlots, is FLNR prepared to withdraw the woodlots or put them on hold permanently?
  2. FNLR has effectively destroyed the trust of the public and the local community by creating these woodlots and taking them all the way to the licensing stage with no involvement or feedback by anyone. You further ruined your credibility by choosing a meeting time and place when it would be difficult for Gambier residents to attend. What will the FLNR Ministry do to repair and regain the trust of the public?
  3. Does FLNR realize that if they go ahead and select licensees for these woodlots that there will be a high level of anger in the community? Is FLNR prepared for the bad publicity that will occur? How will FLNR respond?
3. What worked well about the drop-in session? There were representatives of FLNR there to speak with and the time and place were amenable for a Gambier resident.
4. What should you do differently? You should consult with community members about a time and location for the meeting beforehand. The space should have been larger and easier to find.
5. How would I rate this meeting? Average.

## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

Issue is how to mitigate an unwise decision of 12 yrs ago "Public input" - Few members of the public aware of this, & impossible to get information about a problem you are unaware of.  
Why is extra 150 hectares of cutting needed when total woodlot area in BC is MILLIONS of hectares. - Especially an area so near large population.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below.)

Why not reverse original decision? to creation  
This would lead to lawsuit by forest companies, & contracts broken. This should have been considered before.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share? Woodlot licence advertised

Lack of trust in consultation process about decision already made.  
Why no co-ordinated plan for Howe Sound.

## Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

Pleasant unfilled staff who had to keep the message of government.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

Prevention - don't make early decision BEFORE realistic consult.

as decisions already made  
"we'll ask your opinion when we have given it to you"

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this public drop-in? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

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Values: protection of old growth lands for heritage of lower mainland (high density)

Concerns: \$200,000/woodlot x 2 = \$400,000 per year + 1 job (tax paying) compared to advertising budget of Provincial Government.

Spread \* NO MANAGEMENT PLAN COORDINATE FOR HOWE SOUND - the Jewel of the Lower Mainland

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

OCP is almost 15 years old. Is it not time to re visit a whole new concept.

The ministry has not earned the trust of the public that they are acting in the best of public interest (which of course governments serve).

## Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

Very well informed personnel:

It was excellent but I so much prefer a public meeting.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

MORE ADVANCE NOTICE. Summer time?

People away on holidays etc.

This was held as a reaction to the fact that there really was not public input in the beginning.

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## Public Drop-In: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

We prioritize the quality of life in the region  
Gambier is also a recreational and tourist  
hub for the lower mainland. This will be  
increasingly important with further population  
growth.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

- What is the estimated loss in property  
values on adjacent properties should  
the woodlots go ahead.

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

If logging must occur, at the least, <sup>it</sup> ~~these~~  
should be under a Community Forest  
Agreement so that community values are  
protected.

### Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

Finally a public meeting. It should have  
happened two years ago.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

Hold them at the start of the process.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this public drop-in? (please circle your answer)

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## Public Drop-In: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

The LONG Term use of Gambier Lake Watershed as a wilderness access for the next Generations of Kids in the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast. The evidence of woodlot 0039 inability to protect or reestablish wilderness trails up the westside of Gambier to Gambier Lake. It has been very hard on residents of New Brighton and the youth camp at Elphinstone. Don't want that to happen to Fircoin and

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

### Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

This was very short notice for this type of meeting

The venue was not very accessible for one with no car, and of course residents of the island of Howe Sound.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this public drop-in? (please circle your answer)

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## Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

The citizens directly affected by the proposed woodlots should have had more input in the process. This comes at a time where Howe Sound is being assaulted with development. McNeil Creek, LAG proposal.

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

Could this proposed logging area become a national park?

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

I am a Douglas Bay resident. Very concerned as to when and where the wood from logging would be taken off the island. Concerned logging area will even trails used for accessing Lake & Marine Park by Gambier River. Concerned damage to riparian areas.

## Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

One to one information worked well to understand the process better.  
Most questions answered.

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

Have your speakers actually have visited the ~~se~~ area that is to be logged.

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this public drop-in? (please circle your answer)

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## Public Drop-In: Gambier Island Woodlots (July 2014)

### Opportunity for Input: Gambier Island Woodlot Proposals

1. In your opinion, a wise decision around the proposed woodlots on Gambier Island needs to pay attention to (values, concerns, questions):

*turn into a park  
turn this whole area into provincial park -*

2. What additional questions do you have? (Responses will be posted on <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/dsc/external/!publish/Gambier%20Woodlot%20Information%20Package/>. If you would like a personal response, please include your name and contact information below).

*could you make it an easier website address -  
- easier access -*

3. Any OTHER THOUGHTS or IDEAS you'd like to share?

### Public Drop-In Feedback

4. What WORKED WELL for you at this public drop-in?

*plenty of people to answer questions*

5. What would you recommend we DO DIFFERENTLY to improve future public information sessions?

6. Overall Session Rating: How would you rate this public drop-in? (please circle your answer)

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## Public Information Meeting – Gambier Island Woodlot Licences

Thursday, July 24, 2014, 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM, St. Francis-in-the-Wood Church  
4773 Piccadilly Road South, West Vancouver, BC

The following is a summary of the questions that were asked at the above meeting (about 180 attendees excluding FLNR staff). Responses are briefly summarized in *italics*.

1. How many people in attendance want to see a woodlot on Gambier? How many do not?  
*(By show of hands, majority in opposition)*
2. What about community values and how are they factored into the decision to award these woodlot licences?  
*(Criteria used in regulation under the Forest Act: proximity of candidate residence, cash offer, and amount and proximity of private land candidate included in woodlots.)*
3. Regarding impacts to tourism and real estate values, if not considered in 2 above, is this problematic?  
*(Tourism is considered under recreation value and would be an objective considered in the Woodlot Licence Plan stage. Real estate aspects would have been tied to the land use planning stage, Official Community Plan (OCP), and when Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB) was determined.)*
4.
  - a) What is meant by pest management?
  - b) Seems to be a lot of oversight of woodlots. Is there the same oversight on corporate clearcuts?  
*(a) Pest management can include root rot, bark beetle or any insect or disease that affects the forest and the woodlot holder is responsible to have in place plans to control and manage the pests in the woodlot.*  
*b) Yes, other tenures have to prepare a Forest Stewardship Plan that address the 11 values of the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) as with woodlots; however, the major licensee has a much larger cut and a broader area to manage. As well, there is compliance and enforcement model based on values at risk.)*
5. Why are you concentrating two contiguous woodlots, which I estimate less than 1% of this province, in this particular area?  
*(Woodlot proposals were chosen for Gambier Island based on OCP, confirmed land status, consideration for the land uses; and woodlots work well in high use and high interest areas as the management is smaller in scale, is a smaller footprint on the land base, and there is one holder to talk with for the community.)*
6. There are seven conditions on how you select where a woodlot goes as noted in the government information previously provided. These conditions are: forest management as the best use (note other OCP values), high values for local communities, no serious land use conflicts, road access in place, no major conflicts with other tenures, no major forest pest problems, suitable timber. The latter two probably are acceptable, but how could the

woodlots come about given the other OCP values, and community's position that there are serious land use conflicts, there is a lack of support from the community - we know the process is broken. Will the ministry fix it or push the woodlots through ignoring the community concerns?

*(That is why FLNR is here, to share information, listen and receive feedback. We have more information to share in the presentations on the process details and information on cumulative effects.)*

7. From the community's perspective, in the OCP, there was strong opposition to commercial logging. But if logging was to occur, it should provide economic benefit to residences of Gambier Island; and if commercial logging had to happen in the form of small woodlots that it be subject to local scrutiny and control. Commercial logging is only in the OCP because we had to put it in.

*(Topic will be covered in woodlot proposal and process presentation.)*

8. In terms of fish and wildlife impacts, has there been an impact study on the cutthroat trout and herring and spawning grounds in these areas connected to the woodlots?

*(In general terms, if a stream is fish bearing there are requirements for stream side retention and appropriate management to maintain fishery and water quality etc. Unlikely, that there has been a specific fishery assessment completed.)*

9. In terms of impacts, has there been a review to compare the outcome of the supporting recreational improvements to the island in contrast to degrading the island, over the next several decades?

*(Rather than either/or, it is intended to be both: logging and recreation. There are a number of values in FRPA, including visual, recreation; and the ability to establish trails with management requirements to manage in woodlots.)*

10. What extensive public process did the woodlots go through as we have not heard about it?

*(Advertisement, information on website, Howe Sound Landscape Unit planning process for establishing old growth management areas, OCP process, referral to Islands Trust.)*

11. Explain the difference between an Old Growth Management Area (OGMA) and old growth forest? Why are none of old growth in the proposed woodlots not included and protected as an OGMA?

*(In establishing OGMAs, some of the old growth but not all the old growth across a landscape unit is considered, up to the threshold targets for a given landscape unit. Some of the considerations are selecting the best areas that have good interior forest conditions, those that are already constrained etc. There are some old growth areas in the woodlot but they didn't meet the attributes nor were needed to fulfill the target for the Landscape Unit. However, the Woodlot Licence Plan process and management plan process may identify areas of old growth that warrant some type of protection or retention.)*

12. Can the Statutory Decision Maker (SDM) cancel the woodlots?

*(No, only the Minister)*

13. Who is the Statutory Decision-Maker (SDM)?  
*(Dave Southam, District Manager, Sea to Sky)*
14. We were told that this process was going from a level 1 to a level 2 consultation. Why are we not getting information at a consultation level 2?  
*(A level two consultation provides a variety of tools and forms to communicate including a public meeting, posting and sharing information, receiving written comments [forms to be provided], etc.)*
15. To the SDM, if conditions of the woodlot process are not met as previously mentioned (reference question 6), and you feel the process is broken and needs to be looked at again, will you say no to the woodlot and suggest it go back and start the process over?  
*(SDM gave some general information and encouraged attendees to submit comments in writing but could not directly answer this question due to the potential risk of fettering the decision.)*
16. To the SDM, look beyond those meeting attendees and consider that there are hundreds of thousands of people that travel the Sea to Sky Highway, go to Whistler, and that Howe Sound is one of BC's crown jewels. Put a ban on logging in Howe Sound.  
*(Statement to the SDM noted)*
17. The proposed woodlot sites have and are used extensively for children's camps and outdoor trip sites and concerned about losing these sites. How did we get to this stage in the process, past all these filters, knowing that you do not have the social licence on this? The general consensus in the room is No, save our time and everyone else's.  
*(Comments noted)*
18. When the government decided to expand the woodlot program across the province it did so without the consultation necessary. We have been asking for a land and resource use plan for a long time because we are close to the rural interface. The anger is not about this specific woodlot, but about the fact that people's voices have been ignored to this point. Fact is that the Minister has underestimated the opposition to these two proposed woodlots. Encourage you to make sure the Minister and Premier know the feelings and sentiments of the constituents; and that this is simply not on.  
*(Comments noted)*
19. Can we send in comments or do we have to fill and submit them in here tonight?  
*(Yes, you can send your written comments in but please do so within the next week, so we can consolidate them and post them on our website. Feedback forms handed out to audience. Reminder given that there is a second meeting tomorrow in Horseshoe Bay. The mailing and email addresses were put up on the presentation screen-7077 Duncan Street, Powell River, BC, V8A 1W1 or by email to [Dean.Perrin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dean.Perrin@gov.bc.ca) ).*

20. Are the logs going to be sent overseas? Is there going to be any value added? Why three woodlots, which is approximately a third of the island, being given over to this?  
*(Woodlots met the land use designations for the area and all the characteristics seemed appropriate and suitable. Although it is a third of the island, it will not be harvested all at once but, instead, in a sustainable manner.)*
21. In reference to my previous question, how was best use determined on selecting these areas for a woodlot?  
*(Not an exclusive use approach but integrated and other uses can exist in the area for recreation etc. Harvesting is one of many uses of Crown land.)*
22. When you considered and balanced the uses in the area you considered timber harvesting as the highest and best use?  
*(No, the approach is integrated use.)*
23. It is clear that the engagement process is broken, will FLNR redo this process? Are we going to stop and fix it; or are we going to jam it through?  
*(Without a woodlot, the area is available for harvesting by major licensees. This can entail logging a large cutblock. In general, a woodlot is well suited for high interest areas, where there is a local level of interaction. Small scale forestry is where woodlots typically occur and are found in areas, such as, Quadra Island, Sumas Mtn., and other sensitive areas.)*
24. In regards to tourism and recreation, has an economic assessment been done for Howe Sound?  
*(FLNR has as part of our ministry a recreation sites and trails section and recreation is a critical component of how the land is used and managed. It is not one value versus the other, but an integration of the values.)*
25. Regarding past written comments and input, will the past input be considered along with input from this meeting and at tomorrow's planned meeting?  
*(All correspondence is tracked and will be reviewed and considered by the SDM.)*
26. Has there been an assessment of the negative and positive consequences of this project going ahead or not against the tax base? Taxes and economic growth through eco-tourism and preserving the area versus what the woodlots will bring in. When this comparison is done, it makes no sense. What is the consequence of not cutting?  
*(Woodlots economic benefit is based on harvesting about 3000m<sup>3</sup>/yr. Each woodlot is estimated to generate about \$200,000/yr in economic benefits with the opportunity to use the area for multiple uses.)*
27. In reference to a previous question, can't you go back and redo the process since many key factors were not properly considered (high values to local communities, road access needs to be in place etc.). If you really have an open mind, why did the presentation have a listing of next steps (phase 1 [decision] and phase 2 [management plan])?

*(Phase 1 is to determine whether to move forward on the woodlots or not. Phase 2 is subject to a decision to award in Phase 1. This is the standard province wide process.)*

28. Thinking ahead 50 years, are we doing the right thing over the long term?

*(Comment noted)*

*(Follow-up response: BC is a recognized world leader in sustainable forest management. It has achieved this distinction by ensuring that: its forests available for harvesting are highly productive; new forests are re-established, well-tended and protected from fire and disease; and harvesting levels and practices are sustainable while respecting other values and uses such as riparian areas, water, species and ecosystems at risk, wildlife habitat, old growth, recreation resources and scenic views. The rate of timber harvesting or AAC takes into account all these resource values as well as the species, age class distribution and growth of new trees so the woodlot forests will be there in perpetuity. Forestry operations of all scales contribute in a meaningful way to BC's economy and supporting the quality of life we enjoy in this province.)*

29. Where is the win for property owners?

*(Land use plan made the area available for harvesting. Woodlots are a win since management and sustainability is over a much smaller area, and there is a better ability to protect specific values versus a large scale operation.)*

30. How long would it take to log the entire woodlot?

*(Approximately 1% per year or 100 years.)*

31. There is a group of concerned citizens that want to engage in and identify and uphold what the values are on Gambier, versus leaving it up to the woodlot owner. Will you (FLNR) do that with them before it goes out to tender?

*(FLNR staff is willing to meet and engage with anyone. The current boundary proposals are before the SDM for a decision. Once that is made, then we can start to talk about how the values will be managed.)*

32. I love hiking to Gambier Lake and concerned that it is going to be logged out. I want my kids to have the same recreational opportunities that I did and experience nature to its fullest extent.

*(Comment noted)*

33. Not enough forest being left around Lost Lake and around Douglas Bay. We need the trails, need the connections, we need it all together.

*(Comment noted)*

34. To the SDM, will you recognize the discrepancies in the consultation process to this point- OCP accepted woodlots, but forced to accept -as there was no other option. FLNR says they have engaged the public but it is clearly demonstrated, at this meeting, this has not been the case- and act on that in your decision making? Has public consultation been adequate?

*(Public engagement has happened through Timber Supply Review, Landscape Unit Plans, OCP given the concerns noted, and that will be summarized for me (SDM) and part of the information to consider before making a decision. Not willing to answer the second part of the question for risk of fettering the decision).*

35. Regarding the land use conflict issue, one of the principles is being satisfied there is no land use conflicts and also to have road access. These two woodlots and the log dump that is going to be used are in conflict with SCRD park, destination beach, high recreational use trail area, and prime area for kayaks etc. Putting a log dump in the area and saying there is not land use conflict is incomprehensible. Howe Sound and surrounding area is a key destination for recreation and visitors. It is clear that there has not been adequate dialogue with the community and you are setting yourself (FLNR) and the proponent up for failure.

*(Comments noted)*

36. Regarding the existing woodlot, it has damaged the access to the lake (Gambier Lake). FLNR should just back off and admit your mistake. An island is finite, think of the water problems and all the other problems, 4 or 5 children's camps that use the areas, don't come anymore because they can't find their way along the trail. So with regard to multiple uses, it is not happening.

*(Comments noted)*

37. What is the process for making this land unavailable for harvesting?

*(Question was rephrased into - Can you turn this area into a park? Probably a better question for the Ministry of Environment but typically the response has been that there is no expansion of parks at this time. In addition, the Province in the past undertook a Lower Mainland Parks and Protected Area Strategy which created many new park areas. In the South Coast Region, 37% of the land is in those designations, which is three times the United Nations target for protected areas.)*

38. Regarding the Islands Trust, this area is a high carbon sink, and high biodiversity in Howe Sound. Islands Trust has worked for years to try and remove this area from the timber supply but so far no success. There is a move on Bowen to have a federal park, which may have merit in Gambier. Need to look at the bigger picture, as there is huge industry here, with Vancouver garbage incinerator proposed around Gambier, LNG at Woodfibre, gravel pit mine across from Gambier and this is just part of the picture. Agreements that were made back in 1995 with Islands Trust is dated, and need to work together to get this resolved.

*(Comments noted)*

39. Regarding the Howe Landscape Unit Plan, I understand that Howe Sound is divided into three forest districts. There is a need to have a comprehensive management plan for Howe Sound to cover cumulative effects and would hope to see the presentation on cumulative effects posted on a government web site. In terms of the woodlots, did it consider all the other logging in the Howe Landscape Unit and within Sea to Sky is there an intention to look at Howe Sound as one unit?

*(District name changed to Sea to Sky about 2 years ago to better reflect and represent the whole geographic area that is managed. Significant part of Howe Sound is in Sea to Sky District and Sunshine Coast District, and a minor amount in Chilliwack District. Tourism in Sea to Sky is very significant, Whistler, and FLNR needs to work to balance industries from forestry and tourism.*

*Yes, FLNR considered the aspects of all other logging during the Sunshine Coast Timber Supply Review which was completed about 2 years ago in which the Chief Forester considered all aspects of management including tourism, recreation, and wildlife, etc. towards determining the appropriate level of harvesting.)*

40. We are looking to get a Gambier planning group together to talk about the management issues on Crown lands. Will FLNR commit to going to a level 3 or level 4 consultation of engagement with the community before making a decision?

*(Level 3 and 4 are intended for high level strategic issues or planning, like dealing with mid- term timber supply issues. Level 1 and 2 are more appropriate for this decision. Of note is that we are tracking the questions.)*

41. Will FLNR commit to engaging with a Gambier planning/advisory group to a level 2, before you push this ahead? We asked this back on May 30<sup>th</sup>. It took the Gambier Conservancy threatening to go to court to slow this process down and come together to meet.

*(Following that meeting, we reflected on the variety of feedback and felt that the two public information sessions would be appropriate public engagement for the nature of the decision.)*

42. Regarding the \$200,000 in revenue for each woodlot how does this break down in stumpage fees?

*(Average is about \$1.50/ m<sup>3</sup> for tabular rates and annual rent; which equates for 6,000m<sup>3</sup> about \$9,000 per year for two woodlots. The rates are lower to allow woodlots to manage at a more intensive level for recreation and other issues.)*

43. Will FLNR consider a citizens' approach to put together a bid where we, Gambier taxpayers, fund the money that the government would get to allow this area to remain locked up from logging?

*(Comments noted)*

*(Follow-up response: Public land use planning initiatives like the Sunshine Coast Timber Supply Review, Official Community Plan and zoning bylaws, made this area available for woodlots. Sustainable forest management practices will ensure that various resource values are integrated in the woodlot planning).*

Meeting adjourned at about 10:00 P.M.

44. Post meeting question from Islands Trust. Is the attendance list releasable?

*(Since there is personal information on the sheet, the list is not releasable under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.)*