Future Forest Ecosystems Scientific Council Wrap-up Workshop June 11-13, 2012

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FFESC Background

- Established in March 2008 to guide the allocation of funding for research that inform adaptation of BC's forest and range management policies and practices to climate change
- Cooperative effort between MFR, UNBC and UBC
- Interdisciplinary: address ecological and socio-economic systems,
- Partnerships: researchers work with policy makers, practitioners, and community stakeholders
- Practical:
  - provide information and tools for addressing adaptation challenges
  - build on existing knowledge bases and frameworks for ecosystem adaptation research

FFESC Research Objectives:

- Increase our understanding of how forest and range ecosystems may change as a result of climate change
- Develop projections to forecast those changes
- Develop methods of adapting forest and range management in response to climate change
- Determine the economic and social consequences of changing ecosystems, and of proposed adaptation options

FFESC Process

- Gap Analysis February 2009
- Expressions of Interest – March 2009
- Collaborative Planning Workshop – April 2009
- Full Proposals – August 2009
  - peer and knowledge user review
- 27 projects funded – December 2010
- Final reports – January 2012
  - peer and knowledge user review
- Wrap-up Workshop – June 2012
- Synthesis Report – September 2012

Workshop Objectives:

- discuss FFESC research outcomes and their policy implications
- identify new research and policy evaluation priorities
- share lessons learned and wise practices regarding implementing a multi-disciplinary, client-focused research program.

- Invitees: researchers, Government policy decision-makers and specialists, Government and industry practitioners, community stakeholders, and other adaptation partners

Agenda - Tuesday

9:10 MFLNRO ADM Tom Ethier

Session 1 Overview of Climate Change Adaptation Science

9:30 Adaptation planning in the Canadian forest sector – Mark Johnston

10:00 Coffee

10:20 BC's Changing Climate – Dave Spittlehouse

10:40 BC's Changing Ecosystems – Greg Utzig

11:10 Synthesis of FFESC Research – Sybille Haeussler

11:40 Forest Stewardship Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation – Kathy Hopkins

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12:00 LUNCH

Session 2 – Decision Making Under Uncertainty

1:00 Panel, Breakout, Report Back

4:00 Poster Presentations

5:00 Cash Bar

6:30 Buffet

Dinner Speaker – Rob Hutchins, Mayor of Ladysmith

Agenda - Wednesday

Session 4 – Ecosystem Vulnerabilities

08:00 Panel, Breakout, Report Back

11:30 LUNCH

Session 5 – Evolving Economies and Communities

12:30 Panel, Breakout, Report Back

3:30 Wrap-up, Chief Forester

4:00 Adjourn

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