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Forest Management Leadership Team Chilliwack Forest District

Terms of Reference

Objectives

- To support continued learning for forest professionals by sharing innovative ideas, transferring new or current technological information and working to understand the challenges faced by all members of the group.
- To resolve local issues by building trust and relationships.
- To provide an opportunity for individuals to participate at a professional level keeping in mind the goals and perspectives their employer.
- To provide the local forest sector with a stronger voice at the Operational Issues Forum and the Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team.
- To improve the efficiency of the forest sector overall
- To provide an organized structure for clear and productive communications
- Provide an environment that promotes collaboration and coordinated approaches to managing the forest resource

Mandate

Work in a team environment to resolve local forest sector issues, communicate direction and guidance from OIF and CRIT, and provide a forum to voice local issues and to raise issues to a Coast Regional level or higher if necessary.

Team Principles

The following general principles will govern the team:

- Uphold legislation and challenge policy while identifying issues for OIF, PFIT or CRIT.
- Build or strengthen open professional relationships and dialogue inclusive of respectful regard
- Apply science, logic and reason
- Practice only within bounds of authority, training and experience
- Seek help in resolving disputes
- Create and empower sub-groups to tackle specific topic areas
- Promote the understanding of professional reliance and the concept of the contract of trust
- Promote the use of field trips to improve decision making and forest practices
- Communicate to other forest practitioners

Scope

The focus will be on resolving local operational issues under the *Forest Act* and *FRPA*. The team will seek a balanced approach to issues by considering all the objectives established under the Ministry of Forest and Range Act

- Encourage maximum forest productivity

- Manage protect and conserve the forest resources
- Plan the use of forest resources and other natural resources in consultation and cooperation with other ministries and the private sector
- Encourage a vigorous, efficient and world competitive timber processing industry
- Assert the financial interest of government fairly
- Resolve local issues within provincial and/or regional interpretations of current policy and legislation.
- Discuss and propose amendments to policies and legislation to improve efficiencies and forest stewardship.

Structure

The FMLT is comprised of local licensees, BCTS, MFR staff and other government agencies as appropriate or able.

Co-Chairs:

Allan Johnsrude
Brian Taylor

Core Members:

John Pichugin (OIF Representative)
John Gow
Len Blackstock
Matt Wealick
Kim Allan
Terry Sullivan
Cheryl Power
Doug Campbell
Ralph Schroeder
Leonard Feldes
Jack Sweeten (CRIT Representative)
Ed McWaters (alternate Adrian Hooton)
Greg George (as available)

Meetings will be scheduled as required but will have a minimum of 4 team meetings/year in the first year. Members from CRIT and OIF will provide updates from regional meetings and ensure they represent local interests at those meetings.

Team 'Minutes' or 'Decision/Action Items' will be recorded and kept by the chairpersons or a designate.

The team will conduct an evaluation of each meeting to assess effectiveness. Evaluation can be done anonymously or verbally. Results of evaluation are to be documented as part of meeting minutes.

The Co-Chair roles will include both Government and Industry and preferably will be reviewed annually and preferably rotated.

Documentation

Relevant documentation for working group meetings, including agendas and decision records will be sent to participatory working group members in a timely manner and kept on a central file for future reference. The minutes will largely focus on actions and updates related to key topic areas.

Reporting & Communication

Provide annual summary report to regional OIF and CRIT by mid March for the previous year. The summary report will outline, at a minimum, the issues addressed and the results, and describe planned actions for the new year.

District level teams should also routinely share information with CRIT or OIF consistent with the scope of these two teams regarding any local level solutions which might be useful elsewhere in the region or province, and forward topics which require resolution at the regional or provincial level to the appropriate regional team (CRIT or OIF).

Communication to other forest professionals working in the District will occur via emails from the FMLT Chairs, sharing of information at the Fraser TSA Cooperative meetings and through all licensee meetings.