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Purpose

This group of government and industry resource professionals has been established to provide a collaborative forum for the exchange of information, the clarification of legislative application (ie. *Forest Act, Forest and Range Practices Act, Haida Gwaii Land use Objectives Order*) and the resolution of operational issues common to major forest operations on Haida Gwaii.

Principles

In accordance with principles identified in the All-Licensee Meetings held February 3rd and April 19th, 2011 group participants commit to the following principles:

- Participants acknowledge open dialogue without prejudice, held in a safe environment open to any and all ideas
- Participants acknowledge that everyone has mutual operational interest and all licensees have legal, tenured rights to harvest their allocated volume on Haida Gwaii
- Participants will approach discussions with the goal of finding solutions that support individual members, while keeping a mutual group benefit in mind.
- Participants will come to the meeting with the conviction to make independent recommendations based on sound science, sufficient knowledge and expertise
- Provide local forest sector with a link to the Operational Issues Forum and the Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team
- Participants will actively work to establish a culture of professional reliance on Haida Gwaii

Membership

The Haida Gwaii Operational Foresters' Group will be comprised of both;

- industry/BCTS representatives from every major tenure within the administrative boundaries of the Haida Gwaii District and;
- Authorizations and Stewardship representatives from the local Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations

All members will make the best possible effort to designate a representative to attend each meeting. Smaller working groups may be established to work on special initiatives as they are identified. Other guests outside of the membership may be required to attend from time to time to present information or to provide expert advice.

Meeting Structure

This group will meet by conference call and/or Live Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. During specified periods (ie. the review & comment period for the Multi-Licensee FSP) the group will meet every two (2) weeks.

This group will attempt to meet face-to-face in conjunction with an all-licensee meeting at least once per year.

Short Term Objectives

- Review of S4 streams before June 2012 as per Letter of Understanding
- Review of any other LUOO implementation issues after FSP approval
- Facilitate FSP determination
- Reinvigorate Roads Committee as a sub-component of the Operational Foresters' Group
- Facilitate certification processes
- Clarify Solutions Table Expectations

Long Term Objectives

- Review of FREP/Cumulative Monitoring Results
- Stocking Standards Monitoring
- Establishing a reporting and data management structure
- Sourcing funds for research and analysis (FIA, LBIP, GFS)
- Analysis to support operating area discussion