North Island – Central Coast District
Forest Management Leadership Team
Meeting #13 - Minutes

Date: April 29, 2014
Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill
Time: 9:30-4:30 pm

Attending: Andrew Ashford (am), Cyndy Grant, Amy Beetham, Steve Legge, Ione Brown, Paul Barolet, Warren Warttig, Mike Beck, Mike DesRochers, Lisa Nordin (by video/phone), John Pezel, Peter Share, David Flegel (by video)

Guests: Charlie Short (by phone), Dorthe Jacobsen (by phone), Kathy DesRochers, Volker Michelfelder (by video)

Regrets: Kai Sonnenburg, Chris Peterson, Steve Check, Randy Hart, Dave Marquis, Jon Flintoft, David Flegel

1. Welcome/Housekeeping – Andrew Ashford

2. Review Minutes from January 15th FMLT & Agenda for the day - Cyndy
   All action items were captured as topics for this meeting.
   Professional reliance in timber pricing – Cruising manual training delivered in March in PM and CR in March 2014.
   ABCFP competency reviews are being conducted in this area of practice. Several members have had practice reviews conducted – good experience.

3. OIF Report – Andrew Ashford

<u>AAC stabilization Task Team</u> – recognise that since 1994 – 29% decline in AAC, demonstrated that there is a relative reduction in THLB (LUR, conservancies, WTR, WHA, social objectives, etc). Discussion whether fall down is having the expected effect on AAC – perhaps because second growth has come on line earlier or is yielding higher volumes. Going forward, task team will look at possibility of stabilizing THLB and at optimizing timber utilization – approach from a perspective of no net loss to ALL values. Desire not to re-open planning tables or LUOs. TSR too conservative? – task team revisiting TSR assumptions.

Paul- CRIT is looking at silviculture practices relative to AAC (eg. improved stock); will pass along to CRIT that OIF is discussing AAC stabilization. Public need to be more aware of the value of timber to our economy – how to promote forestry. Industry requested Ministry look into Cruise-base appraisal type pilot; it was not as well-received as expected.

<u>Cruising requirements</u> – reduction in permit turn-around times. Questions around consistency in interpretation of the manual. Andrew asked about local situation. Peter indicated that there seems to be higher level of review; cruisers are being told to hold their work until ALL assessments are complete (changes to order of operations). Re-cruising is often requested for everyone when certain individuals/companies are "testing" some aspect of the rules. Andrew – it is important that any creative interpretations be rationalized in the submission. Members indicated that there some inter-district inconsistency.

Scaling Methods – weight, simple sample, water scaling. No new scaling methods were identified. Scanner (Laser) scaling must wait until Federal regulations are in place. The scanners are used at mills and must be able to give a very accurate volume. The trick will be around transporting un-scaled.

Transportation of un-scaled timber. Revenue risk associated with transporting un-scaled is accepted in NICC. Govt has to account for any revenue loss. Loose, un-marked logs need to be well rationalized – Andrew needs to know how much left the site and how much was scaled. Process needs to stand up to audit. Performance will dictate how open the district is to continuing this practice. Current practice is to monitor load integrity – preference is to have licensee bear the risk.

MaPP – presentation. Will be covered in this FMLT.

UWR WHA – Industry would like larger interpretation of "minor amendments" that can be conducted under professional reliance. Licensees acknowledge that they can do minor amendments. Govt allow for some adjustment to GWMs (where written into GWM – eg, retain 20%), but if outside of the GWM, licensees must develop amendment for approval. Question as to whether govt would consider a blanket modification to GWMs? Ron Deidrich indicated that this might work in some cases – not really resolved, should be brought forward to next OIF.

EBM update – Will be covered in this FMLT.

FMLTs – NICC was recognised as being active and productive.

OIF Waste recommendations – Problem forest type pilot was put forward as a response by govt. Some licensees have been active with the pilot. This may be a factor in AAC stabilization; better information with LiDar.

Tenure conversion - Ministry is looking at converting Volume-based tenures to Area-based tenures.

FTOA and SEA in process. Affects re-charting, especially now that FN will have replaceable volume. FN Woodland Licence is a possible option.

4. Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP) report – Charlie Short, FLNRO (Resource Stewardship Division) Manager, Marine Resource Planning

Draft Marine Use plans – 4 sub-regional marine plans. Collaboration with FNs, integrated (multiple industries), based on EBM principles. Maps show zones; implementation concepts are identified in the written plan. Target is end of June for finalization, followed by development of implementation plan (government to government) which would start end of June or whenever plans are finalized. Northern Vancouver Island posted for public comment (comments due May 15). North Coast plan will be posted April 29th. Central Coast plan still under development; targeting public comment kick off around mid-May. Expect a summary and technical compendium to review; will take longer to reconcile comments.

Warren asked about the last Central Coast draft where there were 98 Protection Management Zones, where 17 isolated THLB and 13 isolated entire drainages. Expectations are high for implementation. Charlie indicated that the planners are looking at options for addressing conflict areas. Until there is some reconciliation, the Central Coast plan won't go out for public review. Planning table is looking to set up meetings with industry to help work through issues. Suzuki Foundation document:"Safeguarding BC's Coastal Waters" is a concern. Govt has no specific plan to respond to this publication (Warren pointed out that much of Central Coast is already

protected through conservancies and BMTAs). Suzuki Foundation is also submitting comments into the govt. Government has issued no response to any comments except to acknowledge that comments had been received.

Andrew asked whether there would be any implementation guidelines. Charlie: Looking at financing mechanisms into the future. Legal objectives will not be enacted. These plans will be similar to coastal marine use plans – policy, guidance to Decision Makers. This going to be addressed in implementation guide. Andrew indicated this tends to push the conflict onto the local DM level. Charlie: DM will have to rationalize decisions that are not consistent with MaPP recommendation. Specific rub points will be identified in the plan, eg. wood sheds that run out into the ocean where there is a proposed protected area (difficult to identify all areas of potential conflict). Try to identify solution in the plan – address conflict early. Table will be convened post-plan to revisit conflicts/feedback regarding implementation, zoning.

Peter made the point that it is hard to find what is at stake for specific zone (what value is being protected/addressed). Charlie: Going back a few years, early planning was done with Fed`s – PNCIMA, consulted all communities and sectors – got a sense of a list of values. MaPPs govt-govt process had to streamline so that the planning only covered areas of provincial jurisdiction. These original values will be identified in the rationalization tables.

Andrew asked whether the planning is based in science or social data/interests. Charlie: Both; FN have done research to identify cultural interests.

Warren commented that this MaPP model is being considered for other Provincial initiatives.

Andrew would like to see consensus-based approach. Concerned about how to maintain FN relationships. Wondering how federal jurisdiction plays into planning.

Peter concerned about cumulative impacts for industry (DFO, MaPP processes).

Cyndy – how are existing improvements and tenures grand-parented into the plan? Planners are aware of conflicts, but have not indicated how existing sites will be portrayed in the guidance.

Andrew noted that the Suzuki document speaks of developing a plan to address displacement and compensation; there is no compensation available from the Crown.

5. RESULTS reporting – Andrew Ashford

This is a good news story in terms of our system integrity and cutblocks being reported in the system. Will report out on RESULTS outcomes at Sept meeting (reporting cycle ends in June). Andrew reiterated the need for post-harvest inspection, and that standing waste must be reported as part of retention. This all plays into the AAC stabilization issue. Small openings create more shade, which decreases productivity. Multiple small openings look more like a retention system when you "zoom out" to a landscape level.

6. Forestry, Tourism and Joint workshops on coexistence of sectors – Dorthe Jacobsen, Section Head for Resource Initiatives, Working with Jobs, Tourism and Industry

Discovery Island Marine Tourism Group, Ralph Keller, concerned about visual impacts of logging on tourism. Not opposed to logging, but doesn't want visible clearcuts. Wanted a Land Use Plan developed and wanted to ensure that forest industry followed VQOs. A working group was struck; FLNRO toured marine corridors to see areas of concern, surveyed operators in the area. FLNRO communicated to the group that a moratorium or LUP would not be initiated; but they would look at revising visual landscape planning. FLNRO reps shared this planning with industry at workshop. January forest sector met with working group. February tourism group

met with working group. Outcomes: better relationship and communication, joint meeting planned, working objectives developed.
FLNRO holding one-on-one discussions with industry; will release report to public. WG conducted conformance report: 88 sites conform (93%); 7 sites non-conforming - recommendations made to forest sector on how to best manage visuals. Andrew: 93% is not enough – Visual management is a social objective – should be at 100%; don't plan to upper limit.
WG proposing further meetings, proposals that will be brought to both groups, in hopes that a MOU will be developed.
One operator was fined for mis-managing visual quality objectives - $5000. This was seen to be too little. Will be revisited.
Amy – how do licensees know what tourism businesses are active/operating in their area, so they can have this conversation. Dorthe: this came up at workshop - Dorthe is working with tourism sector and will pass this point along. Peter suggested that this was a component of the FDP review process, but FSPs don't give that opportunity.
Paul – when tourism sector is engaged, do they understand partial retention and that forestry can't hide all harvesting? Dorthe – unfortunately, we're still living with past logging practices. Tourism sector does not agree that the VQO poster mimics real life – a bit misleading – they said that they wouldn't have been concerned if block looked like the poster.
Peter and Mike asked about how the sector sees large blowdown and other large disturbances.
Amy – any other resource issues that affect tourism operators? All Crown, any private land? Right now focus is on the logging. Andrew – this is not a pristine area – multiple uses and values exist. Goes back to the no-net loss conversation. Willing to engage in conversation to modify VQO to keep timber supply whole, and recognize local interests.

7. First Nations in NICC – Kathy DesRochers

Kitasoo (CFN) - second FCRSA with CFN for consideration, signed FTOA March 2013, replaceable (14500 m3/yr) and non-replaceable licence (48300 m3). Kitasoo FSP recently approved. Referrals with Kitasoo currently working well.

Heiltsuk (CFN) - second FCRSA with CFN for consideration, have not signed FTOA, FTOA offers replaceable (47,000 m3/yr) and non-replaceable licence (299,000 m3). Memoranda of Understanding being negotiated with licensees to improve info sharing process. HFN use Engagement Framework Schedule B timelines to the full extent. Engage early and often and document. Letter of support would help reduce timelines. SLRD (occupation, cedar, traditional use – traditional ecological knowledge) are being vetted through community, triggering additional fieldwork; process is causing delays – will be conducting another round of field reconnaissance. Province won't get to see the SLRDs until they are complete – once the Province gets these draft reserves, it will feed into the CFCI process and there will be some discussion as to how they will be enacted – this may be a difficult position. It is understood that this puts licensees in a tough position.

Nuxalk (CFN) - Logging under CFA; have applied for NRFL (FRO) – 311,000 m3. Working with DCFP and A&A. Referrals and engagement is delayed, even though they are well staffed, difficult getting to Chief and Council. We have proceeded to decision, after following the CFN protocol and Engagement Framework.

Skin-Tyee – Overlap in Kimsquit area. No engagement to date. They have an FCRSA, but no tenure in NIC.

Ulkatcho – FCRSA, no tenures in NICC. Limited engagement.

Wuikinuxv (CFN) - new Chief (Rose Hackett) and Council (George Johnson, Fred Anderson) – have not met with new council yet. Second FCRSA with CFN for consideration, have not signed FTOA, FTOA offers replaceable (5,600 m3/yr) and non-replaceable licence (35,600 m3). Referrals working well, still through Peter Johnson. Treaty table is active. Recommend getting update from MARR.

All CFN: Non replaceable tenures and first 10 years of replaceable should go to economic zones, as per Mid Coast re-charting. Was hoping to give update on schedule B amendment; still in consideration with CFN – so not much to tell. Keep working on relationships, meet early, often and document.

All nations – replaceable tenures won't be limited to traditional territory, but will be able to place tenure anywhere in TSA. This may protract consultation in some cases.

Gwa'Sala Nakwaxda'xw (NCH RP) – Executed TOA for a new replaceable licence for 18,811 m3/yr in Kingcome TSA and 4,445 m3/yr in the Mid Coast TSA. Still harvesting FRO volume. Seeking direct involvement with information sharing. Not as efficient. Active at treaty table. Recommend getting update from MARR.

Gwawaenuk – FRO expired; rejected FCRSA (offered 1,053 m3/yr) – operating under Haida principles. FRO licences (30,000 m3 is active. Seeking accommodation in other ways – directly from licensees. This may derail positive relationships. Hopeful that they will sign on to FCRSA and TOA. Has logged FRO volume.

Kwickwasutinuxv-Haxwa'mis – have signed FCRSA for 6,766 m3 replaceable volume, Big House is near completion; community rebuild is going forward, includes Band Office and Health Centre. Involved in territorial dispute with the Mamalilikulla. Referrals going well. Have requested comprehensive consultation protocol.

Dzawa'enuxv – FCRSA signed. Original tenures (FRO – 13,235 m3/yr WL, 132,000 m3 NRFL) are not active. Not engaged on referrals. Melissa Willie has returned to assist with referrals.

Mamalilikulla Qwe'Qua'Sot'Em (NCH and RP) - executed replaceable tenure in Pacific TSA (9,999 m3/yr), replaceable tenure in Kingcome TSA (3,844 m3/yr).

Tlatatliswala – FCRSA signed; FTOA is under consideration (1,245 m3/yr in Kingcome TSA) – more active with MARR. Referrals coordinator is Tony Wong/Ken Barth. Increased engagement, involvement, expectations. May be looking for partnership.

Tlowitsis – (NCH and RP) - Signed FTO replaceable and non-replaceable licences sourced from Campbell River Resource District. Fairly active Treaty – contact MARR for more information.

Namgis – left NCH, not yet signed FCRSA, asserting larger territory – Namgis will need to provide evidence to expand territory. Since FCRSA is expired, we are required to consult under the CAD, so if that is amended, more decisions may be referred to them. Signed TOA for 35,980 m3 non-replaceable licence in TFL 37 – in application. Still active in treaty – contact MARR for more information.

Quatsino – new Chief (Rob Cahill) and council and staff. FCRSA in negotiation. Floating their own Consultation and Accommodation policy. Quatsino protocol still active for forestry. New referrals department. Sending invoices – no obligation to pay.

Mowachat Muchalaht – revised territory boundary – even less overlap with NICC RD.

Kwakiutl – set up protest on Crown Land January 9th blocking access to Island Timberlands cutblock on private land. No wood is moving off site. Looking to get together with Province and Federal Crown to reconcile the treaty (Douglas – 1851). In June 2013, outcome of judicial review (on removal of private land, WFP FSP amendment and extension) results: consultation adequate, KFN could make a credible claim to unextinguished aboriginal rights and title within this traditional territory. Appeals and cross-appeals are underway (expect

outcome from BC Court of Appeal in late fall), but we can't discuss any issues (including modern treaty) that are before the courts at this time. Engage in consultation on Douglas Treaty rights to hunt and fish, and asserted aboriginal interests. It's possible they will expand, escalate the civil disobedience. Engage early and often and document all correspondence and contact. We're also looking for updated boundary; they are asserting interests outside of the boundary that has been accepted by the Province.

For all nations, Information sharing – talk about replacement for SUP and Land Act tenures. Ensure that operational and administrative folks are working together. OGMA, UWR, WHA amendment proposals should also be part of info sharing opportunity. Meeting notes will help with consultation, but unless we get a letter of support, we need to engage on a 39 day process with Heiltsuk (eg).

8. LUNCH – HaidaWay Pub

9. Species selection and implications to AAC Timber supply (CSC topic) – Mike D – see presentation

10. Conservancy Management Plans -Volker Michelfelder – see presentation

11. EBM Update - Bob Craven – see presentation
Looking at end of September for final LUO amendment, so legal objectives can be in place by Dec 2014.

Paul - What do you see for stand level retention? – Bob: JSP proposing increase from 15-20 ha – in block retention, so it counts toward old growth targets. Trying to overlap retention/reserves with existing constrained areas. Looking to make this work for woodflow as well.

Peter - Dec 2014 the end? Bob: Have LU objectives ready for implementation; allowing 6 months to amend. FSPs. Adaptive management will be implemented to make changes to stand level retention, RONV, ecosystem categories, etc.

Will First Nations have 2.5 million AAC? Bob: No, it's all inclusive; this is what industry needs from mid coast; how it is distributed is another conversation.

Proposal to increase retention from 15-20 ha (wind issue) – if you want credit for internal patches to be part of old growth target, it has to meet size, influence, etc. criteria. No credit for patches that will be harvested later. If there's moderate risk of windthrow, won't leave 20 ha. Biological anchors depend on purpose for retention. If it meets the criteria, and intent, could potentially harvest anchor on next rotation.

Mike - RONV – Seems to be over-representation of blue (eg. vm1.01/03). Will Terry Lewis revisit red and blue lists? Bob: Some issues with lists, especially with amendment last April. JSP couldn't resolve, did not calculate woodflow based on April 2013 blue list. As a professional forester, ask the question, do you need to set anything aside to meet RONV? Not the same for red listed.

Ione - Riparian changes eg. for upland streams in important fisheries watersheds? Bob: Some issues got bogged down (upland streams). Successful with flexibility on riparian buffers. CFCI hired consultant to look at buffer widths – having hard number is not practical. Have to look at site criteria, may need wider or narrower buffer. Also worked on definition of high value fish habitat. Outcome is not to maximize timber production, but to do the right thing.

Timeline for public review for smaller Licensees? Bob: Taking it in stages, concurrent with pilots, working with FNs and planning to meet with all non-CFCI companies in the near future. Keep an eye out for invitation. Will be depending on districts for contact lists.

Lisa - Is anyone monitoring streams to ensure that this system (FRPA, EBM) is working and streams are being protected, especially where no buffers are left? How will adaptive management be implemented? Bob: Legal objectives are prescriptive, but in upland streams there may be no buffers required. Any stream reach, must balance the budget for that riparian system. FREP in central coast? Paul: yes, random sampling in central coast, direct tributaries to fish bearing streams. MRVA report will show whether streams are being impacted. Paul's experience: some streams well managed, some have heavy slash loading. Bob: in summary, hydrologists, biologists, geologists have reviewed and JSP did the best job they could on amendment.

Contact Bob with questions (Bob.Craven@Interfor.com) .

12. Goshawk Recovery Plan – Warren Warttig – see presentation
Marbled Murrelet Habitat and conservation recovery strategy came out in February, finalized in April 15th.
Coordinated response to MaMu, and stalled NoGo strategy. Being lead by Feds.
Paul – can shelterwood system work with a nest site? Warren: Would be more goshawk friendly. MoE is trying to work behind the scenes.
If you find a feather, send it to Warren (Warren.Warttig@Interfor.com) or John Deal; they are working with SFU collecting DNA.

13. Ecosystem Biologist Update – Lisa Nordin
Presented Woodwaste and wildlife to Ecosystem section of FLNRO. Colleagues were shocked at the amount of waste. There is a functional amount of waste to ensure productive habitat.

Goat UWR order – no concerns from public or FN, still consulting with licensees. Licensees see these polygons as modelled, not surveyed. Trying to compromise.

LEAN WHA process - working on 7 WHA Goshawk in Bella Coola CFA. Can't delegate this decision-making to licensees – willing to collaborate. Rules for engagement of WHAs - licensees will be engaged, consulted earlier than in the past. Need solid rationale, stage of development, priorities, conflict with development. Using templates and checklists to ensure packages are complete. Will require sign-off by DM. Contact Lisa (Lisa.Nordin@gov.bc.ca) for more information. Cyndy will post link.

14. Stewardship Update – Paul
Increasing utilization of problem forest types, waste wood – see these websites
– FP Innovations willing to come to a future FMLT. Paul and Cyndy to contact Dominique Roser, Tim Caldecott to determine availability and scope of presentation (field vs. office mtg)

15. Working Group Reports
- Salvage Working Group – Dual mark permit paper – Ione Brown will collaborate with District staff then give an update at next meeting

- Fire Hazard – Mike – Cyndy will post all attachments with minutes. Close group.

16. Logistics for the Field Trip – Jon Flintoft/Christina Mardell

17. Wrap-up Meeting Evaluation – Suggested topics for September meeting
Paul – 10/10 – good topics
Steve – 10 – pertinent
Ione – valuable
Peter – parts of business that we may not be practicing; upper planning issues – nice to know what's coming; great agenda; informative; great FN update (she's the best – Agreed ☺)
Mike D– great information 9/10 (no TimBits)

Mike B – Great agenda; EBM presentation just right; great FN update
Warren – good meeting; good presentations; stream comments from Eco bio presentation – tone. It is helpful to have a collaborative forum.
John – good agenda, informative, networking opportunity 9/10
Amy – appreciate organization and travel/time commitment
Cyndy – please pass the information around within your organizations

Next meeting: October 8, 2014