

NICCRD FMLT Meeting #24 –Minutes

January 25, 2018 9:30 – 3:00

NICCRD Office, 2217 Mine Road, Port McNeill

Attendees – Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Amy Beetham, Cyndy Grant, Kim LeFebvre and Jon Lok (by phone), John Dirom, Robert Ziegler, Kelly McMahon, Ione Brown, Joe LeBlanc, Kai Sonnenburg, Lisa Brown, and Ivan Tallio (by phone for afternoon)

1. Welcome & Safety –Andrew
2. Reviewed Agenda – no additions
3. Reviewed November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes and FMLT Action Items – Andrew

Minutes were circulated November 22, 2017 and have been adopted.

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Old action items were reviewed and updated; Kim expressed an interest in any learnings from the 2016 free growing monitoring and Joe said he would be okay with sharing results with others so that everyone can learn. He also wondered whether the Province would be releasing anything.

4. OIF (November 30, 2017) Update – Andrew
 - THLB Stabilization projects: (a) the Nimpkish Landscape Unit is on-hold as WFP seeks to clarify 'Namgis First Nation interests related to land use planning; (b) Walbran TFL46 Teal project was not yet supported by the Ministry due to questions about stakeholder engagement (ENGO participation) so is not going ahead at this time
 - Patrick Russel spoke about waste and residuals on the Coast; there is a reinvigorated Fibre Recovery Group (focus on the Interior initially); integrating with primary harvesting; willing seller and buyer; amendments to the Forest Act – do not damage clause to prevent burning while interest for secondary fibre users is assessed; Crown likely take on fire hazard abatement risk; a pamphlet is being developed by FPB; pre-harvest waste assessment process – sawlog waste put into benchmark
 - wood waste landfills – MoE has agreed to remote site application, but SUP policy does not support this for a log sort versus a camp

- old growth forest initiative – there is expectation from the Minister that this will be integrated with modernized land use planning
- Peter Bradford and FREP small streams presentation: this past year there have been webinars, licensee conversations, and extension notes; some frustrations expressed about reporting values out by district and licensees unable to see their own results in comparison to others; licensees want us to pay more attention to road impacts; get results to licensees as soon as possible; do this for all values not just riparian; licensees want to use individual results to facilitate conversations with First Nations; licensees want more data analysis; an advisory group for FREP has been struck; licensee targeted stream review report is done but the communication strategy is being finalized; Les Kiss asked if there is going to be an evaluation of the riparian protocol
- Other FREP: FN may want to participate and collect data for CHR surveys; intention to have the karst protocol finalized in 2018

Lisa – Were any concerns raised around FREP sampling intensity? There may not be enough samples to draw any conclusions. Andrew Ashford – 10 years of data is statistically valid at a district or Provincial level but perhaps not per licensee.

Action Item – Ask Paul to respond on whether the individual DNI licensee FREP surveys / survey data can be shared as soon as they are completed in the field. If not, then when could those be shared?

-Cumulative Effects Framework – Uses a values and objectives approach in a non-legislated manner; Provincially includes: grizzly bear, moose, old growth, aquatic environment; Coast includes: elk, marbled murrelet, northern goshawk, cedar; there will be a phased roll-out of publicly available reports; will see maps by landscape unit or drainage and polygons with values and management recommendations; forest professional obligation - if value at risk will need to consider all activities in terms of the effect on the status of the value (cutblocks, roads, etc.)

Action Item: WFP-CIFO has recent elk data. Andrew to contact Bill Zinovich to let him know.

Action Item: Andrew will confirm if any reports (grizzly bear in particular) have been released and if so that will be forwarded out to FMLT.

-Provincial Forestry Forum Update from Les Kiss-Fire salvage slow in the Caribou; Effectiveness of GAR and consistency of applying the tests; GAR areas for spiritual areas given recent Jumbo Decision; logistical challenges with fire salvage

-Integrated Investment Planning – Aaron Smeeth is the west coast coordinator and is looking for projects; road reforestation of wilderness status roads; alder conversion opportunities; FES; etc.

-professional reliance review: discussed the components of the review; public opportunity for comment; final report due in 2018; Mount Polley and professional engineers was impetus; jurisdiction scan – 94% Crown land in BC; request to consider an effectiveness evaluation using professionals outside of government

-2016 Free Growing Monitoring Program from Branch with C&E: opportunities for improvement were discussed; Branch felt this was a compliance review first and foremost but licensees did not expect C&E involvement from the initial communications they received; RESULTS reporting – 25 out of 27 had issues; moving forward what can we learn from the findings?

Joe -Noted that the Chief Forester's RESULTS reporting standards changed during that time and hopes that a working group comes out of this at that level or even at the FMLT level.

5. What's going on out there? Around the table discussion such as: MaPP, Big Tree Policy, Professional Reliance Review, Landscape Reserve Design (LRD), other

-issues scan, what should we be paying attention to?

-LRD: it's a challenge for smaller licensees to be involved and keep informed; LRDs underway in NICC or planned to be initiated in 2018 include: Broughton, Gilford, Huaskin, Jump Across, Lower Kimsquit, Lower Klinaklini, Lull-Sallie, Miriam, Roderick, Snowdrift, Sutslem Skowquiltz, Yeo, Don Peninsula, Knight East, Kwatna/Quatlena; effect of charting proceeding and lack of LRD information is an added complexity; natural disturbance effects and salvage within blowdown or fire affected areas – perhaps allowance of salvaging should be considered; would like to see these conclude for some land-base certainty

-struggling with red and blue listed guidebook that is still in draft; process is dragging on; government is now taking a leadership role in this to get it out with some additional resources – no FMLT role needed

-riparian – what is coming up as the next phase – Joe has been working with Lisa Nordin and consultant; revisiting FREP protocol and work to date; training for practitioners and new foresters to increase knowledge

-MAPP – wondering about non-consensus areas in the Central Coast and the process to conclude these; an application for Section 16 for South Bentinck is in one of these areas; iMapBC now has a MaPP zones layer available to choose under the 'Land Use Plans' tab; management plans have not yet been developed and will be as part of the implementation phase which is getting underway – Bruce Storrey is the industry contact for this for the Northern Vancouver Island plan

-complexity of the current planning environment and siloed tables; how much we are expecting our forest professionals to be aware of and keep on top of and the importance of communication and collaboration is even more important; era of

retirement and new foresters who do not have the Forest Practices Code background and their steep learning curve; the Coast is more complicated than the Interior; less mentorship and less time to train and mentor, retention

-where did the competitiveness branch go?

-stream management, karst management and the challenge of conflicting professional views

-ENGOS and old growth management on Vancouver Island; provincial policy; social licence and what I can do as a professional; comments made at Truck Loggers and potential policy shifts; wood availability to local market – willing seller and willing buyer

-First Nation information-sharing and paradigm shifts that are happening; also a paradigm shift in government in terms of focus on reconciliation and implementation of UNDRIP, Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action, Tsilhqot'in decision; government has to implement reconciliation; consequence on turnaround times; navigating roles is even more complicated; increased level of partnership with FNs; free, prior and informed consent to reach consensus agreements; meaningful involvement of FN in planning and development in their territory

-CSA certification updated to include consensus building with FN to reflect Tsilhqot'in decision

-capacity for FN engagement and collaboration; Strategic Forestry Engagement funding

-VIA guidance is out from ABCFP; subjectivity in visuals management

-labour shortage and training and development approach; still use FPC guidebooks

-old growth pressure; what happens if we stop logging it on Vancouver Island and impacts to small resource communities

-NRPP Cutting Permits – new system interface and process is coming; will include professional certification

-FN consultation – everyone is finding their way and this affects timelines, creative solutions are being considered

6. Large Cutblocks and VILUP Working Group Progress Update – Kim, Joe, Ione, Jon, Kelly

- at the last meeting it was decided to focus on developing a guidance document

- the working group re-grouped earlier this week for a meeting/conference call

- the ABCFP is developing a watershed level guidance document (will be released later this year); our document may be more detailed but want it to be complimentary to the ABCFP document

- in terms of the next steps, the working group is putting together a draft outline that will be circulated to the FMLT by next week; working group members will tackle specific sections and regular drafts will be sent out for broader feedback

- in addition, the working group members are sharing any templates and processes they use to try to create a recommended list of things for a professional operating under VILUP and developing a large cutblock to consider; the intent is to not be prescriptive and provide guidance

Action Item: The working group will circulate a draft guidance document outline for review and comment to the broader FMLT group by February 5, 2018.

7. Developing the FMLT Draft Work Plan – Everyone participated in Exercise #3 (see table attached for the outcomes of the discussion).
8. Spring Meeting and Field Trip Ideas
 - plan for a ½ to full day office meeting for the first day and a second full field day
 - office ideas include: seed transfer legislative changes taking effect in August 2018; regional waste specialist to speak to trends in the district
 - field ideas include: large cutblocks and VILUP (near Beaver Cove perhaps); waste assessments; FREP and riparian piece – Lisa Nordin and the next steps for small streams; ABCFP Watersheds if anything available; perhaps focus on a shorter itinerary rather than too many stops
 - organizers for the field day: Mike DesRochers, Kim LeFebvre & Tracy Ng/John Dirom (large cutblocks and VILUP example), Paul Barolet/Murray Estlin, Kelly McMahon(waste site)

Next Meeting: April 25th/26th (Wed/Thurs) - A calendar invite to hold the date has been sent out.

9. Closing and check-in –

Good meeting and especially liked to hear about the consistency in direction on FN consultation; good group of people; nice to hear similar issues and same goals; excellent and refreshing to see this level of professionalism; work planning piece was well done; interesting as always; good to see that everyone is struggling as much as I am; great work planning exercise and well organized; good positive meeting and we're all aligned from a professional perspective; tackled lots of subjects today and good discussion – very interactive; good to have peer discussion; good meeting and interesting group; given that we meet only three times a year it would be nice to connect more frequently during the year as information comes up – forward to the whole FMLT; interesting session; interesting how brainstorm filtered into three working groups; great meeting with a high level of engagement by everyone, it feels like we have found our way; appreciate a new focus; liked that this is almost a gender balanced group in the room today

Table 1: Summary of Previous Action Items

Action Generated	Issue	Responsibility	Due
26-Apr-17	Riparian Emphasis Guidance- Some FMLT members felt the guidance and related table is too simplified. Paul will look into these points and get a response. <i>Update – Paul had passed along that the intent was that a simplified approach was taken to avoid the guidance getting too prescriptive. FMLT agreed that the guidance document can be revisited as part of any related working group discussion that occurs so no further action is required.</i>	Paul Barolet	26-Oct-17 (Retired January 25, 2018)
16-Nov-17	Provincial Free Growing RESULTS Monitoring- Paul will circulate document with licensees' results to individual clients. <i>Individual results circulated mid-January 2018 for a number of licensees. New related action: Ione noted that she had not yet received their results from Paul. Paul to follow-up directly with Ione.</i>	Paul Barolet	25-Jan-18
16-Nov-17	Provincial Free Growing RESULTS Monitoring- Andrew will provide feedback to Branch with FMLTs' concerns about the process and communication related to the Provincial Free Growing RESULTS monitoring.	Andrew Ashford	25-Jan-18 (Completed November 30, 2017)
16-Nov-17	OPIC- Co-chairs will write a letter to the OPIC co-chairs to request that there be communications to Licensees (big and small) group. <i>Email sent November 20, 2017. New related action: 1. Amy to circulate the response to the FMLT. 2. Amy to provide message on next OPIC call that our FMLT members believe that quarterly status updates on the work in progress</i>	Jon Flintoft; Andrew Ashford	25-Jan-18 (Completed November 20, 2017)

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	<i>should be publicly available as well as who to contact for individual LRDs.</i>		
16-Nov-17	Large Cutblocks and VILUP Working Group- Group will provide an update at the January 2018 meeting.	Christina Mardell, Kim LeFebvre, Joe LeBlanc, Trevor Egely, Ione Brown, Jon Flintoft, Kelly McMahon, Tracy Ng	Completed 25-Jan-18
November 16, 2017	Members will be contacted with challenge wall follow-up process and all members will prepare for the January work planning session. <i>Emails sent November 22 and December 18, 2017.</i>	Amy Beetham and FMLT	Completed 25-Jan-18