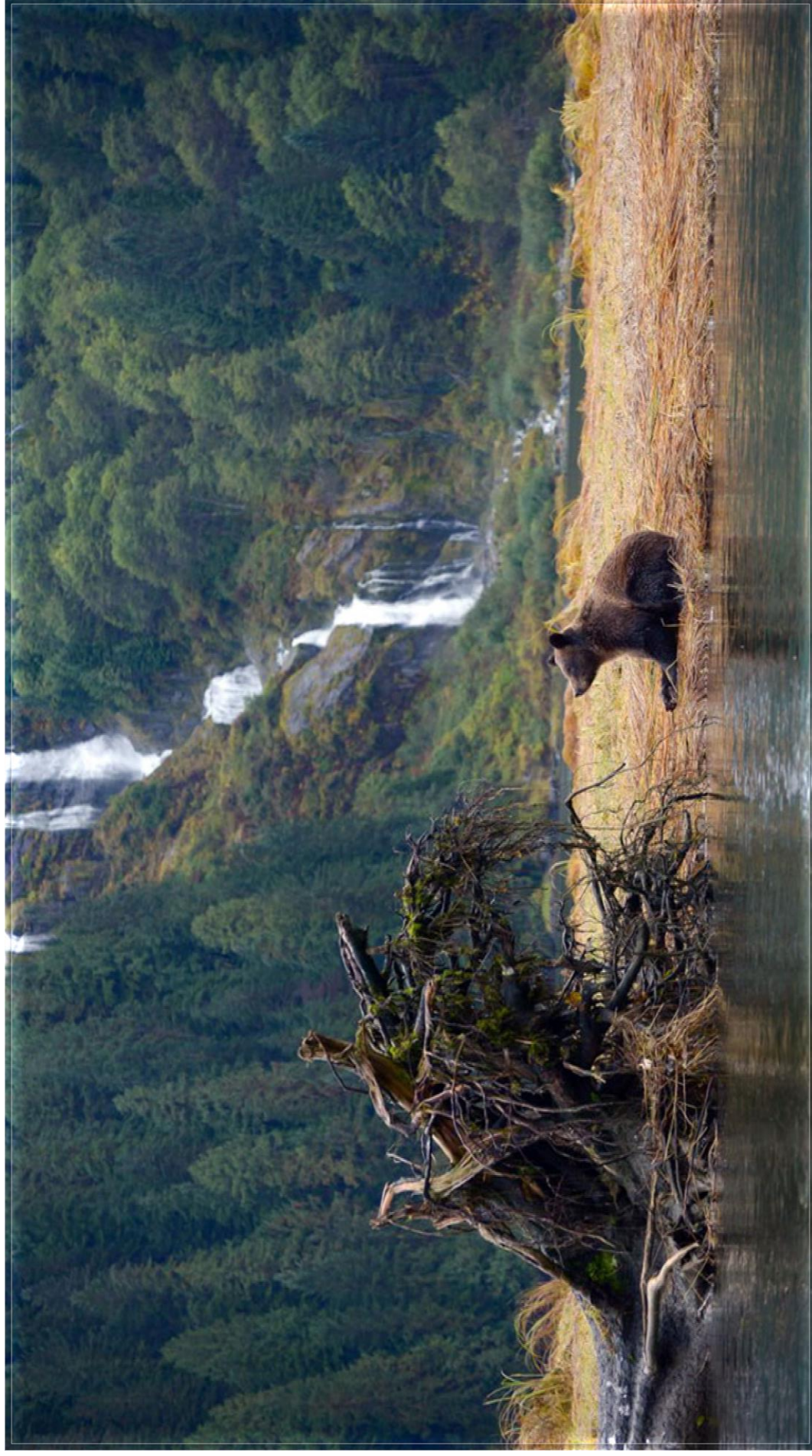


North Island - Central Coast Forest Management Leadership Team 2015-16 Annual Report



NICC FMLT 2015-16 Annual Report

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North Island – Central Coast Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team

2015-2016 Annual Report

This has been another milestone year for the North Island – Central Coast FMLT. The FMLT held three meetings during this period. Topics presented and discussed included forest worker safety, species at risk management, First Nations updates, local operational issues, District Engineering update, ENGO involvement on the North Island, small stream management, FSP replacements and wildfire management.

Our FMLT was fortunate to again partner with the ABCFP in these meetings, which continued to bring a broader perspective to our day to day practice. We were fortunate to hear presentations from a variety of resource professionals and others who work inside and outside the District.

In the next year, we look forward to discussing implementation of the Great Bear Rainforest Act and Regulation as well as hearing about the latest generation of FSPs. Other possible topics include social license expectations, an update on the Forest Enhancement Society, an update on Species at Risk, an update on the LEAN process including log handling and an update on cumulative impacts in the District, around Vancouver Island and across the province.

Both myself and co-chair Andrew Ashford, RPF, would like to thank and acknowledge the time and efforts from everyone who participates in our FMLT. We continue to be impressed by the interest shown in the FMLT and the cooperation from the presenters and participants. We would also like to thank our employees, the ABCFP and the many resource professionals within and outside the District who have provided support and expertise to our group. We would like to acknowledge our colleagues from Bella Coola for staying engaged and contributing so much to the group and for their commitment to maintain the strong professional relationships through the use of technology and travel.

We would also like to express a very special thank you to Cyndy Grant, RPF, who has done a tremendous job with facilitating our FMLT.

Jon Flintoft, RPF
Sr. Operations Planner
Western Forest Products Inc.

North Island – Central Coast Natural Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team
2015-2016 Annual Report

Overview

This sixth annual report captures the FMLT activity recorded by the North Island-Central Coast Resource District (NICC) Forest Management Leadership Team (FMLT) from May 2015-May 2016. The formation of the NICC FMLT was initiated in 2010 as a product of the Coast Forest Region Operational Issues Forum Working Group ‘Culture Change’ presentation and FMLT building session held February 24, 2010 in Port McNeill. Central to the FMLT concept is the desire of professionals in the district to support an on-going culture shift by fostering professional reliance, facilitating innovation, building professional relationships, and identifying and addressing local forest management issues.

The NICC FMLT Terms of Reference (see Appendix I) was endorsed by the group in May 2013. It outlines the team’s objectives, mandate, guiding principles, scope, structure, requirements for success, and documentation and reporting requirements. It is recommended that this document be revisited in January of each year.

Meetings were held October 8, 2015, February 25, 2016, and May 4, 2016. Over the year, the following speakers attended meetings, shared information, fielded questions and led discussion with the group in their area of expertise:

- Megan Hanacek – ABCFP Updates (Climate Change)
- Evan Loveless – Wilderness Tourism Association of BC
- Peter Jacobsen – Forest Sector Competiveness
- Gary Gwilt – Great Bear Rainforest Update
- Pete Laing – Fire Management
- Eric Dutcyvich – East Creek ENGO Issues
- Chris Walker – District Engineering update
- Steve Gordon & Darren McConkey – MaMu & NoGo Implementation Strategy

The annual field trip was postponed; the field trip is scheduled to be held on October 13, 2016.

All documentation from the NICC FMLT (reports, minutes and handouts) can be found at the following link: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/RCO/external/!publish/FMLT%20Publish/North%20Island%20Central%20Coast/> . Chuck Rowan, Forester at the Coast Region has assisted in ensuring documents are posted in a timely manner.

Membership

The members include representatives from government, consultants and forest licensees (spanning a variety of tenure types and including BC Timber Sales). The membership roster for 2015-16 was divided into members and adjunct members. See the Terms of Reference for more information. Andrew Ashford and Jon Flintoft were elected to stand as co-chairs for another term. Members and guests attend by phone and video conference if they are unable to attend meetings in-person.

Issues & Results

The 2015-16 NICC FMLT meetings provided the opportunity for local issues of interest to be identified and discussed. Along with guest speakers and discussion of new topics, a number of standing agenda items are reviewed at meetings. Standing agenda items include updates from the Coastal Operational Issues Forum and the Coast Region Implementation Team, new information related to the implementation of ecosystem-based management, and an around the table opportunity for members to speak to any emerging issues. Minutes from all meetings for 2015-16 can be found in Appendix 2. In Appendix 3 the table shows the action items and status of issues brought forward

Planned Actions

The following topics have been suggested as emerging issues and topics for the next FMLT cycle:

Red - Blue listed plant communities - Future field opportunity once field book is developed.

Great Bear Rainforest Act and Regulation – Effects of the Act on FSP's, business.

Social License Expectations – *What does it mean*

Forest Enhancement Society – Update

Species at Risk – Updates

Lean Log Handling – Update on project and the impacts on the district,

Appendix 1

Terms of Reference ***North Island – Central Coast Resource District*** **Forest Management Leadership Team**

Objectives

To enhance trust and relationships to resolve local issues.

To provide the local forest sector with a stronger voice at the Operational Issues Forum (OIF) and the Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team (CRIT).

To improve the efficiency of the forest sector overall by providing an organized structure for clear and productive communications, and promoting cooperation in management.

To support continued learning for licensee and government professionals by sharing innovative ideas, transferring new or current technological information, and working to understand the challenges faced by all members of the group.

Mandate

Work in a team environment to resolve local forest sector issues, to communicate direction and guidance from OIF and CRIT, and to provide a forum to voice local issues and to raise issues to a regional level through OIF or CRIT.

Guiding Principles

The following general principles will govern the team:

- Foundation of professional reliance
- Build open, strong relationships and teams
- Respectful regard for different points of view
- Seek to understand issues with an open mind
- Apply science, logic and reason; identify gaps in knowledge
- Practice only within bounds of authority, training and experience
- Seek help in resolving disputes
- Promote the understanding of professional reliance and the concept of the contract of trust
- Respectfully consider First Nations values and interests that may be affected by our activities and actions
- Promote the use of field trips to improve decision making and forest practices
- Uphold legislation, and review and consider policy
- Consider safety in all decisions and guidance

Scope

The focus will be on resolving local operational issues within the North Island – Central Coast Resource District (NICC), under the *Forest Act* and the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The team will seek a balanced approach to issues by considering all the objectives established under the *Ministry of Forests 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 NICC Forest Management Leadership Team (FMLT) is a working team comprised of representatives of local licensees spanning different tenure types, BCTS and ministry staff. The FMLT should include the following core people: District and licensee/BCTS co-chair, local CRIT representative and/or Local OIF representative. Members from CRIT and OIF will provide updates from regional meetings and ensure they represent local interests at those meetings. The team will elect its own chairs and develop its own TOR based on the core principles described in this document.

The membership will be amended annually and appended to this document. Attendance and active participation of the primary and/or the alternate representative is required to ensure continued membership on the team. It is preferable that the representatives attend the meetings in person, but video and phone attendance is acceptable when circumstances dictate.

Adjunct members will include: local groups such as First Nations, regional districts, municipalities, woodlots or other small tenure holders and other agencies, as well as forest professionals who chose not to participate in the meetings. Adjunct members will receive minutes and information, and will be invited to attend meetings when relevant topics are on the agenda.

Meetings will be held in January, April and October of each year. The April meeting will involve a field component. Members may arrange to attend meetings by conference call or video call, although face to face is preferred. Members may also designate an alternate to attend on their behalf if they are unavailable. Any alternate should come prepared to fully participate in the meeting. The Co-chairs will alternate as the meeting Chairperson. Project subgroups may be formed, and meetings held as required to complete tasks.

The team will conduct an evaluation of each meeting to assess effectiveness. This qualitative evaluation will be done verbally. Results of the meeting evaluation will be documented as part of meeting minutes.

Requirements for Success

- Leadership support from managers of licensees, BCTS, ministry staff, and other agencies to support staff participation in meetings, field trips, and group tasks
- Managing the size of the team and representation of the different interests
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities of members for communicating to and representing their constituents
- Co-chairs will be responsible for ensuring that their team looks after its own administrative needs (e.g. meeting arrangements, document preparation and distribution, records of decision, etc.)
- Focus on forest management issues (*Forest Act, Forest and Range Practices Act*, related resource legislation) at the local level
- Plan to 'Celebrate the Successes'
- Continued focus on mandate
- Effective communications
- Commitment to participation

Decision Making and Documentation

The NICC FMLT will strive for consensus for the purpose of decision making, but where consensus is not reached, the co-chairs will be accountable to determine when an acceptable number of members support a decision, action or recommendation. Consensus for the purposes of this TOR is defined as general agreement or acceptance of decisions, actions or recommendations by members. Members may have concerns about specific aspects, but can accept and support that the overall decision, action or recommendation goes forward .

Relevant documentation for NICC FMLT meetings, including agendas and decision records will be sent to participatory group members in a timely manner and kept on a central file for future reference.

Reporting

Team '*Minutes*' or '*Decision/Action Items*' will be recorded, distributed and kept by the facilitator/chairpersons. An annual report will be developed annually, and will be completed and circulated by the end of July each year. The Annual Report will be forwarded to the ABCFP, regional OIF and CRIT. The summary report will outline, as a minimum, the issues addressed and the results, and describe any planned actions for the upcoming year.

The FMLT will also routinely share information with the ABCFP, CRIT or OIF consistent with the scope of those organizations 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 organization (ABCFP, CRIT, or OIF).

Appendix

Membership for 2014-15

Western Forest Products (Vancouver Island): Jon Flintoft, Kelly McMahon

Western Forest Products (Mainland, Central Coast): John Pezel

International Forest Products: Kai Sonnenburg, Michelle Todd

Richply: Tom Cole, Ione Brown

Bella Coola Community Forest Ltd: Hans Granander

Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership: Randy Hart, Rob Ziegler

Strategic Natural Resource Consultants:

Capacity Forest Management: Mike Beck

TimberWest: Bill Grutzmacher, Peter Share

BC Timber Sales: Lisa Brown

Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations: Andrew Ashford, David Flegel, Lisa Nordin, Amy Beetham, Cyndy Grant, Paul Barolet

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Bella Coola Community Forest Ltd: Hans Granander

Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership: Randy Hart, Rob Ziegler (Keith Anderson part-way through)

Capacity Forest Management: Mike Beck (Gary Gallinger)

TimberWest: Bill Grutzmacher, Peter Share

BC Timber Sales: Deidre Haight , Mike Desrochers

Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations: Andrew Ashford, David Flegel, Lisa Nordin, Cyndy Grant, Paul Barolet, Melody Wilson

A&A Trading: Robert Ziegler

Adjunct Members

Bella Bella Asset Holdings: John McLaughlin

Mill & Timber: Ryszard Mycek

Northwest Hardwoods: Brian Kyle

Glover Resource Management: Gord Glover

Regional District of Mount Waddington: Pat English

Appendix 2

Meeting Minutes

North Island – Central Coast District Forest Management Leadership Team

Meeting #17 - Minutes

Date: October 8, 2015

Location: Strategic Natural Resource Consultants Office, Broughton Blvd.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:20 pm

Attending In-person: Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Christina Mardell, Amy Beetham, Kai Sonnenberg, Kelly McMahon (pm only), Ione Brown, Mike DesRochers, Peter Share, Jocelyn Teron, Deidre Haight

Attending By Phone: Lisa Nordin, David Flegel, Hans Granander (pm only)

Guests: Evan Loveless (by phone), Peter Jacobsen (by phone), Megan Hanacek

Regrets: Randy Hart, Robert Ziegler

1. Introductions, Housekeeping – Chair Andrew Ashford

Safety Briefing and building orientation – Jon Lok

Minutes – April 15, 2015 minutes adopted

Action Items – Hardwood management relates to the 200 ha per year target for NICC; Going forward does the target need to be amended if it is not being achieved?; Hardwood management is a potential topic for the January 2016 meeting; no additional action items raised; everyone has seen the annual report

Decision: Future action items will be sorted to show active actions at the top and will remove older action items.

2. OIF Report – Andrew Ashford

Context - The Operational Issues Forum (OIF) was established in 2007 during a period of low markets. Three forums were established in the province to allow forest company executives to meet with Ministry executives to discuss such things as: competitiveness, cost cutting, and innovation. The OIF is a communications conduit, and meets four times a year. The Coast OIF is currently co-chaired by Regional Executive Director Sharon Hadway and Interfor's Bob Craven. Andrew Ashford represents the North Island at the OIF.

Some topics from the June 25th OIF:

-OIF discussed consistency of the CP process in terms of First Nation consultation post-Tsilhqot'in; our current consultation process uses Haida principles

-A cutting permit application process letter was written by District Managers to Coast Area Licensees about consistency of the CP process and how First Nation information sharing is considered; the Crown needs to consult and determine if any aboriginal rights or title are infringed upon or impacted; strength of claim is assessed to inform level of accommodation required.

Action – Andrew will send out a copy of the letter before the January 2016 FMLT meeting.

Question to the FMLT group: Has there been a slowdown in permit processing post-Tsilhqot'in?

PS – Things are slower in general. First Nations are re-establishing their presence in their traditional territories.

JF – Engagement can be challenging with specific groups which results in needing to focus on information sharing over a longer timeframe.

KS – Establishing a relationship with First Nations is key; accommodation is part of the discussion.

DH – pressure on turnaround time due to smaller inventory; early information-sharing is the ideal but not all First Nations have agreements that motivate engagement; BCTS has a dual role of information-sharing and consultation

AA – thinks anytime BCTS engages contributes or acts as consultation; we can consider consultation concluded with information-sharing in some situations; other situations are superseded by formal consultation agreements such as the reconciliation protocols that require government to follow an additional process

-Timber Management Goals and Objectives 2014/15 Provincial Targets Accomplishments Report – OIF had a discussion about the paper and Andrew offered to distribute it to FMLT members

Action: Andrew to provide a copy of the report for circulation to FMLT members prior to the January 2016 FMLT meeting.

-Discussed the *Migratory Bird Act*

MH – noted an upcoming ABCFP webinar, October 29th Wildlife Act and Migratory Bird Act

3. Tourism Sector – *Evan Loveless, Executive Director, Wilderness Tourism Association of BC*

(see presentation)

Overview – The Wilderness Tourism Association of BC is a provincial organization that has been in place for the last 16 years. The Association represents about 15% of the nature-based tourism operators in the province (and does not include ski resorts). Their membership has an interest in maintaining the landbase they operate on, securing tenure and protecting their tourism brand (Super, Natural BC). The tourism sector GDP and employment figures have been increasing year over year for the last decade. Some of the conversation generated during the presentation:

- Challenges and constraints with competing for same natural resources and lack of security for land tenures.

- Concern from the tourism sector that FSPs do not provide the site level information that stakeholders and the public need for better engagement; there needs to be a better mechanism for communication and notification at the site level.

-The nature-based tourism industry falls under the *Land Act* - Adventure Tourism Policy and is not represented or guided by an act like the *Forest Act*; even the current (ecosystem-based management) land use order focusses on forestry rather than tourism. From a tourism perspective, it is a forestry regulated environment to protect the interests of the forest industry. There is a history in our province of older legislation representing resources/industries taking precedence over newer legislation (examples mentioned were Mines Act and Railways).

-Is there an opportunity for forestry interests and tourism interests to work together? Yes – timing of activities, adjusting visual impacts, and tourism clients may have interest in watching forestry operations in action (such as forestry tours, helicopter harvesting).

-There is also an opportunity for tourism operators to become educated on the high forestry standards in place in BC and promote our sustainable industry and highly regulated activities. There is also an opportunity to educate tourists with signs at places such as the ferry terminal and Telegraph Cove.

4. Stewardship Update - Christina Mardell, NICCRD Stewardship Forester

(Notes below provided by Paul Barolet and Christina Mardell)

Forest Cover reporting – (see RISS updates attached to the minutes) Mandatory basal area reporting key to District issues previously identified at FMLT with forest cover reporting of basal area reporting for unplanned or additional retention or standing waste. As per FMLT directions letter and CRIT SEDRSS workshops, regeneration (layer 4) and saplings (layer 3) are tallied outside the drip-line of a mature tree (layer 1, >12.5 cm dbh). If the MSS (i.e.: minimums 500 sph) of an even stocking standard cannot be met in layer 3 and 4 a declaration under 97.1 FPPR while reporting over-story in basal area in layer 1 is appropriate.

LBIS Timber Supply Mitigation (Fertilization) - North Island has more area ready than fertilizer allotted this year, coastal fertilization program of 6,000 ha in total for fiscal 2015/16 with approximately 1600 ha this fall on the North island. DNI in good position to handle any overflow from interior fertilization programs (typically this is a mad scramble in Feb/March) this fiscal year. Treatments are being supervised by WFP (Annette).

Invasive plant concerns: Observed occurrence of broom following recent harvesting in isolated areas. Are licence holders having the conversation with contractors and more importantly are contractors washing equipment when moving or barging to new harvest setting and locations? Broom has been observed and recently introduced in the mid-coast, and on islands close to Vancouver Island. Knotweed has also recently been observed on a large S1 river system on Vancouver Island and is very concerning to FLNRO.

Riparian SOP still in draft form, will revise based on feedback from field session held earlier this spring, seemed to work well in the field and mirror D. Tripp's analysis of S6 stream management by width categories (the wider the stream) received greater management emphasis. **Action:** The

riparian SOP will be revised and circulated to FMLT for final comments prior to the January 2016 FMLT.

All clients should be aware of FISS and Habitat Wizard (<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habwiz/>) for fish stream classification as a resource planning tool for information on fish presence (FISS is linked to Habitat Wizard). LN noted that the tool focus is on historical observations not whether fish are currently present or not. It is not to be used for determining where there are 'no fish', but can save surveying time and expense if historical fish presence is already established.

A one day VIA training for field professionals is planned for clients with tenure on Vancouver Island. Class is currently full and invitations were limited to larger tenures holders whose harvesting is having a greater influence on VQO's locally.

MH – ABCFP could consider hosting a visuals training webinar and asking attendees ahead of time if they have any questions they would like discussed during the training session. She will follow-up internally. Also, a VRM professional practices paper will be available soon.

NICC hopes to start FREP CHR protocol monitoring this fall under contract (archeologist Frank Craig of Archer CRM Partnership) and locally next year. Protocol would evaluate management professional reliance work, but the Board assessment was narrow in scope; used a compliance tool, but did not consider the same things a statutory decision-maker would use such as supplemental information, relative risk, etc.; Coast Forest Products Association response considered appropriate; ABCFP response could have been stronger; licensees rely on their SOPs and certification and processes to achieve the results and strategies and this may not be apparent in the FSP itself; the report did not include a disclaimer about the fact that on-the-ground results were not observed or included; did not acknowledge that changes were made to plans between the first and second round of FSPs as professionals learned from the initial implementation; tone disappointing; perception that this report is not unbiased and concern that the report writers had a pre-conceived conclusion or agenda; lack of transparency

- One FSP in NICC was part of the review; FPB did not contact NICC office to discuss the FSP and they did not consider the decision maker's rationale

Action – FLNR has until the end of October to provide comment back to the FPB; provide any questions or comments to Andrew to roll up with his response by October 30, 2015.

8. THLB Stabilization Pilot Project - Andrew

Context – The San Josef Landscape Unit is the location of the local pilot project which has been led by Western Forest Products and BC Timber Sales with the involvement and engagement of First Nations and the Ministry. At times the pilot concept has been referred to as intelligent design, or managing multiple values with the intention to optimize available harvest area. The project report will be put forward for public review and comment shortly, followed by a coordinated review and decision process. The project measured a number of values including a surrogate criteria called harvestability. All values that were considered have increased in protection with the post-pilot OGMA placement; except for Cw volume in the CWHvm1 (which was being used as a surrogate for monumental cedar, but was not tied to site index). There was an 815 hectare increase in harvestability.

Conversation:

- proposed WHAs were known and considered in the project
- the pilot called on operational knowledge and input (boots on the ground), rather than relying on an inventory approach
- The chief Forester has accepted the data presented in the final report and the pilot OGMAs will be going to public review and comment with legal endorsement likely through a GAR process as the vehicle to endorse a final product.
- in EBM area, this type of work will likely be done through the landscape reserve design process

8. Working Group reports

Multiple Resource Value Assessment (MRVA) – A public release date for the next NICC Vancouver Island (non EBM) report is expected March 2016. The draft will be sent out to FMLT members for comment prior to publishing.

Action – In terms of working groups in general and products that the FMLT could undertake, all members are asked to consider whether any local guidance or professional advice is needed for any subjects. Please provide your feedback or ideas directly to the co-chairs (Jon Flintoft and Andrew Ashford) or facilitator (Cyndy Grant) before the January 2016 FMLT meeting.

9. Check-in, Meeting evaluation

FMLT Members – good topics, feels like it has been a long time since we met, good dialogue; seems like less people/diversity than previous meetings I've attended; learned more about the tourism sector and feels there is missed opportunity to educate tourists about the positive aspects of forestry; valuable to sit in on the meeting and have the discussions, very positive; all good; good to meet people and see that all professionals are dealing with the same issues; good exposure to many views; great meeting; liked having Megan here representing the association; appreciated in-person communication with ABCFP by having Megan attend; really good day and valuable to see the big picture; there was a recurring public education piece and national forest week just happened – opportunity for school presentations and engaging the new high school curriculum; enjoyed it, engaging topics, so many priorities that this group could work on or influence; looking forward to having the video back; really interested in FPB FSP conversation; great to see all the linkages and common trends and gaps – forestry is complicated like a giant spiderweb; like the interactive group dynamic

Action: Megan Hanacek would like to be considered for membership. Co-chairs and facilitator to review this request and provide a response prior to the January meeting.

-Thanks to Jon Lok for the venue!

Next meeting: January 13/14, 2016 (2nd week of January rather than 3rd third week to avoid Truck Loggers)

Potential Topics –

Private Managed Forest Land

NICC Hardwood management

Provincial Climate Action Plan (will be open for review)

Northern Goshawk Recovery Strategy

**North Island – Central Coast Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team**

Meeting #18 - Minutes

Date: February 25, 2016

Location: NICCRD Office, 2217 Mine Road

Time: 1-4:30 pm

Attending In-person: Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Christina Mardell, Deidre Haight, Kai Sonnenberg, Kelly McMahon, Ione Brown, Peter Share, Molly Hudson, Michelle Todd, Cyndy Grant, Robert Ziegler, Melody Wilson, Christina Mardell, Jen Barolet, Dave Mogenson

Attending By Phone: Lisa Nordin, David Flegel, Hans Granander

1. Introductions, Housekeeping – Chair Jon Flintoft

Safety Briefing and building orientation

Minutes – October 15, 2015

2. OIF (November 18)Report – Andrew Ashford

Discussion about completion of actions; too often the issues are brought forward without conclusion.

S6 stream issues – additional streamside management required – grew to Provincial project. Topic will be presented at next coastal OIF.

Elk Management Plan – ongoing.

Open Burning – smoke control guidance - less restrictive in rural areas, but likely won't impact the local waste issues.

Amendments to WHA, UWRs – working group established.

Cutting Permits –DM letter sent out the FMLT July 2015. Authorization Tracking System (ATS) is the internal system used to track turn-around times. Performance measure is that 90% of CPs are issued within 40 days of submission of a complete application. Operational guidance has been developed internally. The system does not have functionality to report reason for longer review times; this information would be tracked at the district. Provincially there has been increased time required to ensure FN consultation is complete and well-documented; this would be a likely a reason for increased processing time.

Biggest frustration at DNI is poor quality appraisals; some submitters are using DNI staff for peer review. This adds time for *all* other CP reviews in progress. Accuracy is at issue. This will be reflected in turn around times in the next while. Currently experiencing a high volume of permit submissions– likely linked to Coast Appraisal Manual amendment. DNI is responding to these issues by looking at strategies to address bottlenecks. (Cyndy Grant is point of contact for CPs.)

FN information-sharing - when is it stale? The answer is “it depends” on multiple factors – Potential impact? Has FN declared title? New leadership? Ultimately, the decision is the DMs. Consider this prior to submitting; does the info-sharing have to be re-visited; need to check in with FN? Call Kathy or Jessica if unsure or if there are tight timelines involved.

THLB stabilization. Stella Lake and San Josef Landscape Units. Coast is looking to do 3 more projects. Small tenure holders may be interested. CRIT is going to make recommendations on how to evaluate submissions regionally.

Forest Practices Board Forest Stewardship Plan report. This was discussed at the last FMLT. Branch, ABCFP responded. FSP training has been developed in response.

EBM update – to be discussed today.

Sierra Club – trying to link Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) to areas outside Great Bear Rainforest (GBR). Andrew's sense is that government will look at Government Actions Regulation process to address emerging issues. May be increased pressure to initiate Land Use Planning where plans don't exist currently.

Patrick Russell, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Tenures, Competition and Innovation Division, gave an update on Forest Fibre Working Group (FFWG). Fibre utilization in BC needs to improve: Make every log count, Minimize waste, Reduce burning and CO2 emissions, Develop the FFWG (includes primary producers, pulp producers, pellet producers, FP innovations, FLNR, etc). The working group developed a 13 point action plan. Likely that MPB districts have the highest potential. The 4 themes to the work of the FFWG:

- 1) Support integrated harvesting
- 2) Tenure opportunities for secondary tenures
- 3) Improve waste measurements
- 4) Continued support for various initiatives

Steve Kozuki reported on cruised based billing; lean log handling (transportation); scanner scaling and check load pilots.

3. Marbled Murrelet (MaMu) Northern Goshawk (NoGo) Implementation Plan – debrief from Information Session – All

No facilitator or note-taker at the meeting – concern. Also concerned that Steve and Darren are taking comments and tasked with incorporating them into the plan. Very important that attendees send comments in to mailbox.

Impact of non-crown land into target, whether there will be additional impact to THLB.

Decision makers will be cabinet – Natural Resource Sector (NRS) board (the 6 Provincial “Dirt” ministries).

Diligence of engagement – municipal governments were not directly invited.

How will First Nations be engaged further? Not formal consultation. FNs will be consulted on plan.

MaMu – marine impact? Bi-catch on commercial fishery is 500 birds/yr. Aquaculture sites are coincident with marine habitat.

How will other users (ie. Transmission lines, wind farms, run of river projects) be impacted; what standards will they be held to?

Looking at Landscape Units (LU), regional thresholds. Diligent licensees are finding goshawks and the ecosystem folks are spending resources to “confirm” existence instead of conducting inventories on areas where licensees aren't conducting surveys themselves – administrative fairness.

Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA) are locked down; they should have some flexibility built in. Should be tied to use; cumulative, incremental impact.

If there is a court challenge with respect to foraging, it could increase impacts. It is risky to defer this piece.

Discussed alternate models to WHA.

Habitat attributes are key when moving soft reserves around.

What happens to hard reserves when a Natural Disturbance occurs?

Could there be acceptable management activities within reserve?

How will this initiative be impacted by LRDs in GBR?

Do we want to coordinate a response as FMLT? End of March is deadline. Not much uptake from FMLT – each licensee will develop their own response.

4. FMLT Riparian Management Emphasis Field Guide – Paul (attached)

Fits principles of FMLT – flexible guidance.

GBR Order covers riparian commitments.

Will re-send this document (with supporting documentation) for one final review, given new members, introduction of GBR, etc. Comments due March 24th.

5. FREP topic – Multiple Resource Value Assessment (MRVA) (roll up of FREP sampling)

Does FMLT want to comment on latest draft report? Will send this to members if available before next meeting.

FREP Effectiveness Evaluation – goal of 40 samples; did 53, multiple values assessed. Limited resources dictate that we have to be more selective with respect to values. Strategic Plan lays out all values, so that there would be 30 samples for each value over 5 years.

Michelle Todd reported that the FPB initiated a special report regarding rate of second growth harvest in multiple TSAs on mid and south Island. Expect a draft late summer, to be finalized in the fall.

C&E risk rating forms are not currently submitted to DNI, but they are required with CP application in Campbell River and South Island. DNI does not require these to be submitted with application.

6. Update on Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Order, etc. – Dorthe Jacobsen, Gary Gwilt, John Sunde, Ron Cotton

Gary Gwilt has been working with Rory Annett supporting EBM legislation. Tricky piece is that the *Great Bear Rainforest Act* will be introduced into the House next week. Currently we are under confidentiality of the Cabinet. Still working with Nanwakolas Council, Coastal First Nations, Joint Solutions Project under confidentiality. Expect that after it passes, we can share the legislation as a public document. Training will follow.

Land Use Order (Great Bear Rainforest Order) signed January 28th. Organizing implementation plan to put it all together: Order, 30 agreements with various parties, legislation (Act and Regs). Part of the work plan is communication plan – industry, First Nations and Ministry staff. The Act will enable other details through regulation. Actual Regulations are expected this summer. In the interim, Gary wants feedback as to the best way to communicate the changes as they come. Group recommends bulletin format, similar to the FRPA bulletins.

We can expect a more detailed briefing at the next FMLT meeting.

Legislation won't be officially available until it has been introduced in the House. Training can be expected after the regulations have been drafted.

The Great Bear Rainforest Order indicates that the new AAC for the GBR area will be reduced to 2.5 million m³. The Act and Regulations will describe how that will happen. Here is a link to the Order:

https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/CLUDI/GBR/Orders/GBR_LUO_Signed_29jan2016.pdf

Dorthe – The Order introduces a new complexity. Now that the Order has been signed, licensees have 6 months to be compliant, which means amending FSPs. Her group is working on training materials and documents for operational folks. Landscape Reserve Design (LRD) methodology will be the last piece introduced to assist.

John Sunde and Ron Cotton gave an overview of the order, which replaces South and Central Coast Order and Central and North Coast Order. There was a sixty day public review and comment period and FN consultation took place prior to establishment.

The Order is broken into 4 parts:

Part 1 relates to the entire Great Bear Rainforest area, gives broad objectives which covers both north and south for First Nations Information sharing and engagement and Biodiversity. Exempted licences are listed (CFAs, WL and some NRFLs). Biodiversity objectives are meant to guide LRD planning; the order requires establishment of LRDs within 5 yrs (ideally within 2 years). The appended Implementation Guidance table (Schedule G) provides guidance around biodiversity – old growth targets. Every Landscape Unit has an aspatial target that will ultimately become spatial through LRDs. This section also introduces objectives for managed forest (THLB 550,000 ha) and natural forest (3,103,876 ha – Non-contributing, protected) as well as restoration zones (>30% old) where there has been heavy harvest history – this will be a subset of LRD. These sections speak to natural disturbance in LRD – LRD can be modified

through time as long as area is the same. Where Landscape Units are in deficit there is the possibility of pulling in younger forest and other site series groups in small amounts.

Part 2 relates to the Central and North Coast (or GBR-North); part 3 to South Central Coast (or GBR-South), which set out objectives specific to the north and south areas, for First Nations engagement and interests, Aquatic Habitat, Biodiversity and Wildlife. Guidance and background documents will elaborate on the order. Western Yew objective was originally in the HG LUO and was brought in to the GBR order for the northern area by northern FN. Intent is for licensees to have that conversation with each FN; define what stage, use of Yew is their interest. LRD objectives recognize 5 Focal species: Grizzly bear, mountain goat, tailed frog, northern goshawks, marbled murrelet.

Part 4 sets the application of the Order; the order took effect January 28th and there is a 6-month transition period.

Working on developing documents and training packages over the next few months. Training will be rolled out in Districts. Will also develop stand-alone documents for training purposes to guide implementation. There is no draft documents/guidance available. Members are encouraged to use the LU planning guide, as well as existing SLRD methodology. New methodology may give increased flexibility, given that it will be based on whole area, not LU.

When asked about the ability to modify Important Fisheries Watersheds from original delineation, the answer was that this would likely be a minor amendment to schedule and would require FN consultation.

Contact Dorte directly with ideas for enhance communications as we navigate the order and legislation.

7. FSP – General Discussion – Paul, Andrew, all

Andrew requested that FSP extensions and amendments be submitted concurrently, so we can incorporate both decisions into FN consultation. Andrew would line up the effective date of the FSP to match the expiry of original/most recent FSP.

Paul recommended a pre-submission paper review. Once you've met with district staff and before you advertise, submit to Paul to see if there are any material changes required that would impact FN or public document.

Expect Ministerial instruction on 2 items:

- FN info sharing – detailed requirements; customized for each FN.
- LRD methodology – detailed also. These are expected out to licensees shortly.

DNI may be contacting licensees shortly to discuss scheduling FSP submission dates.

Expect guidance from CF and or DM with respect to FPB FSP report: how strategies should be written – measurable and verifiable. "Undertaking to comply" does not apply to all objectives.

LRD methodologies will require some coordination with other licensees working in common LU.

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9. Check in/Meeting Evaluation – Jon

Feedback: thank you for allowing guests, good meeting, good de-brief on MaMu NoGo session; riparian document was a good example of how functional our FMLT can be to provide operational guidance; relevant meaningful; phone presentation was challenging; goshawk presentation was meaningful – good flow from morning session to de-brief at FMLT; good to know there's common thinking on species at risk; may be working on district salvage permits in future

Next meeting: April 13-14th

**North Island – Central Coast Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team
Meeting #19 - Minutes**

Date: May 4, 2016

Location: NICCRD Office, 2217 Mine Road

Time: 9:30-4:30 pm

Attending In-person: Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Deidre Haight, Ione Brown, Peter Share, Michelle Todd, Cyndy Grant, Robert Ziegler, Melody Wilson, Eric Dytovich, Josh Hiebert, Corby Lamb, Megan Hanacek

Attending By Phone: Lisa Nordin, David Flegel, Hans Granander, Chuck Rowan, Gary Gallinger

1. Introductions, Housekeeping – Chair Andrew Ashford

Safety Briefing and building orientation

Action Tracker – reviewed by Andrew

Minutes – February 25, 2016 – no changes

2. OIF Report – Andrew Ashford

CP turn-around times. DMs of the opinion that they have improved. Industry concerned about late check cruising and possible delays. The question was asked, why wouldn't check cruise take place earlier, based on cruise plan, instead of during the CP review period? Andrew: locally, we apply risk rating (based on past performance), then schedule check cruise. Will check with cruising dept. for response.

Government to Government engagement frameworks were discussed in regard to how they affect turn around times (TAT) of CPs. The result is that TAT went from 10 to up to 60 days (>40 day performance measure for the ministry). Ways to improve were discussed. MARR is contemplating this.

Poor submissions results in delays for all submitters. Andrew committed to looking into it. Recommend peer review to ensure better submissions. Feedback is given to individual submitter. Have had conversations about de-prioritizing based on past performance. NICC has first come-first actioned policy/process.

THLB Stabilization Project – CRIT developed criteria, may expand pilot to other LUs. Will send details with these minutes (done). There was a follow up task for CRIT regarding personnel.

Pilot training session for FSPs. Coast CR session last week. Deemed helpful by participants. Not much on FSP writing. The number of attendees, including FPB, ABCPF, may have limited conversation. Session included an overview of LUO. Could be additional sessions, writing workshops. Suggested that questions be submitted prior to sessions. Further suggested having the sessions video taped for future reference. These suggestions would allow DMs to prepare also. May reduce back-and-forth on FSP submission. Andrew recounted Timber West original FSP review with NICC – they had FSP on screen and made edits on the spot.

Chief Foresters Guidance on FSP Replacements – FSPs are not to be replaced, new R&S are expected - be mindful of new information, FREP, MRVA, Climate change; the expectation is that new FSPs be submitted to address these issues (may not be legal, but CF expectation).

Guidance document and letter are attached to Minutes. Short extension may be required to cover time to get new FSP completed. FSPs to be advertised by July 28. Collaborative pre-work is expected – to be discussed under separate topic. Chuck Rowan indicated that the Richmond session went well; Cranbrook shortly.

EBM update – similar to last FMLT. Bob Craven – need to start LRD process, may have to work aspatially until FSPs are in place.

Lean Log Handling Project – looking to reduce admin costs by 5-7/m³. Four separate process in progress. Concern about lack of urgency from industry reps. Les Kiss summarized that the processes have resulted in reduction of \$2.75/m³ to date.

Provincial Forestry Forum – GAR process is under review. Forest Enhancement Society funding - \$85 M available - Objectives to address areas affected by insects and fire; to provide increased access to low grade timber, to rehabilitate areas for wildlife and biodiversity.

MARR – revenue sharing model change requested by Corby – no response to date.

Waste monitoring – Looking to simplify waste assessments, but not compromise data integrity (interior) – not certain if there are coastal applications yet. Waste assessor certification under consideration. Pilot in interior – Ron McCready.

Andrew indicated that NICC have failed 2 large check cruises, where there were mis-located plots; resulted in volume & species shift on compilation, time delay, risk ranking changes for licensees and cruiser. Be mindful of diligence and performance when hiring cruisers. Reputations vary. Recommend researching performance in the cruising community. Considering certification through ABCFP.

Steve Gordon update on MaMu, NoGo - implementation plan should be in place by June 2017. Steve is currently collating comments received, developing options for Executive. Pause on WHA until SAR plan in place. Licensees should be taking approach to leave draft WHAs. GBR areas will not be exempted. Likely will have to incorporate WHAs, incremental to LUO. Megan – will try to overlap WHAs with BMTAs, conservancies, OGMAs, etc. Implementation plan will likely not be made available to public until after Executive review.

Forest birds – John Deal – Federal Migratory Bird Act (800 spp, 250+ on the coast) – Will send presentation with Minutes (done). Three management approaches proposed. Looking to develop SOP.

Stocking Standards – OIF – Megan asked about the potential of removing Stocking Standards from FSPs and including in Management Plan (contemplated in interior). Not endorsed at this point.

3. GBR update: Gary Gwilt – See presentation materials

The GBR Act received third reading last week; expecting that it may receive Royal Assent before May 19th, after which time the draft GBR Regulations and implementation plan will be

made known. Licensee engagement will take place in the form of workshops to present principles for AAC reduction and licence assignment to the new TSAs in the GBR Management area. There will be no compensation for AAC reduction. There is no legal trigger for compensation of contractors.

GBR AAC is set at 2.5 million m3. Three new TSAs will be established. There will be a voluntary 10 year cut control period in the NGBR TSA. District boundaries don't change.

Recharting will follow AAC reduction, licence assignment for each TSA. May be facilitated by a consultant. This will involve all licensees.

There will be the ability for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to set partition cut.

There are 8 Special Forest Management Areas, where timber harvesting is prohibited. Tabular rates will be introduced in the North GBR area.

There will be opportunity in 5 and 10 years to modify the protection areas, etc., through adaptive management and implementation feedback from all parties. There is transition provision to allow minor changes to the Act.

Implementation teams comprised of district, region and branch staff, are in development stage. Contacts are Gary Gwilt, Rory Annett, John Sunde, Dorte Jacobsen, Randy Husband, Cyndy Grant, Pam Silver.

In addition to the Order, Act, Regulations, there are approximately 30 agreements with First nations, industry and eNGOs to be implemented.

A GBR Q&A has been developed and is attached to these minutes.

Gary gave a tour of the GBR interactive mapping platform. It, along with Q&A and Bulletins (as they are developed) will be available at: <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/TASB/SLRP/plan17.html>

In addition to the Act, there are GBR Mobile app:
<http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/tip.php?date=25042016>

4. FSPs (replacements, amendments), Site Series Surrogates: Andrew

Tracking of SSS within each LU is the expectation. There are some LUs that are now in deficit for some SSS, old growth objective (Obj 14) not being met – as a result of harvesting. New GBR Order will change the process (LRDs), but in the interim, there is a need to collaborate with all licensees operating in a given LU.

Collaborative FSP strategies being developed, common Result and Strategy. Inventory, field verification are mixed in the language, which is likely not palatable to DMs. Inventory is the preferred method for tracking SSS, as the objective has been developed using inventory. Using Field data would result in changing denominator for targets. DMs met with licensees yesterday. Licensees' position was that the dual methodology will remain in the strategy. Andrew indicated that DMs were not convinced that the dual methodology would meet the order; he indicated that if submitted as written, those Strategies may not be accepted as consistent with the objective by the DMs. Encourage licensees to feedback field data to government.

Instead of rejecting strategy, could district work with FSP writers to create a strategy that would satisfy DM? Andrew – DM's expectations were fed back to CFCI yesterday, open to collaborating further. If already advertised, wording of that strategy would likely not be a material change.

Scenario: If an FSP is submitted and advertised with commitment to comply and the licensee then writes strategies, would an amendment be required? Andrew – consider using an interim FSP for short term, then review longer term plan in the fall.

Question was asked about training on red-blue listed plant communities. Andrew – field book being developed. BCTS should share with other CFCI licensees. Consider this as a field trip topic.

5. ABCFP Stewardship Update (Climate Change): Megan Hanacek

Topics included: Climate change, Cumulative Impacts, FSPs, Inventory, Regional Forums & Professional Foresters networks, Public Engagement, Riparian management, Wood Waste – working with Ron McCready – 3 phase document series, Initiatives with Urban Forestry – UBC, Species at Risk presentations, webinars.

6. Fire management: Pete Laing – See presentation materials

In calculating the fire Weather Index, the weather data must be local. Portable weather stations are available for ~\$3000.

Andrew reflected that NICC had inconsistent application of weather data last year and that in some cases neighbouring licensees had different data and one was shut down and the other was still operating. This could be awkward from a compliance & liability viewpoint. Industry response obligation document are attached to minutes.

7. East Creek – eNGO interest: Eric Dutcyvich – See presentation materials

East Creek is in a Special management Zone under Vancouver Island Land Use Plan. Sierra Club was originally invited to sit on the East Creek Advisory committee. They refused. When activists showed up in the field, Lemare sought advice from other licensees who had been involved in the “war in the woods”. Lemare trained staff in media awareness; encouraged employees not to engage, stop work and exit site if activists came onto site. eNGOS made 4-5 visits to East Creek (in good weather) between 2002-2004. When asked by media for comment, Lemare managers did not comment even though they were proud of the development of the area, solid stewardship. Eric showed imagery over 25 years of harvest and green up pattern in the drainage.

Lemare has a good, collaborative relationship with the Quatsino First Nation, and provides social and economic benefits. eNGOs have tried to engage the Quatsino, but they are not interested.

Recent renewed interest in East Creek lately by Sierra Club. Lemare's strategy included: Hired KPMG to determine if they identify any potential exposure (no substantial findings), communicated with Quatsino First nation, documented compliance with Certification – safe site, educated stakeholders & Regional District, corresponded with the Union, employees have taken 4 rounds of media training.

There were allegations by eNGOs of unsafe work and non-compliances. Safety is of utmost importance to Lemare – work hard on Safety culture. From an economic perspective, these allegations are critical; Lemare is one of the largest employers on the North Island. (400, 80 in East Creek).

Looking for continued collaboration and timely turn-around on decisions (NICC has offered good service in that regard).

It is possible eNGOs are looking to lobby for EBM on Vancouver Island.

8. NICC Engineering update: Chris

FPB report on road and bridge inspections. Focus on improvement in monitoring, record keeping, inspections, etc. NICC will be improving communications with licensees on FSRs. Awareness of cycle times related to bridge inspections. Govt needs to inspect and apply load rating for the short term (2 years) and high use. Call and ask, communicate needs, timing, frequency, use; may affect load rating.

NRRA – bumped in the House by GBR. Expect first reading in the fall, potential sign off in 2018. Definition of industrial road will be in the NRRA.

Resource Radio protocol – Provincial standard. Resource channels may be enforced eventually. FSRs only right now. Signage is being updated. Change is hard - need to change to “up”, “down” on radio calls. People still want to know if trucks are loaded or not. Industry Canada is behind the change – should avoid overlapping channels.

Road safety user group has not met for a while. Jon will re-visit that.

Looking to revisit mapping of roads. There are 14,000 km mapped in NICC.

9. Field trip ideas for April meeting – all

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San Jo THLB stabilization project – new LU plan, prioritization, co-location, what it looks like on the ground. - Andrew

Nimpkish – UWR, lichen inoculation to speed up second growth to create habitat (late 80's) – Kelly

Woss – Fire plan

NoGo – Lukwa

Kokish River Project – TimberWest, Major Project considerations

Invasive Plants

Red – Blue listed plants, Forested Swamp – local GBR mock up

Waste

10. Check in/Meeting Evaluation – Andrew

Gary Gallinger will send "Green Hole" photos (done and attached to minutes).
All agreed it was a good meeting.

Next meeting: October 12-13, 2016

Appendix 3

NICCFD FMLT Meeting Action Items Status

(Updated: October 12, 2016)

Action Generated	Issue	Responsibility	Remark	Due	Status
January 16, 2013	Hw Utilization	Cyndy	OIF – presentation by FP Innovations	February 1, 2013	Cyndy passed presentation to participants. Completed
January 16, 2013	CRIT-OIF Linkage	Cyndy	OIF – presentation	February 1, 2013	Cyndy passed presentation to participants. Completed
January 16, 2013	IWMS	Cyndy	OIF – presentation	February 1, 2013	Cyndy passed presentation to participants. Completed
January 16, 2013	Cedar Management Strategy	Cyndy	OIF – presentation by Harry Barrett	February 1, 2013	Cyndy passed presentation to participants. Completed
January 16, 2013	Log Handling	All	DFO compensation sites		Kathy Howard requested industry reps send compensation sites to her ASAP - Completed
January 16, 2013	Fire Hazard Assessment	Andrew	Get a WMB specialist to discuss hazard assessments and venting indices	April 2013	Done – Pete Laing spoke at Oct 2013 meeting - Completed
January 16, 2013	Mid Coast Inventory	David	Ask Derek Challenger to give an update	April 2013	Derek to present at April FMLT. Completed
April 24, 2013	Quality of CP Submissions	Amy	Amy will compile a list of specific issues/common errors that licensees should consider when preparing CP submissions. A working group may be established.	October 1, 2013	Discussed at October 2013 meeting – no further action required - Completed
April 24, 2013	Wood Waste Disposal	All	Decided to wait to see what came out of the OIF. There is likely enough interest at FMLT to form a working group to develop recommendations/solutions.	October 1, 2013	Cyndy Followed up with Gary Lawson on April 26 to ask about OIF response to the issue. Bring forward to October meeting. At October 2013 meeting, Peter Share updated FMLT – no further action - Completed

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April 24, 2013	Visual Landscape Management	Andrew, Kai	Have speakers at October FMLT to explore tourism-forestry co-existence/compromise and VLM	October 10, 2013	Kai will present "It's just a Hectare". Andrew will get a speaker from tourism sector; also consider Rory Annett to speak to Discovery Islands. Rory spoke at October 2013 meeting. - Completed
April 24, 2013	Salvage – dual mark	Tom	Will submit mock permit for discussion at October FMLT	October 10, 2013	Working group active. Bring forward.
April 24, 2013	Waste & Residue	All	Draft paper for review, attached to minutes.	May 30, 2013	Have comments to Andrew by due date. Andrew sent letter – Completed, working group closed.
April 24, 2013	Ocular Assessments – FTG	Cyndy	Send out paper with minutes	April 30, 2013	Included with Minutes - Completed
April 24, 2013	Fire Hazard Assessment	Scott, Mike, Vadim	Assess issues to raise with WFMB in October. Recommendations for WFMB.		Look for update in April if WMB conducts audits. No update in April – CLOSED GROUP – Completed.
April 24, 2013	Terms of Reference	All	Review TOR (2011) and submit feedback to Cyndy by May 30. Cyndy to update TOR and send out to membership.	May 30, 2013	Completed.
April 24, 2013	Forest Cover & Stocking Standards		Andrew will write a letter to Licensees with reporting expectations and will discuss at next FMLT.	October 10, 2013	Letter drafted and presented to the group October 2013. Comments welcome.- Completed
October 22, 2013	TSR Tracking	Scott, Steve , Amy, Christina	Working group established. Focus on monitoring second growth harvest, and other CF instructions.		Currently working on priorities. No update
April 29, 2014	RESULTS reporting	Andrew, Paul	Will report out on RESULTS outcomes at Sept meeting (reporting cycle ends in June)		Completed
April 29, 2014	FP Innovations Utilization of Problem Forest Types	Paul, Cyndy	Paul and Cyndy to contact Dominique Roser, Tim Caldecott to determine availability and scope of presentation (field vs. office mtg)	Jan 2015	Presentation at January meeting - Completed
April 29, 2014	Salvage Working Group	Ione, Rob	– Ione Brown will collaborate with District staff then give an update at next meeting		

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October 8, 2014	Intelligent Design	Cyndy	Have Bob Craven give ID update		Bob was unavailable for the January meeting; bring forward to April. Completed.
October 8, 2014	Public Trust	Mike D	Lead discussion		Mike was unavailable for the January meeting; bring forward to April. Completed.
October 8, 2014	Wood Waste	Peter Share	Disposal vs using wood waste under the exemption from the Waste Disposal Regulation.		Group decided not to set working group. The issue is making needs known to MOE so they might consider expanding the exemption to allow for burning in remote areas. Since this doesn't seem to be an issue for other licensees in the group, NIC recommends TW work directly with MOE. Completed.
January 23, 2015	TOR	Cyndy	Revise Terms of Reference to include stronger wording regarding attendance; revise membership list for 15-16.	April 2015	Completed.
January 23, 2015	T'silquotin Decision - interpretation	Andrew	Report on the output of the last workshop OIL regarding the William's case.	April 2015	Completed.
January 23, 2015	FPI Drone	Cyndy	Will get name of company on VI with drone in minutes – what is the function.	April 2015	Completed.
January 23, 2015	VQO	Paul	Paul & Lloyd will distribute photos associated with MRVA report that did not meet VQO rationale, criteria, detailed VQO assessment; invite Lloyd to field trip.	April 2015	Completed.
January 23, 2015	Riparian MRVA	Paul, Tom, Warren	Will draft guidance document at next meeting.	April 2015	Bring forward.
April 15, 2015	"Forest Land Reserve"	Andrew	The concept of a managed forest, similar to Agricultural Land Reserve, has fallen off the radar – Andrew will see what the current status is on this initiative.	October 2015	Andrew checked in with Paul Knowles, Executive Director, Timber Operations, Pricing & First Nations Division, and received this response: "died due to political pushback from the public and stakeholders. Similar to the area based tenure

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					initiative. there may be other ways to meet your needs though if its a specific case." - Closed
April 15, 2015	Hardwood Management	Paul	DNI FMLT should review CRIT target of 200 ha of hardwood management per year and discuss which licencees want to commit to achieving or exceeding this target.	February 2016	Will bring forward. Consider whether to continue with this topic.
April 15, 2015	Multi Resource Value Assessment (MRVA) & FMLT Guidance	Paul	Management of S6 streams – Warren and Paul have drafted Guidance document – non-prescriptive, best management practices.	February 2016	Paul has copy of <i>FMLT Riparian Emphasis Guide</i> for Endorsement.
February 25, 2016	FMLT Riparian Management Emphasis Field Guide	Paul & all	Will re-send this document (with supporting documentation) for one final review, given new members, introduction of GBR, etc.	Comments due March 24th.	Will be incorporated into another policy - retire this action item.
04-May-16	Migratory Birds	Andrew	Forest birds – John Deal – Federal Migratory Bird Act (800 sp, 250+ on the coast)	Oct-16	DONE
04-May-16	CF Guidance on FSPs	Andrew	Send with Minutes	Oct-16	Done
04-May-16	Criteria of THLB Stabilization Project	Andrew	Send with Minutes	Oct-16	Done
04-May-16	Check cruise to align with Cruise plan submission instead of CP submission.	Andrew	Will provide a response	Oct-16	
Feb 2016; January 23, 2015; April 15, 2015; October 8, 2015	Riparian Multi Resource Value Assessment and SOP	Paul Barolet (with Warren)	January 2015: Will draft guidance document at next meeting. April 2015: Management of S6 streams – Warren and Paul have drafted Guidance document – non-prescriptive, best management practices – will distribute for comments prior to September meeting. Oct 2015: The riparian SOP	April 2015; October 2015; January 2016; April 2016	The riparian SOP/guidance document was given a trial run during the April 2015 field trip. Will be sent out for comment when Paul receives it.

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			will be revised and circulated to FMLT for final comments prior to the January 2016 FMLT meeting.		