

FOREST MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

OCTOBER 3, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Rhonda Morris	Mary Bauto	Jeff Shatford	Tania Phillips
Michael Pegg	Pete Steeves	Mike Steeves	Erin Badesso
Ken Matthews	Chuck Rowan	Craig Wickland	Darryn McConkey
Mark Palmer	Jennifer Peschke	Tracy Andrews	

Absent:

Paul Dagg, Angus Holt, Glenn Piggot, Brad Taylor, Rob Martin

Rhonda Morris - Chair

Meeting Called to Order 09:00

Introductions

- Introductions of meeting participants were completed including the introduction of Tania Phillips as the FMLT co-chair replacing Bill Rosenberg.

Review of Action Items from the Previous Meeting

- **ACTION ITEM: Any FMLT licensees interested in the FMLT co-chair position please forward your name to Bill Rosenberg by February 28th.**
 - This action item was completed with the appointment of Tania Philips as the new FMLT co-chair.
- **Action Item: FMLT members to review the draft report and provide feedback to Darryl Slater by February 28th. Darryl will compile the responses and forward the information to Gordon Nienaber to include in the final report to be distributed at the next FMLT Meeting in October.**
 - A reminder to have FMLT members review the draft and submit comments to Gordon Nienaber directly was sent out. The status of the report will be reset from draft to final.

****Action Item** - Mark Palmer to contact Gordon Nienaber and obtain the final report.**

New Business

- An update was provided concerning staffing changes occurring at the South Island Natural Resource District.

Changes include:

- The departure of Resource Manager Darryl Slater. This position will not be filled but instead the district will hire an LSO 3 Authorizations Officer.
- The district will be moving forward with filling the Revenue Officer position vacated by Kaela Mitchell.

- The district has recently conducted interviews for a LSO2/STO24 Authorizations Professional position that will be focused on Lands files including log handling and helicopter drop zones.
- Rob Furness is on auxiliary hire until November 21st. Rob currently has been handling RP/CP review and approvals.
- Approval has been granted to hire a part time resource clerk.
- Rhonda Morris will be taking deferred salary leave for 9 months starting December 18th. A Temporary Assignment (TA) opportunity will be created during Rhonda's absence. The TA will be filled utilizing an internal expression of interest process.
- An organizational chart will be provided to the FMLT once positions have been filled.

Presentations

Darryn McConkey RPBio, FLNRO Senior Ecosystems Biologist, presented updates on the government process relating to wildlife habitat areas and amendments and exemptions for WHAs, UWRs and GAR designations.



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Amendments and
Exemptions to GAR De

Discussion involved:

- The early notification of licensees in the designation process.
- Licensee involvement in the review of UWRs in the mid coast area.

**** Action Item** - Rhonda Morris to inquire if the Larry Pederson 2013 Integrated Wildlife Management Strategy Report is available for release to licensees.**

Craig Wickland RPF, FLNRO Section Head for Forest Stewardship made a presentation on Broad Leaf Management in the Coast Area



Coast region
hardwood strategy(DS

Discussion involved:

- The need to increase the amount of area being managed for broadleaved species.
- The need for improved broadleaf seed.
- The need to determine the business case for managing hardwoods.

Chuck Rowan RPF, FLNRO Silviculturist Coast Area made a presentation on the Forest Stewardship Plan Result and Strategy Effectiveness Report.



Forest Stewardship
Plan Result...

Discussion involved:

- Feedback good topic and breakdown of the issues.
- Concern was expressed about the reliability of the outcomes with respect to the challenges involved in interpreting the data.

**** Action Item** - FMLT members to review the Forest Stewardship Plan Result and Strategy Effectiveness Report and provide comments to Chuck Rowan by October 24th.**

Chuck.Rowan@gov.bc.ca

Issues Discussion

- An update on the Maa-nulth Reasonable Opportunity Agreement (ROA) was provided.
 - The significant harvest areas are still being determined. The maps of the areas will be released once finalized.
 - There will likely be a licensee meeting scheduled in December with MARR to review the significant harvest area map and answer any questions concerning the ROA.
 - There was some discussion about a formal process being kick-started when the final maps are released. Licensees would appreciate as much notice or information as possible prior to the formal process going into effect.

****Action Item** Rhonda Morris will obtain the Maa-nulth ROA question and answer section and any other attached agreements that are releasable and send them out to the licensees in advance of the meeting.**

- An update on the Supreme Court of Canada decision on the William case was provided.
 - Decisions involving strength of claim where the rating is moderate or high will be reviewed by a regional strength of claim team before a decision is rendered.
 - The Premier recently held an all Chief's meeting to discuss issues relating to the William decision.
 - Licensees were encouraged to conduct in depth information sharing and continue to develop relationships with First Nations.

- An update was provided on the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Review (TSR) Process and Inventory Project.
 - The district has initiated the Arrowsmith TSR
 - The project is in the initial stages of developing the data package.
 - There will be another stakeholder meeting scheduled for early in the New Year.
 - Imagery has been flown for the entire South island area to assist in updating the inventory.
 - A stakeholder meeting will be held to review the draft content of the Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) in early November.

****Action Item** - Licensees to provide names of representatives that they would like to attend the Draft Content of the VRI stakeholder meeting to Tracy Andrews by October 31st. Tracy.Andrews@gov.bc.ca**

Next FMLT Meeting:

Date: March 6, 2015

Chair: Tania Phillips