

Southwest Island Public Advisory Group (SIPAG) Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

Jill West, Environmental Programs Advisor, called the 2nd meeting of 2007 to order, of the Southwest Island Public Advisory Group, at 4:30 p.m. on **May 2, 2007** in Shaker Mill Restaurant, Lake Cowichan, BC.

2. Members

Present:

- Tom Jones, Pacheedaht First Nation
- Vince Callander, Local Business
- Jim Humphrey, Chamber of Commerce
- Sandy Peters, Valley Fish & Game Club
- Pat Weaver, Lake Cowichan Town Council, Cowichan Lake Community Forest Co-operative

Support (TJG):

- Mark Carter, Operations Planner
- Teresa Burton, Recording Secretary
- Jill West, Environmental Programs Advisor

Regrets:

- Jack Smith, Lake Cowichan First Nation
- George Williams, Ditidaht Band
- Larry George, Cowichan Tribes
- Ted Burns, Salmonid Enhancement
- Tim McGonigle, TFL 46 Worker
- Dennis Martel, Wilderness Watch Committee

3. Documents Distributed to Members:

1. South Island Meeting #15 Agenda
2. SIPAG Members Contact Information (April 2007)
3. Honeymoon Bay Operation (HBO) Tracking System for Administration Tasks (Outstanding & Completed).
4. South Island PAG Meeting #14 Minutes (February 28, 2007)
5. Resume of Kirstin Campbell, interested in becoming PAG member
6. SFM Plan 2006 Result Summary (May 2007)
7. SIPAG Meeting Evaluation

4. Reviewing minutes from Previous Meeting

Time was given to review the February 28, 2007 meeting minutes. Jill asked the members if they had any concerns or comments regarding the meeting or minutes and there were none. There were no changes to the minutes. The minutes were accepted.

5. Review Updated SIPAG Member Contact Information

No changes.

Group requested that the action items be printed on larger size paper in future meetings.

6. Review Terms of Reference, outstanding signatures

Jill said there were some signatures missing on the Terms of Reference, so would be catching up with members to get this completed.

7. Current Events / Management Issues

- Mark said that the Caycuse Mainline which was washed out in November's storm is now opened this week and Teal-Jones will be assessing the blow-down behind this. Tom asked if any of the storm events were significant and do we manage for that? Mark said that we don't really manage for significant events to happen as this is not a common event. Jill said that there were hurricane force winds.
- Jill said we could have one new member for SIPAG meeting this fall and we'll be discussing this afterwards in the meeting.
- The group will be reviewing the 2006 SFM results at the meeting

8. Response to the Advertisement for PAG members

One response received for The Teal-Jones Group Advertisement to recruit new PAG members. Her name is Kirsten Campbell and she is a consultant in forestry & ecology, co-owner of Terra Tree Forestry, resides in Duncan and has a PhD in Forestry. The group reviewed her resume and would like to invite her to the next SIPAG meeting (September 2007).

9. Sustainable Forest Management Plan 2006 Results Summary

Discussed that the meeting minutes, Terms of Reference, SFMP are all posted on the Teal Internet site.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Sustainable Forest Management Plan 2006 Results Summary.

Action item 15-1: Print copies of SFMP for Tim and Tom for next meeting. Everyone else will review on the internet.
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Summary of Results;

Jill said there are 51 conformances out of the 53 targets which means we did a really good job creating our Indicators. The group mentioned that they liked the format of the results summary as opposed to reviewing the entire plan.

Non-conformance Indicators:

1. Indicator 5-12: Internal Training Requirements. Jill said that this was a weakness Teal has identified previously for tracking internal training requirements under the Corporate Management System.

Sandy asked how does Teal determine what are training requirements? Jill said the details are on the Indicator Appendix 2 document (SFM Plan Appendix II: Detailed Indicator Descriptions (March 2007)).

2. Indicator 6-1: First Nation Participation in SIPAG. Jill said the weakness was that because Jill didn't call Cowichan Tribes, Jack Smith for 2 SIPAG meetings during 2006. Internal protocol is to contact all SIPAG members in advance of each meeting and to keep a log record of these phone calls. During the previous year, Jack has reported to Chris Harvey that he would be too busy to attend meetings on a regular basis but that he was still interested in receiving invites and meeting minutes.

Tom asked if Mr Jack Smith has an alternate. Sandy said that it isn't quite fair to this group if someone chosen to represent their group doesn't attend.

Action Item 15-2: Jill to send a letter to Jack requesting that he assign an alternate member if he is not going to be available to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Indicators within the variance not meeting their targets:

Indicator 3-2 Landslides from roads, 3-3 landslides from harvesting, 3-5 spills to land.

Tom asked if there are any roads that are ticking time-bombs. Mark said no, but it depends on what you consider a time-bomb too, because the Caycuse M/L slide could happen again as we have several old roads that were constructed the same way. Also that Teal knows of some old road cribbing that needs replacing and that we have some indications of structure weakness due to this winter.

Action Item 15-3: Teal will talk to FIA about road rehab and deactivation.

Tom asked if there is a plan of doing say one repair a year in our SFM Plan.

Tom & Sandy asked if we could find out the number of identified areas of instability in regards to roads and structures.

Action Item 15-4: Teal will draft an indicator for next meeting, "number of repairs completed on bridges and culverts that have been identified as areas of instability"

Review of 2006 SFM Indicator Results (pages 2-15):

Summary of question and comments from SIPAG members.

Page 4, Indicator 1-8, 5-6 Public Access.

Vince asked how Teal was doing with the open gates policy. Mark said that Hayes is having a lot of problems and at Gordon 4000 there has been cedar theft.

Page 5, Indicator 2-4 Catastrophic Winthrow Events.

Tom said then were there no catastrophic event from wind in Riparian Reserve Zones (RRZs) from last winter? What about the Harris or Rail Main? Mark said none have been identified to date. MoFR has been out in the field to review some of the winter damage.

Action Item 15-5: Mark to look into Tom's questions about RRZ damage in Harris Creek as a result of the 2006/2007 storm events.

Page 7, Indicator 3-5 Reportable Spills to Land.

Jim asked if Teal could specify the type and magnitude of the spills to determine if there was preventative action that could be taken. Jill reported that under the CMS, if there are more than a few spills per year, that an internal investigation would be triggered in order to assess whether there was a problem with the procedures in place to prevent spills, as well as to determine the root cause.

Action Item 15-6: Amend Appendix 2 for reportable spills to include reporting of amounts and type of product.

Page 8, Indicators 3-10 Fisheries Sensitive Features & 3-11 Fish Barriers.

Jill said that Teal is putting FIA proposals together ahead of the FIA budget application. Once we find out the funds available for this year, we can start working on project proposals.

Review & discussion of Draft Employment Indicator. Page 10, Indicator 5-7 Full Time Jobs

Jill said that previously we were going to track m³/manday but the last SIPAG meeting we discussed that the result did not look impressive on paper so we explored the option of just reporting on the total number of direct full time jobs.

Vince asked if the salvager's jobs were included. Mark said they were not because salvagers actually pay Teal for the volume they recover, but the employees are making their wages from the TFL.

Sandy said that we (SIPAG members) want to see what the full impact to community is for total wages, such as suppliers and service providers and those kinds of employment spinoffs.

Tom said that for your environment certification, doesn't Teal have to report exposure hours, so maybe Teal has this information.

Jim said the main concerns was total funds that go back into the community.

Jill said the # of employees are full time equivalents.

Sandy said the most important part to this exercise is to see how many people are getting employment from the TFL.

Action Item 15-7: Further work needs to be done with the employment indicator in order to finalise a draft for approval at next meeting. Review possibility of adding another indicator in relation to funds into the community. Perhaps can just report total number of employees. Look into reporting of man-hours based on the safe company reporting, i.e., exposure hours for possible reporting. Consider reporting total wages paid out, plus total logging costs as one number for reporting. May be confidentiality issues with reporting wages.

Page 11, Indicator 5-8 Revenues Paid to the Crown.

Tom said that revenues paid to crown are dollars that provide economic benefits to the province. Group requested removing the details and just reporting on the total amount.

Action Item 15-8: remove details and just report on the total funds paid to crown.

Page 13, Indicator 5-11 Local Supplies & Services.

Teresa said when Teal no longer had someplace to recycle log marking spray paint cans, she discovered over the internet that Raeside Equipment in Duncan was bought out by Commercial Solutions, who owns a large eng/for equipment supplier Co. and turns out that we could start buying from them.

Action Item 15-9: Teresa to confirm whether the new supplier recycles paint cans, or whether they deal with another company that recycles them.

8. Evaluation Form

Jill asked if everyone would like to fill it out hand the Evaluation Form enclosed in the handouts and hand it in to her.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be tentatively set for September 12th, 2007 and would like members to do some brain storming for next meeting's agenda topics and contact Jill with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.