

DRAFT Minutes

Timber Sales Advisory Council Meeting

May 1, 2008

Location: Hilton Hotel, Richmond

Council Members:

Brian Brown
 Russ Cameron
 Warren Carter
 Duncan Chisholm
 Dennis Cook
 Keith Eslinger
 Shane Garner
 Ken Houlden
 Steve Kazuki (altenate COFI rep)
 Mike Kemp (alternate for Barry Simpson)
 Les Kiss
 B. Markvoort

BCTS Staff:

Doug Wrean (chair)
 Graham Archdekin
 Mike Falkiner
 Dave Peterson

Secretariat:

Alison Nicholson

Guests:Elton Tanner, BC Forest Safety Council; Dave Lachance, Don Dahr and Doug McDonald, Worksafe BC; Tom Jackson, BCTS; Dana Hayden, Forestry Roundtable

Regrets: Corey Boilard, Mike Briesch, Barry Simpson, Jim Sutherland,

Meeting called to order at 9:05

Topics	Discussion/Actions/Decisions
<p>1. Introductions and Opening Remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table introductions; Doug Wrean welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. • Introductory comments by Dave Peterson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to TSAC members who provided input to his 360 degree review process; the results will be reviewed at an upcoming TSAC meeting. • Today's safety discussion is an opportunity to provide input on operational issues. • Pleased that Dana Hayden is coming to provide an overview of the regulatory review report recently submitted to government. During the short period of the regulatory review there was no opportunity for TSAC to engage as a group. However, TSAC should explore with Dana whether there is a role for TSAC during the

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	next phase of the review
2. Action Items Report Back/Members Issues	<p data-bbox="565 262 776 298"><u>Standing Items</u></p> <p data-bbox="565 331 1312 394">a. Waste billing exemptions/ extension fee & deposit forfeiture relief requests</p> <ul data-bbox="613 405 1435 835" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="613 405 1435 667">• Graham Archdekin reported that there have been five decisions since the last TSAC meeting related to deposits and extension fees. There do not appear to be many requests for waste assessment relief coming through Revenue Branch. A listing of Timber Sales Licenses (TSLs) affected by extension fee waivers, deposit forfeiture relief and waste assessment relief can be found at http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/about/tsac.htm. <li data-bbox="613 678 1435 835">• Dave Peterson reported that since the last meeting he has taken the position that, in general, relief requests now being made to him based on significant changes in market conditions should be declined because licensees should now be aware of the changing economic conditions. <p data-bbox="565 877 889 913">b. Certification update</p> <ul data-bbox="613 913 1435 1150" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="613 913 1435 976">• Jim Sutherland provided a certification report. See Attachment 1. <li data-bbox="613 987 1435 1150">• Members noted that it would be helpful to have a map showing where major licensees and BCTS have certified wood. More and more buyers are requesting information from the processors about the percent blend of certified wood being used. <p data-bbox="565 1182 727 1218"><u>Other Items</u></p> <p data-bbox="565 1249 954 1285">a. Web-site Improvements</p> <ul data-bbox="613 1285 1435 1453" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="613 1285 1435 1348">• Changes to the official notices site will be completed by the fall of 2008. <li data-bbox="613 1358 1435 1453">• Improvements to the road schedule in the TSL/RP document are expected to be completed within the next couple of months. <p data-bbox="565 1453 954 1488">b. Deposit refund timelines</p> <ul data-bbox="613 1488 1435 1860" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="613 1488 1435 1688">• Graham Archdekin reported that over the next six months BCTS will be conducting 4 to 8 pilot sales in each of three business areas – Babine, Chinook and Kamloops – to determine the feasibility of having licensees responsible for carrying out waste surveys. BCTS is looking into keeping a list of qualified waste surveyors. <li data-bbox="613 1698 1435 1860">• Members discussed the issue of a long wait time to receive deposit refunds because the responsibility to burn waste pile rests with the licensee who may have to wait one or two years to complete a burn. Waste billing is a topic that may be addressed in the regulatory review.

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	<p>c. Security deposit timeline requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Archdekin reported that he is looking into the security deposit timeline issue. It is important for BCTS to retain some flexibility to deal with First Nations issues. • Members reiterated the importance of setting a firm, fixed deadline for providing a security deposit after a sale has been awarded. A fixed timeline will discourage speculative behaviour whereby bidders may seek extensions simply to help them sell a license to a third party. When First Nations issues arise then the sale should be cancelled and the security deposit returned to the bidder. <p>d. Coast logging survey subcommittee membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCTS will be providing a staff person with financial background to sit on the subcommittee. <p>e. <u>Action:</u> agenda topic request for next meeting – review likely impact of Resource Road Act on BCTS.</p> <p>f. Graham Archdekin reported that the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue is proposing legislation whereby mills are required to hold stumpage in a trust account to be held until the wood is delivered. This approach is intended to reduce the risk to timber sales licensees when buyers get into financial difficulty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COFI representative reported that they would likely oppose this; as long as section 131 is in effect the person who ends up with the logs should be obligated to pay.
<p>3. Safety – Worksafe BC summary of forestry related activities</p>	<p>Dave Lachance and Don Dahr provided an overview of Worksafe BC's Forestry Strategy 2008 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry high risk strategy 2008 • New OH safety regulations for forestry – Part 26 • Resource road compliance strategy <p>See Attachment 2 and 3 for presentation notes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members raised several questions and issues related to safety operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern was expressed regarding Worksafe BC's removal of the "50% slope or less" limit for bunchers. The issue is that the new requirement, whereby site specific risk assessments must be prepared to set the slope limit, will become be a paper exercise with the result that bunchers may go on much steeper slopes. ▪ For small operations, especially in the interior, where there are few people working on site and individuals typically fulfill a number of functions, the size categories of operations and the definition of supervision with respect to safety requirements may be unreasonable and difficult to accommodate in some cases –these type of issues are being worked on. ▪ Regarding road use, there is no intention at present to have certification for log hauling. However, an issue regarding safety compliance on roads is that there is

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<p>BC Forest Safety Council status and update on Safe Companies initiative</p> <p>BCTS Safety initiative update</p>	<p>currently no compliance mechanism for unrelated third parties, (i.e., when law enforcement and contractual enforcement do not apply). There will likely be a move to develop MOU's with the RCMP to provide for law enforcement on resource roads.</p> <p>Elton Tanner reviewed the work of the Forest Safety Council, which is an industry organization. The Council has moved into a program delivery phase now and is beginning to see a difference on the ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 500 registered companies and expect to have 2000 registered by the end of the year. • The safety advocate program has been very successful for addressing capacity issues. • TSAC members expressed the concern that forestry workers are in general becoming tired of all the paper work required to operate in the woods. Furthermore, there may be high priced consultants who are taking advantage of the situation by preparing the safety program documentation required without adding 'safety' value. <p>Tom Jackson reviewed BCTS's safety initiative which is on track. (see attachment 4).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Within the next 2 weeks members will report back to Alison any concerns with BCTS's proposal that contracts and tenures advertised after December 31, 2008 date will have the requirement that all contracts are with SAFE certified companies and that all workers on TSL's are also SAFE certified. Companies.
<p>4. 90 Day Regulatory Review</p>	<p>Dana Hayden provided an overview of the 90 Day Regulatory Review and the Forestry Roundtable: two separate initiatives announced by the Premier at the Truck Loggers Convention in January 2008.</p> <p><u>Regulatory Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regulatory review is intended to identify opportunities to streamline, reduce red tape and costs associated with the existing regulatory framework. The review was guided by a number of principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Softwood lumber agreement commitments are honoured; ▪ No subsidies to industry; ▪ Respect for First Nations interests; ▪ No net deforestation; ▪ Maintain high environmental standards; ▪ Maintain worker safety; ▪ Support for government's climate change strategy. • The review was conducted over a 60 day period. Key industry people/associations were asked to provide suggestions as were staff in various ministries. The Ministry of Forests and

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	<p>Range put forward for consideration over 100 ideas they had previously identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All submissions were received by March 31 and reviewed then by a cross government team. The team was tasked to take a broad look at all the legislation, regulations, policy and processes affecting the forest sector. • In total there were about 550 suggestions; 26 topics were identified; suggestions requiring a change in the regulatory framework (e.g., tenure reform) were beyond the terms of reference of the regulatory review and were referred to the forestry roundtable for consideration. Suggestions related to federal-provincial issues were also beyond the scope of the review and were set aside. • The suggestions were reviewed by topic area for feasibility. • Seven themes emerged: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. issues that have been circulating and under discussion for several years but have not been resolved. 2. issues where there is no clear sense of their importance or priority or level of support and further consultation is required. 3. issues related to government not embracing a risk-based approach with a focus on the poor performers. 4. issues related to a lack of a client-centred perspective, i.e., a desire to reduce the number of small separate business interactions government has with licensees. 5. issues related to a lack of coordination or need to streamline planning so that common information requirements are shared etc. 6. issues regarding unclear or conflicting government direction, e.g., MOE's burning requirements related to air quality need to be coordinated with MOFR's waste fuel reduction requirements. 7. issues related to moving away from a results-based approach, e.g. Worksafe BC's new safety regulations may be overly prescriptive and not results based (e.g. workability of primary contractor). Where there is liability industry prefers a prescriptive approach but otherwise a results based approach is preferable. • The report on the regulatory review with specific recommendations on the issues raised has been submitted to government for consideration. There are four components to the recommendations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Category of recommendations considered to be feasible and able to be implemented immediately to streamline business. (e.g., move to ocular waste assessment estimates instead of direct measurements; more aggressive use of cruise-based sales in marginal areas to reduce costs; provide greater flexibility for MOFR staff to accept surrendered cutting permits.

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Forestry Roundtable	<p>2. Category of ideas requiring further discussion/consultation/prioritization, i.e., many have implications related to revenue.</p> <p>3. Category of First Nations-related ideas.</p> <p>4. Category requiring legislative change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is anticipated that government will look at the recommendations over the next few weeks. If they agree with the recommendations then there will be a second round of consultations with industry to determine how best to implement the recommendations. There may be an opportunity for TSAC to have input at this time - likely a June-July 2008 timeframe. • Dana Hayden has also met with senior staff in the Ministry of Forests and Range to discuss ways to facilitate a cultural change in the ministry so that a new, more business-like approach is adopted throughout the organization. <p><u>Forestry Roundtable</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Roundtable membership and mandate information is available at http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/forestry_roundtable/ • The membership of the roundtable was released in March. Members were selected based on their background and ability to individually contribute to the roundtable's work. They do not represent particular organizations. • The roundtable is tasked with looking at the big picture into the future and providing recommendations, by December 2008, on ways to address fundamental forest sector issues. • They have had two meetings and are currently focused on deciding what the most important questions/issues are to address. They will seek information on various topics from within and outside the province. The process for providing input has not yet been decided but there will be an opportunity for association's to make a submission, although there will not be enough time for all associations to make face-to-face presentations to the roundtable. • The roundtable is also holding community meetings in 17-18 communities around the province to identify issues and future opportunities for forestry in those areas. Tenure and stumpage reform have been raised in all five of the communities visited to date.
5. BCTS Quarterly Report – 4 th Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Wrean reviewed the highlights of the Annual Performance Report for 2007/08. It will be available shortly on the web at http://www.for.gov.bc/bcts • TSAC members reiterated the need for BCTS to provide a breakdown of costs by cost category and coats versus interior. • Action: Doug will set up a meeting with Les Kiss to discuss the reporting of costs.

Next Meeting Dates: Thursday, June 26th and Thursday, September 25th, 2008

Attachment 1 – Certification Update

ISO14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) Certification

- BCTS continues to retain EMS certification in all 12 Business Areas and cycle through re-registration audits for second - 3 year ISO14001 certification term's.
- Recent audits and inspections continue to show a trend of improvement in Licensee compliance and greater EMS awareness among workers. We conclude the BCTS EMS continues to provide good due diligence, particularly with our smaller operators.
- An EMS efficiency review by our primary BCTS internal auditor under contract is nearing completion and should direct future improvement to the system aligned with our safety initiative. Strengthening performance and eliminating unnecessary burden on Licensee's while retaining an arms length relationship will be a main focus.

Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Certification

- **Current Status:** Yellow highlight indicates achievement since last TSAC Update

Business Area	Management Unit	Volume m3	Standard	Certification Date		
Babine	Morice TSA	339,410	CSA	25/01/2006		
	Lakes TSA	714,837	CSA	06/11/2006		
Cariboo-Chilcotin	Quesnel TSA	2,144,361	SFI	13/12/07		
	Williams Lake TSA					
	TFL 52					
Kamloops	Kamloops TSA	774,976	CSA	04/01/2006		
	Merrit TSA	421,870	CSA	04/01/2006		
Kootenay	Arrow TSA	772,257	SFI	28/02/2007		
	TFL 03 Little Slocan					
	TFL 23 Arrow Lake					
	Boundary TSA					
	TFL 08 Boundary					
Peace-Liard	Fort Saint John TSA	622,059	CSA	17/10/2003		
	Fort Nelson TSA	203,668	CSA	08/04/2005		
	TFL 48	55,350	CSA	02/11/2006		
Prince George	Prince George TSA	1,168,104	CSA	25/01/06		
	TFL 30	21,312	CSA	22/06/06		
	Mackenzie TSA	718,886	CSA	08/08/2007		
Skeena	North Coast TSA	1,014,131	SFI	25/10/07		
	TFL 41					
	Kalum TSA					
	Nass TSA					
	TFL 1					
	Kispiox TSA					
	Cranberry TSA					
Cassiar TSA						
Stuart-Nechako	PG TSA Vanderhoof	961,334	CSA	19/12/2006		
	PG TSA Fort S James	1,430,667	CSA	19/12/2006		
Subtotal & % of all SFM Vol.	CSA	7,432,473 = 65%	SFI	3,930,749 = 35%	FSC	0
Total BCTS SFM Volume	11,363,222	Total BCTS Allocation	15,881,725	% Allocation Under SFM	71%	

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- Okanagan-Columbia Business Area was successful in a registration audit in February and is recommended to certify approximately 647,243m³ under CSA in the Okanagan area and 215,700m³ under SFI in the Columbia area subject to approval of an action plan and technical reviews. This achievement will represent 100% of the business unit.
 - This would complete our SFM achievements for fiscal 2007/08 with BCTS potentially holding or sharing in 17 SFM Certificates. (13 - CSA, 4 - SFI) If Okanagan-Columbia is successful by year end, BCTS 2007/08 SFM achievements will be 12,226,165 m³ or approximately 77% of the BCTS allocated volume from 9 of 12 Business Areas holding SFM certification.
 - BCTS remains on track to meet or exceed Service Plan SFM targets Current plans continue to indicate 55% of our SFM volume will be under CSA and 45% under SFI.
 - BCTS is finalizing our approach for supporting Chain of Custody (CofC);
 - A SFM certification confirmation statement in the TSL document,
 - Declaration letters verifying certified source in tender package,
 - SFM certification information included in Business Area Annual Sales Plans.
- BCTS itself will not be pursuing CofC certification as we do not bring forest products to the market. BCTS will support CofC certification by verifying SFM certified source of raw material. BCTS participates in the CSA User Group and the CSA Technical Committee.
- BCTS participates in the Western Canada SFI Implementation Committee.
 - CSA, SFI and PEFC (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification Standards) have been active in increasing market recognition and acceptance of their respective standards.
 - In cooperation with other CFCI operating businesses, BCTS examining the feasibility of FSC certification within the Mid and North Coast Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) areas.

Prepared March 3, 2008 by Greg Cawston, BCTS Certification Coordinator.

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Attachment 2 – WorkSafe BC Forestry Strategy – Dave Lachance

Forestry High Risk Strategy 2008

→ WorkSafe BC Team Roles

- Risk Management – provides current information to ensure the strategy keeps a clear focus on the best means to reduce the injury rate, serious injuries and claim duration
- Industry and Labour Services – leverages occupational health and safety through partnered safety associations, provincial agencies and other external and internal stakeholders.
- Regional Prevention Services – conducts planned inspections within the 19 high risk Classification Units, keying on the Forestry HRS and selected employers.

→ WorkSafe BC support to the Council

- Risk Management
 - Prepare statistics and reports
 - Develop corporate serious injury measure
 - Benchmarking performance of SAFE companies
- Industry and Labour Services
 - Workforce development
 - SAFE companies
 - Forestry TruckSafe BC

→ Industry and Labour Services

- Coordinate the Forestry HR Strategy Team meetings & Forestry High Risk Strategy roll out
- Conduct joint training sessions with the Ministry of Forest and Range (re; hazard recognition and 3.10 reporting)
- Develop a communication strategy for industry awareness on Part 26 regulatory changes
- Establish a safety association & certifying partner for wood product manufacturing
- Develop Prevention Resources:
 - Resource Roads Safety Practices (RRSP) INFO Flip
 - Mechanical harvesting INFO Flip
 - Develop 6 tailgate meeting guides including, working on steep slopes, using mobile equipment, and resource road use.

→ Regional Services – Prevention officers

- The goal for compliance provincially is to conduct 3,200 inspections, 350 education and 850 consultation sessions.

Provincial Goals for Compliance	2006 Actual	2007 Goal	2007 Actual	2008 Goal
Inspections	2,206	2,000	3,082	3,200
Education	341	350	225	350
Consultations	885	850	760	850

- Prevention officers are focusing compliance activities on three OHS key initiatives:
 - Selected employers based on claims volume and injury rate performance over the past three years.

- Workplace stakeholder Responsibility & Accountability - [cut block and resource road compliance strategy]
- M.S.I. Injury reduction (silviculture) and regulatory compliance

Amendments to Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Part 26

Why Change?

- Provide better protection for workers
- Significant change in Forestry operations
- Recent coroners' inquest & recommendations

What was the process for the changes?

- WorkSafeBC staff review of regulations
- Industry stakeholder consultation
- Public hearings on proposed changes
- WorkSafeBC Board of Director's approved December 2007

How will Part 26 roll out?

- Internal group develops guidelines & training plan
- Safety officers receive training & info on roll out
- WorkSafeBC and BCFSC/industry stakeholders develop in concert a communication plan

Part 26 – Six Significant Amendments

- Prime Contractors (s. 26.1.1)
 - new requirements for prime contractors to be qualified and to have the authority necessary to fulfill their responsibilities;
- Planning (s. 26.2(2))
 - new requirement for everyone with knowledge and control of a particular activity in a forestry operation to ensure it is planned and conducted consistent with safe work practices;
- Identification of hazard areas and safe work areas (s. 26.14.1 and 26.14.2)
 - new requirements to deal with worker-machine interface – identify hazard areas of logging equipment and safe work areas for workers, and control worker-machine interaction in those areas;
- Falling supervisor (s. 26.22.1)
 - new requirement for a falling supervisor for all manual falling activities in forestry operations, and set out the responsibilities of the falling supervisor;
- Log Hauling (s. 26.71.1 and 26.71.2)
 - new provisions for log truck operators regarding speed and impairment by fatigue or other causes, and new requirement for operator log books;
- Added flexibility for industry innovation
 - new provisions to allow for innovation - if approved by an engineer or if a safe work practice acceptable to the Board – egs: equipment capabilities (s. 12.1.1) and dealing with partially-cut trees (ss. 26.25 and 26.29.3).

There were some changes to the draft that went to public hearing based on stakeholder feedback:

- Prime Contractors (s.26.1.1)
 - in response to employer submissions – revised the scope of the prime contractor's authority and limit it to persons over whom the owner has control;

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- Forest Fire Fighting (s. 26.3.1)
 - in response to MOFR submission - removed professional fire fighters from the application of this section regarding training;
 - Road design and use (ss. 26.79 to 26.84)
 - in response to MOFR submissions – deferred proposed changes to sections on road design and road use in order to give MOFR time to produce a new *Resource Road Act*;
 - Risk
 - in response to employer submissions that the reference to “risk” in some sections is too broad - amended those references, where appropriate, to “known or reasonably foreseeable risk” – egs. ss. 26.2 Planning, 26.5 Safety meeting, 26.11 Dangerous trees, 26.29.2 Mechanical harvesting, 26.98 Dumping log bundles into water;
 - Binder removal stations (s. 26.69)
 - in response to employer submissions regarding cost – delayed until January 1, 2009 the implementation date for the new requirement that all binder removal stations must be certified by a professional engineer.

Attachment 3 – WorkSafe BC Resource Roads Compliance Strategy –Don Dahr

The Resource Road Compliance Strategy is the second phase of WorkSafe BC's compliance initiative that focuses on safety in the forest sector.

There are a lot of serious accidents and fatalities that occur on Resource Roads which, as they are managed today, does not provide for a system to ensure compliance as contemplated by the WC Act.

To this point of time we have put a great deal of time and effort in an attempt to bring clarity to the question of "who" is responsible for safety on Resource Roads when you have many different users, and industries, utilizing the same road system.

There are several things that are presently occurring that I ask you to keep in mind as we go through this presentation.

- 1) The MoFR is presently in receipt of orders and the possibility of penalty action as a consequence of a fatality that occurred on a resource road in 2006. The orders focused on coordination and compliance of multiple employers which is the duties of the Prime Contractor. The focus of the recent coroners inquest on this fatality brought out the same concerns.
- 2) The province is presently developing and revising requirements for resource road management that will be detailed in the new Resource Road Act. This may have a positive effect on determining areas of responsibility as they would pertain to road coordination.
- 3) WorkSafe BC has set up a meeting with the MoFR to be held tomorrow to discuss road management issues and provide the ministry with an overview of the RRSP compliance Strategy.

The presentation covers four segments:

1. **Compliance History:**
 - data relating to claims serious injuries and fatalities and incident details.
 - facts on the resource road network and the complexity of use.
2. **RRSP Application:**
 - why it is essential to have a safe system for evaluating responsibilities for all parties for safety under the WC Act
 - how the matrix of the RRSP provides guidance for our officers and industry in establishing who and how various parties utilizing roads are responsible and for what aspect. .
3. **Consistency** - how this strategy will impact our field officers
4. **Rolling Out of Program** - both internally and to our external clients

A complete copy of this power point presentation is available from the TSAC secretariat.

Attachment 4: BCTS Safety Update - Tom Jackson, Safety Initiatives Manager

BCTS Safety Initiative Why?

- Forest Workers!
- Minister's leadership
- Industry Standard
- Diligence
- BCTS mandate
- No rebate

BCTS Safety Program Scope and Nature

- Applies to BCTS staff
- Directs Contracting practices as they relate to safety.
- Acknowledges TSL as distinct Owners
- Utilizes long standing internal Safety practices and protocols associated with public service and MOFR on whole
- Available on Public Website to achieve transparency and assist in communication part.

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- 100% Internal Audit Dec 07-Feb 08
- Secured QMI as Certification Auditor Feb 08
- NOAA Submitted Mar 08
- Certification Audit Commenced April 08
- Local BA Management Reviews Completed April 07

Next Steps

- Completion of Corporate Management Review May Jun 08
- Policy determination on Certification requirements May 07
- Communication on Certification Policy Jun 08
- Establish worksite signage program
- Roads Management program adjustments Jun
- Completion BCTS Certification Audit Jul 08
- Effect Certification Policy changes through contracts and tenures Jul- Dec 08
- Establish long term program management system Sep 08

Other Related Initiatives

- Engagement with BCFSC Council financial and governance.
- Engagement with Radio Protocol standardization initiative
- Advocating Policy improvements to Safe Companies program, New entrants, reciprocity etc.
- Enhancing awareness throughout MOFR relative to safety initiative

TSAC Discussion/Feedback

- Discussion 1
Are the efforts of BCTS through it's Safety initiative positively influencing the safety circumstance for forest workers?
- Discussion 2
Should BCTS adopt the BCFSC recently suggested date of Dec 31, 2008 after which all contracts would require Safe Certified companies to bid and TSL's would require Safe Certified companies to work. (Tenures and contracts advertised after this date)