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**Teleconference  
November 5, 2003**

**Attendees:**

Duncan Barnett, BC Cattlemen's Association

Mark Haddock, Forest Caucus, BC Environmental Network

Brian McNaughton, Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

Roy Nagel, Central Interior Logging Association

Ric Slaco, Major Licensees, Forest Industry

Larry Pedersen (Chair), Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests

Terje Vold, Ministry of Forests

Shirley Turcotte, Ministry of Forests

Facilitator: Rick Ellis

**Introduction / Agenda - Larry Pedersen, Chair**

- Full PAC agreement desired on agenda
- Today's PAC Members will put together proposal and send out for agreement via e-mail

**ACTION: PAC Protocol - discussion at January Meeting**

**Oct. 2/3 Minutes**

- review/comments to be sent to Shirley Turcotte by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, then Minutes should be posted.

**ACTION: Shirley to post minutes to public website after Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**FRPA Update**

- Act to be brought into force this year
- FRPA Regs with Leg. Counsel
  - No further policy decisions - only wordsmithing to ensure clarity still on-going
  - Leg Counsel amendments still possibility
  - Larry Pedersen reminded PAC that Regs. can and likely will be refined in future years
    - once we have experience on the ground
- Environmental PAC Rep. Requested briefing on Bilateral Process
  - Bilateral Process was set up as a Working Group model
  - Gov't/Forest Industry Reps. representing interests from field
    - Tied in with FRPA Pilots to ground-truth
    - Business Mapping
    - Bilateral process also with Woodlot and Range interests
- Some PAC issues were addressed by the Bilateral Working Group, but not all
  - Issues (Woodlot and Range issues included) were reviewed, some addressed, some not addressed
- Still few outstanding Range issues, but generally acceptable
- Companion Guides will allow opportunity to address minor Range/Woodlot concerns

## **FRPA Training Update**

- Training Plan and Training Materials underway
  - Locations/facilities have now been identified
  - Technology has been tested and available
  - Minister supported PAC for need for ongoing training

**ACTION: Shirley Turcotte to send Training Update out to PAC for information**

## **Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Minister – Larry Pedersen/Brian McNaughton**

- PAC Report to Minister focused on higher level issues
  - Minister asked many thoughtful questions
  - Minister acknowledged that the gov't response may not in all cases be adequate from PAC perspective
  - Minister acknowledged and supported PAC wrt transparency
    - PAC Report to Minister should be finalized and made public
- One-Page Issue Package was of interest to Minister
- Minister was satisfied that PAC was functioning well
  - PAC providing good thoughtful dialogue, civil exchange of views
  - Minister understood not full PAC attendance for all meetings due to the short timeframes
- Minister expectation for future PAC role important e.g. by providing monitoring/feedback loop work

## **Forest Planning and Practices Regulation – Terje Vold**

- FPPR significantly restructured
- Revised October draft regulation addressed many concerns identified by PAC
  - WCB concern raised by Kim Pollock addressed
  - Notification and Reporting now included
  - Delegation of Authority addressed
  - New section – Intervention Order
  - Sec. 90 addresses Obligation of licensees in FSP
  - Schedule “A” Factors will apply to Objectives Set By Gov't
  - Bracketed text re delegation (Sec. 89) – removed
  - Reciprocity issue has been dealt with (Sec. 19) – including Range & Woodlot
- Provincial Old Growth Order – work still in progress
- Minister supported completion of Strategic Land Use Plans
- Provincial Order on Visual Objectives for Scenic Areas (where a VQO is not established)

## **Range Regulation – Update – Duncan Barnett**

- No substantive changes
  - Training providing better explanations should address concerns
- Intervention Power changed
- Herbacious Plants – new
- Generally, Range acceptable
- Order-making Power – Range would like to have as standalone regulation.

**ACTION: Terje Vold will follow-up on possibility to extract out and report back to PAC**

### **Woodlot Regulation – Brian McNaughton**

- Sec. 5-7 (Wildlife Habitat and Streams) restructured at the last minute
- Finalization of the Private Land issue just completing
- Notification Requirement - introduced
- One outstanding issue – wrt RPF approval – where Woodlot Reg. remains inconsistent with other regs.

**ACTION: Brian McNaughton/Larry Pedersen to discuss off-line**

### **Finalizing PAC Report to Minister – Next Steps**

- Comments received after meeting with Minister are now reflected in One-Page Issues
- “Current Status” has been inserted, and notation on where to find it in Reg.
- Issues that were previously blank have been revisited, now have at least some text
- Comparison of Environmental Standards “Attachment A” (high level comparison of different values)
  - PAC requested “Attachment A” be clearly identified and tied to Gov’t response
- Minister made particular mention for PAC role wrt monitoring environmental equivalency

### **Final Report – Proposal – Rick Ellis (Facilitator)**

- PAC Members generally agreed work now done:
  - need to report out on Public Website
- Note: Final Regulations still confidential until passed by Cabinet
  - record PAC work chronologically,
  - acknowledge PAC was working with “rolling drafts”, remove specific section references and finalize report
  - PAC commented in advisory role, gov’t took comments under advisement and responded or not at government’s discretion
  - Update Gov’t Response to reflect any changes from the Leg. Counsel to ensure current
  - Address in Preamble – PAC did not shape FRPA and Regulations – PAC reviewed and commented
- PAC members now see need to move forward with PAC role in monitoring the implementation of FRPA, training, evaluation, communication issues, environmental standards, etc.

**ACTION: Terje Vold/Rick Ellis will work to finalize PAC Report to Minister as directed by PAC**

**ACTION: Brian McNaughton/Larry Pedersen review and submit for PAC final approval.**

### **Public Website**

- PAC Issues/work clearly and separately identified
- Issues to be reported chronologically
- Gov’t Response separately identified
- Respect paid to Minister’s comments
- Environmental PAC Rep. Raised need to ensure open disclosure wrt other processes outside of the PAC (e.g. Bilateral Working Group, etc.)
  - Need Link to other communication site
- Design “Test” Website and send out for PAC review/comment

### **Communication Strategy**

- PAC interest in both provincial and international communication strategy
- Communication also falls under Training as governance issue

**ACTION: Shirley Turcotte to send information out to PAC when available**

### **Forest and Range Practices Act**

- Request from PAC Members for Act to be sent out

**ACTION: Shirley to send FRPA out to PAC**

**Next PAC Teleconference: December 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Dial in Information:**

**Chair: ` 952-6861 (Larry Pedersen)**

**Participants: 952-6812 (all PAC Members)**

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### **Next PAC Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2004**

Items for Agenda:

1. PAC Protocol

- Future work (workplan over next 12-24 months)
  - monitoring the implementation of FRPA, training, evaluation, communication issues, environmental standards, etc.

**ACTION: Shirley Turcotte arrange for date/facility and notify members as early as possible.**