

Includes Amendments
Dec. 16th & Dec. 19th

Summary Notes

Minister's Forest and Range PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Teleconference December 11, 2003

Attendees:

Duncan Barnett, BC Cattlemen's Association
Mark Haddock, Forest Caucus, BC Environmental Network
Corinne Lonsdale, Communities and Resources Committee, Union of BC Municipalities
Brian McNaughton, Federation of BC Woodlot Associations
Garry Merkel, First Nations Summit Task Group
Roy Nagel, Central Interior Logging Association
Kim Pollock, Industrial Wood & Allied Workers of Canada

Larry Pedersen (Chair), Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests
Terje Vold, Ministry of Forests
Shirley Turcotte, Ministry of Forests

Introduction / Agenda - Larry Pedersen, Chair

- Other – Brian McNaughton will table three topics for consideration in future PAC meetings

Nov. 5th Minutes

- Members to review Oct 2/3 and Nov. 5th PAC Minutes, any amendments to Shirley
ACTION: Members to review Oct 2/3 and Nov. 5th minutes, amendments to Shirley prior to Dec. 31st Shirley to post previous PAC Minutes on website by January 10th

ACTION: Shirley to attach link to public website in today's minutes.

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FRPA Update – Terje Vold

- Status of FRPA Regs
- 12 Regulations support FRPA
- PAC focused on FPPR, Woodlot and Range regulations
- Regulations presently with Leg. Counsel for review, discussions/amendments still ongoing
- Regulations to go to first cabinet meeting in January – “take affect date” to be determined but expected to be early in the new year

FRPA Implementation Teams – Terje Vold

- MOF, WLAP and to some extent MSRM already working together on I-Teams at Provincial, Region and District levels
- Direction now is to include key stakeholders on Provincial Implementation Teams and consideration as to structure is still being contemplated.
- Larry Pedersen explained that the licensees need clarity on objectives and the Implementation Team is working on the Objectives Matrix to identify objectives at each district/region, what objectives are legally established, and where there are any gaps (including objectives for Old Growth Order, Ungulate Winter Range, Wildlife, Recreation, etc.) We need to have a clear interpretation ready for when FRPA comes into force so plan proponents understand their obligations.
- Corinne Lonsdale queried review and comment for Draft Old Growth Order. Larry Pedersen advised he believed any individual could comment to MSRM via their website, however, PAC was not reviewing the document. If MSRM requires some evaluation advice from PAC, then PAC may wish to fulfill the role.

ACTION: Shirley Turcotte to attach web link for Draft Old Growth Order.

<http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/oldgrowth/index.htm>

- Duncan Barnett raised need to ensure Tenure Owners (Woodlot, Cattlemen, etc.) have representation on the Implementation Teams - at least at the region level.

ACTION: Terje Vold committed to follow up with I-Teams wrt ensuring team represents a proper balance.

- Brian McNaughton requested if there was Terms of Reference for Implementation Teams
- Terje Vold noted there were probably Terms of Reference for the original Implementation Teams, but unlikely Terms of Reference have been finalized for the newly forming I-Teams that include stakeholders

ACTION: Terje Vold will follow-up with I-Teams and forward documentation out to PAC if available, if unavailable, Larry Pedersen will request the Provincial I-Teams draft Terms of Reference and forward written documentation out for information to PAC.

FRPA Training – Terje Vold

- Training Update by Kathy Hopkins appears on today's agenda
- Linked to Training is need for common set of definitions/terms and an “umbrella” term that will encompass various kinds of non-legal advice (best management practices, guidebooks (e.g. streamcrossing), handbooks (e.g. Karst), etc. - (need to include non-legal advice for “planning” as well as “practices”
- JMC discussed and settled on “guidelines”
- Brian McNaughton requested clarity wrt changing timelines. Larry Pedersen explained that the last cabinet meeting was cancelled, therefore drafting was carried on for a further week as the Regulations will go to the first cabinet meeting in January. The should not affect the Training plan, funding is available for this fiscal year.

ACTION: Shirley Turcotte to provide latest draft of FPPR to PAC.

- Mark Haddock requested update on the Regulations that PAC did not focus on. Terje Vold reported that there were no major changes except that fines were substantially increased.
- Larry Pedersen noted that following PAC advice, Government Actions Regulation was prepared.

ACTION: Shirley Turcotte to forward list of FRPA Regulations out to PAC.

Finalizing PAC Report to Minister – Next Steps - Larry Pedersen

- Larry Pedersen thanked all members of PAC for their work, and specifically Terje Vold for amending and finalizing the document, Brian McNaughton for suggesting a cover letter to complete the package and Mark Haddock for taking the time to polish the wording on the latest product.
- PAC noted that the PAC report and comments are on Draft 6 of the FPPR, some amendments have been made and they may wish to add some Flags to the Minister, e.g.

ACTION: Garry Merkel committed to assist with draft wording for the balancing piece and send to Terje Vold ASAP.

ACTION: Need to Flag for future PAC consideration: higher level conservation, monitoring needs benchmarks for balancing objectives, to identify with we gain improvement.

- Need mechanism for different stakeholders to work together.

Government Response to PAC

- Once regulations are passed, the PAC Report to the Minister and Government Response to PAC will be posted to public website.
- PAC noted satisfaction with the separation of the two reports. PAC does not have ownership of the Government Response to PAC, and noted that once the regulations are finalized, the response will be updated for accuracy.

Action Tracking or Summary Document

- Brian McNaughton suggested creation of a spreadsheet might be useful - setting out the Issue, Concern raised by PAC, Ministers Response and Action Taken.

ACTION: Terje to prepare.

FRPA Training Update - Kathy Hopkins

- FRPA Training Team has been working with a numbers of Advisory Groups
- 11 Modules have been developed; (Forestry using remote delivery software, with Q&A sessions and Range and Woodlot using live delivery)
 - Tailored Modules have been developed for First Nations, Tourism, Guides and Outfitters, etc.
- PAC Members asked how the culture shift was being addressed and if any training was being targeted for this aspect?
 - Kathy Hopkins advised that the Implementation Teams were working on the change management aspects and regular updates are being provided by Tim Sheldan.
- Larry Pedersen advised he is working on a "Context Piece" for the Training that will give clarity, "tone", etc. and requested any suggestions or assistance with wording that might help with the "culture shift".
 - Duncan Barnett suggested including a "Chief Ranger" message for the Range Module

ACTION: Brain McNaughton and Duncan Barnett committed to draft some thought wrt "culture shift" and send to Larry Pedersen. Other PAC Members welcome to consider and forward any thoughts in this regard to Larry Pedersen ASAP to assist with this message.

Facilities for Training

- Due to limited funding, the Cattlemen's Association was providing facilities for training on the Range Module. Appreciation by gov't for cooperation.

ACTION: K. Hopkins to discuss with D Barnett and contact D Borth, Cattlemen's Association.

Timing of Delivery

- Concern was raised by Roy Nagel that the timing of delivery may be difficult for certain segments
- Larry Pedersen advised there will be an excellent legacy of training materials for use in future, however, he confirmed that funding (\$350,000) for training was limited to this fiscal and did not extend beyond March 31/04.

ACTION: Kathy Hopkins committed to contact Roy Nagel to discuss scheduling of training for CILA members and Kim Pollock with regard to IWA members

One Page Issue Notes

- PAC agreed need not to "lose" valuable information and work by PAC
- Terje Vold suggested removing references to sections in the draft regulation to avoid confusion since section numbers have changed
- PAC noted Minister already has copy of Issue Notes, so may not be necessary to have the Issue notes re-attached to PAC Report to Minister.
- PAC suggested dating the Issue Notes as technical work at that time supporting the PAC review and comment leading to the preparation of their Report to the Minister.

ACTION: Terje Vold to draft a proposal to outlining how to manage the Issue Notes and send out to PAC for comment. Goal will be to try and reach a consensus by PAC on how to handle the Issue Notes and clarify whether or not they will be posted to the public website.

Next PAC Meeting:

- *Larry Pedersen suggested leaving the date open but committing to a meeting within the first quarter of 2004. If desired a teleconference could be held in January, with first meeting February or March.*
 - *PAC agreed this will allow the Regulations to be finalized and passed and have the Training underway prior to meeting.*

ACTION: PAC suggested interim updates be sent out to keep current on issues.

Items for Agenda:

- 1. PAC Protocol**
- 2. Future work (workplan over next 12-24 months)**
 - monitoring the implementation of FRPA, training, evaluation, communication issues, environmental standards, etc.
- 3. Brian McNaughton tabled three topics for consideration:**
 - Provincial Biodiversity (including Bark Beetle and Forest Health, etc.)
 - DFAM "effectiveness" **wrt the application of forest practices and achieving the desired results, i.e. beetle detection, control, salvage, etc. Effectiveness did NOT mean wrt administration, process, cost, etc.** - (Larry Pedersen advised he has just been assigned the new Executive Sponsor" for this initiative, and will be responsible to ensure its success.)
 - Award of Tenures - Auction/bidding system and impact on practices

ACTION: Larry Pedersen noted PAC should discuss and draft a rationale that topic falls under FRPA and FRPA Regulations within PAC mandate and PAC may need to confirm mandate with Minister.

- 4. PAC members would like to invite Minister to attend another PAC Meeting**

ACTION: PAC should discuss topics and mandate issues prior to having discussion with Minister.

ACTION: Shirley Turcotte arrange for date/facility and notify members.