

Minutes

- Summary

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

May 31, 2004

Teleconference

Attendees:

Duncan Barnett, BC Cattlemen's Association
Corinne Lonsdale, Communities and Resources Committee, Union of BC Municipalities
Brian McNaughton, Federation of BC Woodlot Associations
Roy Nagel, Central Interior Logging Association
Ric Slaco, INTERFOR
James O'Hanley, Weyerhaeuser
Kim Pollock, IWA

Larry Pedersen (Chair), Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests
Ian Miller, Ministry of Forests
Shirley Turcotte, Ministry of Forests

Presenter:

Bill Quinn, Provincial FRPA Implementation Team (PFIT)

1. Welcome / Agenda / Minutes - Larry Pedersen, Chair

- PAC April 29th Minutes accepted.

ACTION: S. Turcotte to post to website.

2. PAC Membership - Larry Pedersen

- New Member: James O'Hanley joins PAC as alternate.
- Absent PAC Members:
 - Apologies received from Garry Merkel and Deane Strongitharm

PAC Environmental Community Representative on PAC - Larry Pedersen

PAC Discussion

- PAC re-stated importance of having member at table with conservation background

**ACTION: PAC Members to forward names of candidates with solid environment/
conservation background to Chair for Minister's consideration.**

3. FRPA Update – Ian Miller

- Ian Miller confirmed his role as PAC technical support.
- Bill 33 Amendments to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* – posted on MOF Website.
- First Statement of Direction to Delegates under construction to assist with review and approval of FSPs

ACTION: Ian Miller to forward final draft to S Turcotte for distribution out to PAC for review.

- New Objectives needed for licensees building FSPs now:
 - Old Growth Order linked to land use plans, and
 - Species at Risk linked to Wildlife amendments package and grandparented scenic areas

FRPA Training Update - Ian Miller

- Round one of FRPA forestry modules completed, 6,000-7,000 people trained to date
- funding proposal for on-going FRPA training still under consideration
 - Newest module targeted for public, First Nations, and other stakeholder groups - underway
- COFI Training Package - audience - licensees, focused on FSP process; contained good content and consistency; training well received
- Assoc of BC Forest Professionals: now updating their forest legislation and policy reference guide. Audience - new foresters writing their exam in fall, but also very useful reference for foresters and others interested in forestry legislation and policy.
- Implementation Training - e.g. C&E, Admin Guide for FSPs, Chief Foresters Standards for Seed Use - underway.
- Range Training - D Borth assisted with wording re amendment package
 - Northern Interior Range Training - throughout June

Note: D Barnett reported that a BCCA training package for cattlemen similar to COFI's package that was aimed at BC forest professionals likely to move forward.

Question: Roy Nagel requested update for Contractors.

Response: L Pedersen reported Kathy Hopkins has put forward budget proposal for pocket guide at cost of \$80,000. Currently outside budget, however, Chief Forester supports priority and reported funding being sought.

4. FRPA Regulations – Ian Miller

- PAC reps. desire opportunity to review regulation amendment package.
- Gov't discussions with resource professions regarding professional reliance are underway and PAC expressed strong interest in this issue.

ACTION: Larry Pedersen to contact MOF staff for update on Range discussions wrt professional reliance.

ACTION: S. Turcotte to distribute proposals for reg. amendments to PAC for Review and Comment.

5. FRPA Implementation Team (PFIT) Update – Bill Quinn

- PFIT MOF Executive sponsor reports out at Joint Steering Committee table and provides information to Joint Management Committee.
- PFIT is an inter-agency team set up approx. 18 months ago, with provincial, region and district levels.
- Industry representation is at the regional level, to address FRPA implementation focused on FSPs.
- A C&E overview team exists to provide specific PFIT focus on compliance and enforcement implementation issues.

Stakeholder Representation

- It is recognized that Range and Woodlot stakeholders need a venue to have their issues and concerns addressed – most likely at provincial oversight level to ensure consistency - Bill Quinn will act as liaison
- Larry Pedersen committed to continue to stay engaged with both Range and Woodlot PAC Reps. at the executive level.
- PAC requested a flow chart reflecting the I-Team structure and Leads.

ACTION: Bill Quinn to contact in writing Range and Woodlot and arrange to act as liaison between those communities and PFIT.

ACTION: Bill Quinn to send I-Team Flow Chart and information to S. Turcotte for distribution out to PAC.

6. PAC Report to the Minister – Recommendation re Communications

(provincially, nationally and internationally) – Larry Pedersen

- Discussions to identify the parameters of request for PAC recommendation included
 - PAC suggestions/recommendations on what types of communication are needed
 - Is reporting framework adequate?
 - Is website information adequate?
- PAC agreed operational experience under FRPA will be needed before we can report out on equivalency and monitoring issues.
- PAC agreed that they should not take a “communication” role except as representatives to communicate out to their own sectors BUT could make recommendation to the Minister on the effectiveness of communication tools in use.

ACTION: Larry Pedersen committed to communicate to the Minister that the PAC recognizes the sensitivity and importance in maintaining communications in the market place.

7. Certification representation at PAC Table – Discussion – Brain McNaughton

- The idea was raised that having someone able to bring knowledge on the correlation between FRPA and certification to the table may help with understanding issues.
- It was noted that there is a wide range of certification agencies, and it would be difficult to identify someone that could represent broadly.
- Larry Pedersen raised need to ensure that FRPA supports certification needs.

ACTION: S. Turcotte to bring forward to next agenda.

8. Invasive Plant Strategy for BC - Update – Larry Pedersen

- Larry Pedersen reported that government has put names forward to sit on the Invasive Plant Council steering committee.
- Raised funding budget for Invasive Plants for 2004/05
- Government is supporting the Fraser Basin Council.

9. PAC Accomplishments – Larry Pedersen

- Table with current status being kept up to date as Policy Team continues to resolve issues.
- Duncan Barnett noted need for similar document for Range.

ACTION: D. Barnett to forward information table to Ian Miller re Range.

NEXT PAC: *(Although mid-September was discussed at the close of the teleconference, once calendars were checked, that week did not suit some members.)*

Members: Please block off October 6th for PAC meeting. I will confirm date and location ASAP.