

PAC Key Issues

July 8-9, 2009

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

Field Tour and Meeting
Campbell River, BC

PAC Members

Attendees:

Garry Merkel, Co-Chair
Randy Chan
Shannon Janzen
Brian McNaughton

Gov't Representatives

Attendees:

Jim Snetsinger, Co-Chair
Ian Miller
Shirley Turcotte, PAC Secretariat

Invited Participants:

John Lawrence
Craig Wickland
Scott Dunn
Rick Monchak

Presentation by:

Ralph Winter

Regrets:

Duncan Barnett
Corinne Lonsdale
Roy Nagel
Kim Pollock
Bruno Delesalle
Peter LaRose

Affiliation

First Nations Summit
Major Licensees (Interior)
Major Licensees (Coast)
Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

Ministry of Forests and Range
Manager, Integrated Resources, Forest Practices Branch, MFR
Ministry of Forests and Range

Representative, Western Silviculture Contractors Assn.
Silviculture Forester, Coast Region, MFR
Stewardship Forester, Campbell River Forest District, MFR
Timber West, Campbell River

Harvesting and Silvicultural Practices, Forest Practices Branch, MFR

BC Cattlemen's Association
Union of BC Municipalities
Central Interior Logger's Association
United Steelworkers
Grasslands Conservation Council of British Columbia
Council of Tourism Associations

1. Welcome and Special Thanks - Jim Snetsinger

- Thanks to Shannon Janzen, Major Licensees (Coast) PAC Representative for her assistance in planning the field tour on July 8th, 2009.
- PAC members particularly appreciated hearing the field information provided by Graham Hues, Gary Patrucco (Western Forest Products), and Rick Monchak (Timber West).
- Additional thanks to Western Forest Products for offering the use of their boardroom for PAC's meeting on July 9th, 2009.

2. PowerPoint Presentation: Growing Opportunities – A New Vision for Silviculture in BC – Ralph Winter

- The Discussion Paper was released by Minister Pat Bell March 25, 2009 to solicit input on a new vision to guide silviculture on public forest lands.

The Roundtable on Forestry (Recommendation #3) to review forest management and silviculture practices to ensure they encourage maximum productivity, value and support forest resilience.

- Linkages included
 - bioenergy and biofuels
 - ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, biodiversity, energy, water
 - expansion of community forest tenures and long term area-based First nations forest tenures
 - increase in the number of woodlot tenure opportunities
- Stakeholder responses on the Discussion Paper to date generally fall under ten themes:
 - Planning
 - Funding
 - Lead role for government in forest management
 - Silviculture Practices
 - Providing and maintaining employment
 - First Nations involvement
 - Inventory / Mapping
 - Loss of silviculture expertise
 - Climate Change and Forest Carbon
 - Tenures

3. Silviculture Discussion Paper - Report on Focus Groups and other Consultation

- Consultation Plan for the Discussion Paper:

April-June	Information Sharing
July-September	Focus Group Meetings
September 30 th	Submission Deadline
November 30 th	Draft Recommendations

4. Process for PAC Input to the Silviculture Discussion Paper

- PAC was requested by Minister Bell to provide their comments and recommendations on the Discussion Paper.
- PAC should make a submission to the discussion paper, reflecting the collective view of the group (consensus where possible).
- Further, PAC may wish to do some critical thinking around the questions posed in the discussion paper, and provide recommendations to Minister Bell on how government could implement operationally an improved framework for silviculture in BC.

5. PAC Recommendation / Advice to Minister

- PAC endorsed the creation of a new framework for silviculture, and will use the Discussion Paper as a mechanism to provide recommendations on future silviculture and forest management opportunities.

ACTION: PAC members who were unable to attend July 8-9th PAC Field Tour and Meeting will be contacted and briefed by members present.

ACTION: Sub-Working Group to undertake first draft and distribute out to PAC for review prior to July 17, 2009.

ACTION: PAC Members to review and provide comments on first draft by August 16th (subsequently extended to August 27th)

ACTION: Sub-Working Group will incorporate comments and re-distribute paper to members prior to PAC teleconference (early September, date to be confirmed) to undertake final discussion and review.

ACTION: Sub-Working Group will finalize paper and send in the PAC submission prior to the Silviculture Discussion Paper Sept. 30th deadline.