

**PAC Meeting
November 24, 2010
Key Issues**

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

PAC Members

Attendees:

Randy Chan
Shannon Janzen
Garry Merkel, Co-Chair
Kim Pollock
Roy Nagel
Mike McConnell
Stephen Regan

Affiliation

Major Licensees (Interior)
Major Licensees (Coast)
First Nations Summit
United Steelworkers
CILA & PAC Rep. for ILA & NWLA
BC Cattlemen's Association
Council Of Tourism Associations

Gov't Representatives

Attendees:

Jim Snetsinger, Co-Chair
Ian Miller

Shirley Turcotte, PAC Secretariat

Ministry of Forests Mines and Lands
Manager, Sustainable Forest Management Section,
Forest Practices and Investment Br, MFML
Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands

Presentations by:

Perry Grilz

Operations Manager, Range Branch, MNRO

Regrets:

Bob Moody
Brian McNaughton

Grasslands Conservation Council of BC
Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

1. Welcome / PAC Membership - Jim Snetsinger

- Stephen Regan, President and CEO, COTA is attending today's teleconference and will follow up regarding a replacement for a COTA representative at the PAC table.
- Brian McNaughton and Bob Moody have sent their regrets.
- UMBC is meeting Nov. 25-26th, and will discuss our request to identify a representative to replace C. Lonsdale at the PAC table.

PAC Business:

- Agenda Review:
 - Add: Organizational restructure of the natural resource agencies (J. Snetsinger)
 - Move the Range Discussion up to accommodate P. Grilz schedule.
- PAC April 13-14/10 Key Issues–Approved, To be Posted (see <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/pac.htm>)

ACTION: S. Turcotte to post April 13-14th Key Issues to PAC website.

ACTION: S. Turcotte to arrange next PAC Face to Face Meeting for early in 2011.

2. Range Discussion: Aspen Stocking Standards in Peace Forest District – Perry Grilz (see draft BN handout)

- Issues around Aspen have been on-going over the last 10-15 years in the area around Dawson Creek as it is closest to the mill.
- It is anticipated that in future, the Peace will be similarly impacted.
- Jim Snetsinger stressed that the District Managers are the Statutory Decision-Makers, however, he advised that if necessary, he could provide some advice. NRO Range and MFML FSD Forest Practices and Investment Branch staff use this Briefing Note to recommend options and seek advice from ADMs.

ACTION: PAC Members to provide any advice to D. Borth/Ian Miller as soon as possible, before the BN goes forward to ADMs.

ACTION: NRO and MFML staff are to carry out an analysis of the aspen harvest/grazing conflict, examine if there is any potential deficiency in FRPA that is exacerbating this issue, and report back to PAC if there is a gap in FRPA that needs to be addressed.

3. Legislation Updates:

Note: Ian Miller provided a brief high level update to PAC Members.

4. Natural Resource Sector Ministry Restructuring – Jim Snetsinger

- Government has been moving toward a more integrated approach to resource management and this reorganization will strengthen the one land management under the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations.
- The Ministry of Natural Resource Operations will be responsible for the activities on the landbase.
- The policy level work will be carried out by the sector ministries, e.g. Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Energy.
- Policy decisions will be made by the Natural Resource Sector Management Board:
Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister and CEO, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations
Steve Munro, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Wes Shoemaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture
Robin Junger, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy
Cairine MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment
Dana Hayden, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands
Steve Carr, Deputy Minister and COO, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations

PAC Questions/Comments:

(R. Chan) Will need clarity regarding the linkage between policy and implementation

(P. Grilz) Ranching sector also has concerns around the division between policy and operations.

(J. Snetsinger) Agreed. PFIT will continue going forward. Provincial policy forums, etc. will still be in place.

5. Silviculture Update – Jim Snetsinger

- Following the Growing Opportunities Discussion Paper, government sent out a questionnaire and consulted with various groups, however, little has been found that will incent private investment on Crown land – except perhaps Carbon Offsets, but there is still a lot of questions to be answered
- Draft Forest Carbon Offset Protocol is being released today for public review and comment (please see: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/mitigation/fcop.html>)

6. Next PAC Face-to-Face Meeting

- Many topic areas were suggested by PAC Members as being of interest:
 - FFEI and Adaptation – opportunities / challenges regarding Climate Change and the implications under FRPA
 - Professional Reliance – Update re Action Plan
 - Role of FREP and the FREP Strategy
 - IFPAs – future going forward
 - FRPA implementation – invite new Chair, Forest Practices Board (Al Gorley) to come to PAC to discuss how FRPA is performing and if PAC could support their activities in any way.
- PAC agreed that the best use of PAC would to take a strategic approach to developing agenda, and asked the Co-Chairs to draft an agenda for their approval.

ACTION: Draft Agenda to be forwarded to PAC prior to end of December.

ACTION: S. Turcotte to propose dates for PAC Face-to-Face for early 2011.