

Kamloops Future Forests Strategy

Terms of Reference

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The concept

Is to identify spatially integrated management regimes to meet landuse objectives under climate change scenarios.

Intent

To coordinate objectives and direction from plans and strategies for the Kamloops TSA and to assess management options based on realistic climate change scenarios to:

1. Clarify intent and overlap from the various plans and strategies,
2. Provide management options based on climate change scenarios,
3. Mitigate risks to environmental values to ensure objectives for timber and other values are not jeopardized.
4. Identify data gaps and uncertainties
5. Provide a template for managing multiple objectives in a changing environment

Structure

- KFFS Team members to include:
 - Licensees holding replaceable volume base and BC Timber Sales that contribute to projects:
 - Michael Bragg, Thompson-Nicola Woodlands, Tolko Industries Ltd. Heffley Creek BC.
 - Dave Dobi, Canadian Forest Products Ltd, Clearwater
 - Wes Bieber – Weyerhauser Company Ltd.
 - Zoran Boskovic – BC Timber Sales
 - Marino Bordin – International Forest Products Ltd.
 - First Nations Licensee representative - Jim McGrath (Kamloops Indian Band - KIB)
 - MFR TSA representative - Jamie Jeffreys – Ministry of Forests, Kamloops District.
 - Lead consultant 2007-08 (Ken Zielke and Bryce Bancroft of Symmetree Consulting Group Ltd.)
- Provincial FFS Team to include
 - MFR – FIA coordinators (Dave Bodak, Rick Brand)
 - MFR – Chief Forester
- Coordination/ facilitation of the KFFS Team will be done by Michael Bragg (the chair).
- Minutes and follow-up will be the responsibility of the Lead consultant.

Chair's Role:

- Ensure timely decision making around projects to be funded in each fiscal year.
- Schedule meetings, draft agendas, and distribute minutes of meetings (may be done by the consultant team).
- Assign a member to take minutes at the meetings.
- Coordinate decision making process on how to invest funds.

Member's Roles:

- Bring TSA level communications and information sources to meetings.
- Provide input on direction and outputs and products.
- Participate in monthly update meetings or conference calls.

- Provide guidance on contracting out of tasks.
- Development of Request for Proposal for 2008-2009 fiscal.
- Review and choose the successful candidate of the RFP.

Lead Consultants Role:

- Create a working plan and schedule of milestones.
- Provide documentation on milestone achievements.
- Ensure minutes are taken, coordinate input and provide the consolidated version to the Chair for distribution.
- Provide consulting services for Steps 1 through 9 of the workplan.
- Communicate with the KFFS team on a monthly basis to provide status updates
- Coordinate with the Chair communication with the Provincial FFS team every 4 months to provide status updates (or more frequently if needed).

Project Principles:

- Duplication of work with FFEI initiatives will be avoided where possible, outputs from FFEI will be used where available.
- Available information will be sourced and used.
- Where possible, outputs will minimize the use of modeling and maximize use of existing information.
- No new data collection projects will be undertaken without expressed written consent of the MFR (Provincial FFS Team).
- Data or information gaps will be identified.
- Use of government staff time is necessary, but will be kept to a minimum.
- Lead consultants will be responsible for information gathering.
- No new climate change projects will be undertaken as part of this initiative.
- Exploration of options is open ended and not limited to present legislation or policy.
- This initiative is meant to inform future planning and or policy direction.
- It is recognized there will be uncertainty regarding climate change and resultant conditions, however this will not restrict hypothesizing outcomes and options. Outputs will be rated as to their likelihood and confidence rating.
- There will be feedback to KFFS Team once per month.
- There will be feedback to the Provincial FFS Team every four months (at a minimum).

Resources

Investment resources are to be secured prior to implementation of the initiative.

Decision Making

1. Decisions requiring contracting out of services will be made by the KFFS team.
2. Projects that appear to have overlap with the FFEI but are required to move FFS forward will be vetted by the Provincial FFS Team.