

**Annual Report: Fiscal 2002-03
FIA-LBIP Investment Schedule
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Incorporated under the BC Co-op Assoc. Act in 1999, SIGY's currently has 21 members including 20 forest companies plus the Crown resource ministries.



Member Share Holders 2001-02:

Adams Lake	Ainsworth	Atco
Bell Pole	Crown Ministries	Downie
Galloway	Gorman Bros.	J.H. Huscroft
Kalesnikoff	Lignum	Louisiana Pacific
Meadow Cr Cedar	Pope & Talbot	Riverside
Slocan	Tembec	Tolko
Weldwood	West Fraser	Wynndel Box

Operating Status

SIGY began and ended fiscal year 2002-03 with 21 members; there were no changes in membership during the year. The Forest Investment Account - Land Base Investment Program (FIA-LBIP) replaced Forest Renewal BC as the Co-op's main source of operating funds. SIGY managed two FIA-LBIP projects with West Fraser (Quesnel) acting as lead licensee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the Co-op. The 36 separate FIA-LBIP allocation transfers to West Fraser from licensee members totaled \$154.5K. Licensee transfers were proportional to member Forest License AACs in the southern interior (\$0.014/m³). SIGY also received \$24K from the southern interior Forest Regions on behalf of the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, in lieu of FIA-LBIP. The 2002 AGM was held April 30 (Kamloops) and a special General Meeting was held January 30 (Kelowna). The 2003 AGM is scheduled for June 16 (Salmon Arm).

Activities and Accomplishments for 2002-03

Co-op activities supported seven deliverables within two FIA-LBIP projects. Except as noted, all deliverables are accessible on SIGY's website.

Growth and Yield Strategic Support for the Southern Interior (Project 102801)

1. Co-operative Growth and Yield Investment Strategy -- Presents a business case for co-operative G&Y investments in the context of the current business and policy environments in BC and includes the Co-op's workplan and FIA-LBIP proposed projects for 2003-04. SIGY strategies and project proposals were consistent with Forest Productivity Council strategies and incorporate input from stakeholders.

2. GY-TSR Summaries by TSA --

Two-page reports provide growth and yield perspectives on the most recent Timber Supply Review (TSR) analyses for each of the 14 TSAs in the southern interior. In combination with SIGY's extensive TSR summaries from 2001-02, the reports are already being used by management units to help identify and document local growth and yield investment opportunities, as well as opportunities for shared co-operative investments.

3. SIGY Annual Report --

This activity incorporates the remaining Co-op activities not directly associated with other FIA deliverables. Over the course of the year, the Co-op responded to requests for information and strategic input from individual members, their representative organizations and liaised with key growth and yield contacts, including:

Cariboo Timber Enhancement Strategy Committee (TESC); Cariboo Lumber Manufacturer's Association; Interior Lumber Manufacturer's Association; the Southern Interior Silviculture Committee; Okanagan IFPA; Kamloops TSA; Ministry G&Y and FIA staff; G&Y specialists in academia, G&Y consultants (incl. several producing local G&Y strategies for members); and other G&Y Co-ops in western North America.

The Co-op began partnering with CFS and MoF on a project to model the G&Y effects of Armillaria root disease in the ICH. SIGY helped facilitate collaborative connections among scientists and licensees and contributed its experience orchestrating co-operative FIA projects. SIGY also provided input to groups considering G&Y co-op formation in two separate portions of the Prince George Region.

Growth and Yield Training and Extension for the Southern Interior (Project 102802)

4. Growth and Yield Workshop --

SIGY held a workshop entitled "Growth and Yield for Partial Cutting" in Kelowna on Jan 29 in partnership with the Forestry Continuing Studies Network and FORREX. It was attended by 55 people; proceedings are available on the web.

5. Growth and Yield Extension Note --

A draft extension note was produced entitled "Growth and Yield Data in BC". It will be available on the web once it has been co-published with FORREX in 2003-04.

6. Revitalized SIGY's Website --

The website which had served SIGY since its inception was completely replaced. The new website provides current information on SIGY membership, projects, strategies, education and G&Y links.

7. Maintain SIGY's listserver --

SIGY maintained an e-mail listserver with 114 subscribers that posted an average of 3 messages per month on growth and yield related subjects.

SIGY continued to build its active partnership with FORREX, collaborating with its extension specialists on growth and yield issues and contributing to a FORREX extension plan for growth and yield. All deliverables from SIGY's FIA projects will be catalogued on FORREX's Natural Resource Information Network (NRIN) in accordance with FIA policy for innovative projects.

Workplan summary for 2003-04

The Co-operative Growth and Yield Investment Strategy (#1 above) includes the Co-op's workplan for 2003-04, contingent on FIA funding. The Co-op plans to continue supporting its two main strategic and education goals. Based on member input, SIGY will also sponsor an FIA project to fund re-measurement of 366 existing permanent sample plots (PSPs) across the southern interior. SIGY plans to continue providing logistical and extension support to the Armillaria modelling project.

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