

**Annual Report: Fiscal 2003-04
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:

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

Operating Status

SIGY began and ended fiscal year 2003-04 with 21 shareholding members; there were no changes in membership during the year. The Forest Investment Account - Land Base Investment Program (FIA-LBIP) once again provided the Co-op's main source of project funds. SIGY managed one FIA-LBIP project with West Fraser (Quesnel) acting as lead licensee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the Co-op. The 33 separate FIA-LBIP allocation transfers to West Fraser from licensee members netted \$108.5K of the target \$115K budget. Licensee transfers were proportional to member Forest License AACs in the Southern Interior Forest Region (\$0.011/m³). Once again, BC Timber Sales did not receive a FIA allocation, but the Crown, as a SIGY member, provided no alternate contribution this year. Tolko and LP also did not make FIA contributions this year. However, new participation by Robson Valley licensees helped offset shortfalls. SIGY also received a FIA transfer from a non-member: McBride Forest Industries (Robson Valley). The 2003 AGM was held June 16 in Salmon Arm with 11 member representatives in attendance.

Activities and Accomplishments for 2003-04

1. This annual report was one of two deliverables produced for the Co-ops FIA-LBIP project, the other being a Long-term Growth and Yield Data Strategy. Both deliverables are available on SIGY's website and are catalogued with NRIN (FORREX). The preliminary discussion paper released prior to holding two strategic discussion meetings in Kamloops, December 9 and February 3, is also available on SIGY's website along with other ancillary documents.
2. The Co-op continued partnering with CFS and MoF on a project to model the G&Y effects of Armillaria root disease in the ICH. SIGY facilitated collaborative connections among scientists and licensees and helped orchestrate FIA funding from Kootenay Lake licensees.

3. In conjunction with the AGM, SIGY co-hosted a tour with CFS, MoF and FORREX of root rot research trials at Skimikin, east of Salmon Arm. The tour was attended by 45 forest professionals representing a cross section of the forestry sector.
4. SIGY proposed a regional FIA project to re-measure PSPs on TSAs and TFLs. The project did not garner enough support to maintain regional strategic viability and was cancelled. A few licensees went ahead with re-measurements within their respective areas.
5. SIGY maintained two primary mass communication venues: its website and listserver. Listserver subscriptions held steady at around 110 people with message traffic averaging 5 per month.
6. SIGY organized a workshop (A G&Y Model Showcase) in partnership with FCSN and FORREX. It was to be held in Kamloops, December 8, but insufficient registrations were received. The workshop has tentatively been re-scheduled for winter 2004-05.
7. SIGY continued to build on its active partnership with FORREX, collaborating with its extension specialists on growth and yield issues including two growth and yield extension plans.
8. The SIGY manager continued to liaise with G&Y experts and ministry G&Y managers regarding issues of interest to members. The manager also fielded calls and questions from members regarding growth and yield issues.

Workplan summary for 2004-05

Discussions leading up to the Long-term G&Y Data Strategy (#1 above) determined that SIGY should be taking a more active role in monitoring. Consequently the Co-op's FIA project plan for 2004-05 focuses on developing a regional monitoring strategy. If funding is adequate, SIGY will also re-schedule the G&Y Model Showcase workshop.

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