

2011-2012 Annual Report
North Island~Central Coast
Forest Management Leadership Team



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**North Island – Central Coast Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team:
2011-2012 Second Annual Summary Report**

Message from the Co-chair

Building on the momentum of last year, the North Island – Central Coast Forest Management Leadership Team (NICC FMLT) has enjoyed another successful year. The passion and enthusiasm for our resource industry that was seen at the first FMLT meeting continues today. A highlight for the FMLT was the two field trips that took place this past year. These were well attended by both FMLT members and guest presenters. As well, the FMLT met four times in the past year. Finally, we had a few members leave and welcomed a few new members to the FMLT.

The FMLT continued to brainstorm and refine the issues list and set new priorities this past year. Work on producing professional guidance documents for forest professionals and licensees in the District continued.

I and co-chair Andrew Ashford would like to again express our thanks to our FMLT participants, their employers and all the other resource professionals in the District for their continued support of the FMLT. We look forward to another successful year and new challenges faced by local forest professionals.

Jon Flintoft, RPF

Operations Forester – Port McNeill / Jeune Landing Forest Operation

Western Forest Products Inc.

Overview

This second annual report captures the FMLT activity recorded by the North Island-Central Coast Resource District (NICC) Forest Management Leadership Team (FMLT) from May 2011-May 2012. The formation of the NICC FMLT was initiated in 2010 as a product of the Coast Forest Region Operational Issues Forum Working Group 'Culture Change' presentation and FMLT building session held February 24, 2010 in Port McNeill. Central to the FMLT concept is the desire of professionals in the district to support an on-going culture shift by fostering professional reliance, facilitating innovation, building professional relationships, and identifying and addressing local forest management issues.

The NICC FMLT Terms of Reference (see Appendix I) was endorsed by the group in September 2011. It outlines the team's objectives, mandate, guiding principles, scope, structure, requirements for success, and documentation and reporting requirements. It is recommended that this document be revisited in January of each year.

A field trip was held in May of 2011 during which FMLT members kicked the dirt and discussed issues of Yellow Cedar Blue Stain, Ocular estimates for Free Growing, which prompted the group to establish localised guidance regarding ocular estimate standards. The 2012 Spring Field trip took the group to sites where the merits/disadvantages of silviculture treatments (spacing, brushing) and hardwood management were discussed.

Over the year, the following speakers attending meetings, shared information, fielded questions and led discussion with the group in their area of expertise:

Doug Walker/Bill Hardy (Senior Fire Protection Officers, FLNRO): 2011 Wildfire Regulation Amendments
Dorthe Jacobsen (Section Head, Resource Initiatives, FLNRO): Update on Ecosystem Based Management
Kerry McGourlick (Chief Forester, WFP & OIF Co-Chair): OIF Update
Ed Korpela (Fire Management Specialist, FLNRO): Fire Management Planning
Kathy DesRochers (Senior Advisor, First Nations Relations, FLNRO): First Nations Consultation Update
Charles Short (Manager, Marine Resource Planning, FLNRO): Marine Planning
Kevin Telfer (Ecosystem Specialist, FLNRO): Land Based Investment Strategy
Marvin Eng (Special Investigations Manager, Forest Practices Board): Results of SIR33-Results reporting
Neil Hughes (Ecotrust Canada): Alder Management

Chuck Rowan has developed an FTP site within the CRIT website, where all FMLT groups can post documents. NICC FMLT is using this site to post minutes and handouts.

[\(http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/RCO/external/!publish/FMLT%20Publish/North%20Island%20Central%20Coast/April%2025-26%20FMLT/\)](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/RCO/external/!publish/FMLT%20Publish/North%20Island%20Central%20Coast/April%2025-26%20FMLT/)

Membership

The members include representatives from both government and forest licensees (spanning a variety of tenure types and including BC Timber Sales). The membership roster can be found in Appendix 2. Andrew Ashford and Jon Flintoft were elected to stand as co-chairs for another term. Members and guests attend by phone and video conference if they are unable to travel.

Meetings

May 26, 2011 – NICC FMLT Field Trip; Holberg Road and Nahwitti Lake areas

September 20, 2011 – NICC FMLT Meeting; District Office, Port McNeill

January 19, 2012 – NICC FMLT Meeting; District Office, Port McNeill

April 25-26, 2012 – NICC FMLT Meeting; District Office, Port McNeill field component TFL 37 & 47

See Appendix 3 for NICC FMLT Meeting Minutes.

Issues & Results

The 2011-2012 NICC FMLT meetings provided the opportunity for local issues of interest to be identified and discussed. As standing agenda item is a report out on the Coastal Operational Issues Forum. In Appendix 4 the table shows the action items and status of issues brought forward. In addition to this list there is a set of working sub-groups that report out at each meeting:

Salvage (Jon, Tom, Rob Short)

Log Handling (Dave, Ione, Scott, Vadim, Jen)

Waste and Residue (Andrew, Dave, Vadim)

Ocular Assessment Guidance (Mike, Jon)

Cruising (Scott, Ryszard Mycek, Hank Olsen)

Fire Hazard Assessments (Scott, Mike)

Alder Management (Scott, Kai, Jon, Paul, Mike)

Landscape Level Biodiversity (Ione, Andrew, bob Craven)

Land Based Investment Strategy (Paul, Ryan, Hans, Kai, Ione)

Planned Actions

Section 7 notices with respect to IWMS – are we meeting the objective of habitat certainty?

Cruising Policy specialist (Bruce Markstrom) to speak at upcoming meeting. How can this group influence the loss factors policy?

Waste – high average waste levels (18%) on the coast – invite Murray Stetch to present at upcoming FMLT.

Terms of Reference
North Island – Central Coast Resource District
Forest Management Leadership Team

Objectives

To enhance trust and relationships to resolve local issues.

To provide the local forest sector with a stronger voice at the Operational Issues Forum (OIF) and the Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team (CRIT).

To improve the efficiency of the forest sector overall by providing an organized structure for clear and productive communications, and promoting cooperation in management.

To support continued learning for licensee and government professionals by sharing innovative ideas, transferring new or current technological information, and working to understand the challenges faced by all members of the group.

Mandate

Work in a team environment to resolve local forest sector issues, to communicate direction and guidance from OIF and CRIT, and to provide a forum to voice local issues and to raise issues to a regional level through OIF or CRIT.

Guiding Principles

The following general principles will govern the team:

- Foundation of professional reliance
- Build open, strong relationships and teams
- Respectful regard for different points of view
- Seek to understand issues with an open mind
- Apply science, logic and reason; identify gaps in knowledge
- Practice only within bounds of authority, training and experience
- Seek help in resolving disputes
- Promote the understanding of professional reliance and the concept of the contract of trust
- Respectfully consider First Nations values and interests that may be affected by our activities and actions
- Promote the use of field trips to improve decision making and forest practices
- Uphold legislation, and review and consider policy
- Consider safety in all decisions and guidance

Scope

The focus will be on resolving local operational issues within the North Island – Central Coast Resource District (NICC), under the *Forest Act* and the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The team will seek a balanced approach to issues by considering all the objectives established under the *Ministry of Forests and Range Act*.

- Encourage maximum forest productivity.
- Manage, protect and conserve the forest resources.
- Plan the use of forest resources and other natural resources in consultation and cooperation with other ministries and the private sector.
- Encourage a vigorous, efficient and world competitive timber processing industry.
- Assert the financial interest of government fairly.
- Resolve local issues within provincial and/or regional interpretations of current policy and legislation.
- Discuss and propose amendments to policies and legislation to improve efficiencies and forest stewardship.

Structure

The NICC Forest Management Leadership Team (FMLT) is a working team comprised of representatives of local licensees spanning different tenure types, BCTS and ministry staff. Membership is flexible and others may be asked to join based on the agenda topics, but the FMLT should strive to have the following core people:

- District and licensee/BCTS co-chair
- Local CRIT representative and/or
- Local OIF representative

Members from CRIT and OIF will provide updates from regional meetings and ensure they represent local interests at those meetings. Subsequent to year one, the team will elect its own chairs and develop its own TOR based on the core principles described in this document. The District Manager will act as the MFR co-chair for the first [year](#)^[a1]. Representation and participation of other local groups such as First Nation licensees, woodlots or other small tenure holders and other agencies should be considered in the form of core members, adjunct members or invited guests.

The membership for 2011 includes^[a2]:

- **Andrew Ashford, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (co-chair)**
- **Jon Flintoft, Western Forest Products (co-chair)**
- **Ryan Clark, Capacity Forest Management (CRIT representative)**
- **Scott Mitchell, BC Timber Sales**
- **David Mackay, International Forest Products Ltd**
- **Ione Brown, Mill & Timber Products Ltd**
- **Mike DesRochers, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**
- **Vadim Stavrakov, Lemare Lake Logging Ltd**
- **Jennifer Barolet, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**
- **Tom Cole, Richmond Plywood Corporation Limited**
- **Volker Michelfelder, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**

Meetings will be scheduled as required and may include field-oriented meetings, with quarterly meetings planned this first year^[a3]. Project subgroups may be formed, and meetings held as required to complete tasks. Members may arrange to attend meetings by conference call or video call, although face to face is preferred. Members may also designate an alternate to attend on their behalf if they are unavailable. Any alternate should come prepared to fully participate in the meeting.^[a4] The Co-chairs will alternate as the meeting Chairperson.

Team 'Minutes' or 'Decision/Action Items' will be recorded, and kept by the chairpersons.

The team will conduct an evaluation of each meeting to assess effectiveness. This qualitative evaluation will be done verbally. Results of the meeting evaluation will be documented as part of meeting minutes.

Requirements for Success

- Leadership support from managers of licensees, BCTS, ministry staff, and other agencies to support staff participation in meetings, field trips, and group tasks
- Managing the size of the team and representation of the different interests
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities of members for communicating to and representing their constituents
- Co-chairs will be responsible for ensuring that their team looks after its own administrative needs (e.g. meeting arrangements, document preparation and distribution, records of decision, etc.)
- Focus on forest management issues (*Forest Act, Forest and Range Practices Act*, related resource legislation) at the local level
- Plan to 'Celebrate the Successes'
- Continued focus on mandate
- Effective communications
- Commitment to participation

Decision Making [a5] and Documentation

The NICC FMLT will strive for consensus for the purpose of decision making, but where consensus is not reached, the co-chairs will be accountable to determine when an acceptable number of members support a decision, action or recommendation. Consensus for the purposes of this TOR is defined as general agreement or acceptance of decisions, actions or recommendations by members. Members may have concerns about specific aspects, but can accept and support that the overall decision, action or recommendation goes forward .

Relevant documentation for NICC FMLT meetings, including agendas and decision records will be sent to participatory group members in a timely manner and kept on a central file for future reference.

Reporting

Provide an annual summary report to the ABCFP, regional OIF and CRIT by mid March for the previous year [a6]. The summary report will outline, as a minimum, the issues addressed and the results, and describe any planned actions for the upcoming year.

The FMLT will also routinely share information with the ABCFP, CRIT or OIF consistent with the scope of those organizations regarding any local level solutions which might be useful elsewhere in the region or province, and forward topics which require resolution at the regional or provincial level to the appropriate organization (ABCFP, CRIT, or OIF).

Appendix 2 - FMLT - 2011 Membership Information

Name	Employer / Title	Phone Number	Email Address
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Meeting Facilitation –
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Appendix 3 - 2011-12 FMLT Minutes

FINAL

North Island – Central Coast District Forest Management Leadership Team Meeting #4 - Minutes

Date: May 26, 2011

Location: Marshall at NICC office; field visits along Holberg Rd/Nahwitti Lk areas

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

In attendance: Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Ione Brown, Mike DesRochers, Dave Mackay, Jennifer Barolet, Tom Cole, Glenn Piggot, guests Craig Wickland (FLNRO West Coast Region) and Kai Sonnenburg (IFP).

1. Stop #1 – Richply Nahwitti Blk 108A – Blue Stain Yc
 - Areas with high incidence of blue-stain Yc – forest management solutions vs. Revenue/appraisal solutions
 - Assumption is that all Yc is blue-stained, not favoured in many markets
 - Stain doesn't affect grade
 - Attempt to cruise out the 'mop-tops' – then have to treat as standing waste
 - Amendments to scaling manual?
 - Perhaps there should be a separate grade
 - Historically ~ 30% recovered
 - Ideal wildlife trees
 - Defect definition
 - Alternate cost structure
 - Safety issues with retention
 - Plant these sites primarily with Cw, Yc in SS11
 - More flexibility for safety reasons if remove from harvest area and call them retention patches rather than WTPs
 - Salvage benefits, FN partnerships
 - Dual mark salvage permit
 - Green log and dead/down ability after waste assessment if CP still active
 - Tom's BN (Action: Tom to send to group).
 - CWHvh1 revenue – allow zoning in the appraisal manual
 - Geographic issue
 - Affects operability

2. Stop #2 – Richply block along Pugh Rd – Ocular Estimates for FG
 - Boundary between vh1 and vm1 in distance
 - OIF group quick-win
 - Ocular estimates standards submitted to CF and policy group but was rejected
 - Not an issue with the survey, but how does the silviculture reporting work? Needs to be accurate enough for predicting future inventory
 - TSR: larger analysis units. Difficulty with inventory label?
 - Lower side of road SS01; upper side SS11
 - Below road is definitely FG (500 min); upper is borderline (400 min)
 - Harder with clump and gap stands – becomes increasingly difficult to estimate well-spaced
 - Branch pushing growth-intercept concept indices for SI; most people use SIBEC
 - Professional reliance and rationales
 - Useful tool where there are safety or access concerns
 - Use where appropriate, not everywhere
 - OGMA/WHA
 - LUs – amendment provisions
 - Recorded info around OG primarily even though other values are being captured
 - Salvage in OGMAs
 - Is LRDW being updated with spatial data from salvage or other operations? **Action: Jen to check with Mel.**

3. Stop #3 – Richply Block 13? – Another Ocular Estimate Example
 - 21-year old alder stand with road influence
 - More difficult for ocular estimation – lots of variation in height, clumping
 - Difficult to determine average height
 - Likely could do via flight and walk in afterwards for a couple of plots to confirm
 - Use low level photos for stratification
 - Series of fluvial benches, lots of spruce, cedar, hemlock
 - Alder won't do well on salal sites but wide spacing will improve the soils (N fixation) and benefit conifer growth without the competitive effect
 - Need to think about what SS would be appropriate to have Dr, and what would be acceptable in the survey
 - Could expand on OIF ocular estimate standards – **Action: form a working group to develop localised guidance**

4. Next meeting
 - Andrew Ashford scheduled as next chair
 - Location & Timing: September; date to be determined
 - Focus / Topics – fire/fuel management. Other?

**North Island – Central Coast District
Forest Management Leadership Team
Meeting #5 - Minutes**

Date: September 20, 2011

Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill

Time: 9:00-12:00 pm (lunch 12-1)

In attendance: Andrew Ashford, Jon Flintoft, Ione Brown, Mike DesRochers, Dave Mackay, Jennifer Barolet, Marty Locker; Vadim Stravrov; Cyndy Grant (facilitator/minutes); David Flegel and Volker Michelfelder (by video); Doug Walker and Bill Hardy (guest speakers)

1. Welcome / Safety – Co-chairperson Andrew Ashford
 - a. Review facility safety
 - b. Review meeting agenda and expectations

2. Houskeeping
 - a. Co-chair roles were offered, but it was decided that Andrew and Jon would retain their roles. Thanks to them for their past and continued leadership.
 - b. Terms of reference was accepted, no revisions.
 - c. 2010-2011 Annual Report – was sent for review to Regional FMLT (Chuck Rowan) and OIF (Otto Schulte) where it received favourable comment. Thanks to Amy for putting it together.

3. Operational Issues Forum
 - a. Brief OIF update - Dave Mackay gave an summary of the meeting. Six topics were covered:
 - i. Gatekeeper Pilot in Arrowsmith TSA.
 - ii. Coast Unused Volume
 - iii. Coast log Handling
 - iv. Species at Risk Task Force
 - v. Stocking Standards Paper (CRIT)
 - vi. Resource Road Act
 - vii. Bill 13 – Major amendments are required to add a new licence to an FSP (originated out of Chilliwack, no consultation with Decision makers prior to enactment) - some fixes exist: volume transfer, cross consultation, District FSP, etc.

4. May 26, 2011 Field Trip (attached)
5. District FSP – Marty indicated that Capacity forest Management is still looking to develop a District FSP for their First Nation clients to sign onto, especially in light of the Bill 13 legislation. A working group was formed (Ione, Jen, Marty) to identify some approved/approvable results and strategies that could go into a District FSP.

6. Working Groups

Salvage (Jon, Tom, Rob Short) - Tom sent the attached note out to FMLT after the field trip.



FW FMLT Field trip
follow up Salvage Ac

Authorizations / Log Handling (Dave, Ione, Sott, Vadim, Jen)– there hasn't been a meeting since early spring. The streamlined log handling application process is live and uptake is good. First Nations consultation is the largest variable. Unless licensees can get a letter of support NICC consultation coordinators are obliged to follow the CFN, Nanwakolas processes. Education is key to getting First nations to understand the impacts, BMPs, compensation, etc.

Waste & Residue (Andrew, Dave, Vadim) –The manual appears to address all items in the workplan. Dave will draft a one page paper referencing sections of the manual in relation to the workplan items.

RESULTS - CLOSED

Ocular Assessments Guidance (Mike, Jon) – From the field trip discussion, it is critical that the professional doing the ocular assessments must have adequate experience. Working group is developing a guidance paper. Alder management was discussed – see attached paper regarding stocking standards with alder – stands demonstrated 30 grown impact on crop trees.

Cruising (Scott, Ryszard, Hank) – No members present. Will report out at next meeting

Fire Hazard Assessments (Scott, Mike) – in light of Doug and Bill's presentation, no further work is needed on this issue - CLOSED

7. Healthy Forests Healthy Communities – Jon gave updates. Many FMLT members were volunteers. See this website for more information and updates:
<http://bcforestconversation.com/>
8. 2011 Wildfire Regulation Amendments – Doug Walker and Bill Hardy gave a presentation of the amendments and guidance. Material attached.
9. Other updates – Budworm – Mike provided a summary of the apparent budworm outbreak on 3000-4000ha of WFP TFL near Mahatta.
10. Next meeting – January, date to be determined.
 - a. Focus / Topics/Format – suggestions welcome. Andrew suggested that we review the initial list of issues and pick priority topics for new working groups. Will try to get an EBM speaker (Lisa Brown, Volker Michelfelder, Rory Annett) for the next meeting. Will go back to 10-3 with break for lunch.

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Forest Management Leadership Team

Meeting #6 - Minutes

Date: January 19, 2012

Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill

Time: 9:30-4:00 pm (lunch 12-1)

Attending: Jon Flintoft, Andrew Ashford, Kai Sonnenburg, Mike DesRochers, Ione Brown, Scott Mitchell, Jennifer Barolet, Dave Mackay, Mike Wedel, Vadim Stavrov, Kathy DesRochers, Cyndy Grant, David Flegel (by video), Ryan Clark (by phone), Tom Cole (by phone)

Guests: Kerry McGourlick, Gord Glover, Ed Korpela, Dorthe Jakobsen

1. Welcome/Housekeeping – Jon (Chair)
 - Safety
 - Introductions
 - Review of Sept meeting – minutes accepted

2. NICC Unused Volume Strategy – Andrew

Andrew outlined Provincial and Coastal Unused Volume disposition strategy (see handouts, previously sent). This conversation regarding disposition of unused volume is taking place at district FMLT tables; some districts may be able to offer some undercut tenures at this time; some may postpone that conversation. Andrew reviewed unused volume by management unit. In MidCoast, there are 185,000 m³ of unused volume. The unused volume offered to CFN in the amount of ~400,000 m³ (CFN + NCH). MidCoast re-charting is on-going; Andrew gave an update. One FN has requested a review of the re-charting process/history. Rory Annett has granted that request, given that no licensee is negatively impacted by taking more time to facilitate greater understanding.

Operating area for volume offered in FRAs, FRO's, the Nanwakolas and CFN protocol, (both replaceable and under harvested) volume is on-going. David outlined Nanwakolas volume to be distributed; the Protocols can be found at:

Nanwakolas: see attached.

Coastal First Nations (see schedule D):

http://www.newrelationship.gov.bc.ca/shared/downloads/Haisla_Amending_Agreement_Nov2011_signed.pdf

Once these obligations are met, the district can consider disposition of un-harvested volume.

To determine the specific area and profile that has been under-harvested, look at scale returns.

There was some table discussion as to whether to dispose of Kingcome Valley deciduous volume. Dzawada'enuxw may be interested in that unused volume. **District will present undercut figures (tenured, not-tenured, committed, available) at next FMLT for all management units (including TFL 25 blk 5, TFL 37), as well as update on MidCoast re-charting.**

3. EBM update –Dorthe Jakobsen (Section Head, Resource Initiatives, FLNRO) by phone
See attached powerpoint.

Public input on 2014 LUO amendment will be through consultation with Regional Districts and First Nations.

Regarding pending changes to Grizzly bear schedules, licensees should be using new GB polygons. Final authority is digital dataset. SLRD is dynamic – operations will inform update cycle.

Will current minor revisions to the LUO necessitate FSP amendments? No, the upcoming amendment will be to amend the GB schedule and fix grammatical and clarification issues.

The 2014 amendment will be a major revision. Licensees are currently discussing operational challenges that may require changes to LUO. Environmental groups have different interpretation of ecological integrity objectives. This needs to balance with human well-being. The technical review committee of JSP is discussing this topic.

Does it make sense to hold off on establishing hard reserves, SLR prior to completion of TEM, etc? Deputy Ministers made a commitment to have this completed by 2014.

Marine component of Conservancies in Conservancy Management plans may have impacts on log handling. Dorthe will forward link so group can review drafts. **David Flegel is going to check on PNCIMA process.**

Dorthe followed up with this information:

The main planning page is at : <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/> This page has the list of all draft management plans open for public comment in the province.

The south central coast management plans currently open for public review until Feb. 3 are: Hunwadi/Ahnuhati-Bald Conservancy and Dzawadi/Klinaklini Estuary Conservancy, available at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/hunwadi_csy/hunwadi_mp.html and http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/klinaklini_csy/klinaklini_mp.html

The other management plans that I listed as open for public comment are not currently open. The draft management plan for Phillips Estuary has not yet been posted for public review and the public comment periods

for the other four have closed. On each of the web pages you have included links to, you'll see the date of when the public review periods closed.

Unfortunately, there are some "ghost" BC Parks web pages out there in the cyberspace that are not part of the current, updated BC Parks website. The link I sent below to the central and north coast plans seems to be one of them. I've been told the web folks are working on removing these old pages that come up when people use search engines, but that it's complicated to delete them. The safest bet is to navigate to topics of interest from our main web page: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/>

4. OIF Update/Messages – Kerry McGourlick (Chief Forester WFP, OIF CoChair)

- See attached letter from OIF co-chairs supporting local FMLTs.
- This FMLT has been recognised at Provincial OIF for leadership in First Nations consultation.
- Public Interest Evaluation Project is underway – to gauge the impacts, decisions made. Resourcing the project is challenging. Interested in knowing the local challenges.
- Keep in mind that FMLT is meant to be advancing professional reliance.

5. Fire Management Planning – Ed Korpela (Fire Management Specialist, FLNRO)

See attached powerpoint.

6. First Nations consultation update – Kathy DesRochers (Consultation Coordinator, NICC)

Coastal First Nations (CFN) agreement implementation phase challenges: engagement level interpretation, log handling strategic conversation, requirement to consult on CP & RP regardless of info sharing conducted by licensees (consultation is only triggered when application is received). Very few decisions have had FN engagement. Licensees are encouraged to submit permits as early as possible. Where information sharing has been conducted we've been suggesting level 1 engagement. Kathy will be going into FN communities to work through the interpretation issues. Kathy and David are sitting on working group to operationalize the CFN protocol – has it's own difficulties working on guidebook, scheduling meetings, etc. Not all FN in CFN are adding additional process.

Nanwakolas Clearing House (NCH) is working well. NCH have hired additional referral forester. Kwakwaka'wakw have new leader and referral coordinator (Chrissy Chen). Kwakwaka'wakw opted out of NCH SEA – direct engagement. We are no longer aware of KFN boundary (it has not been updated since KFN have pulled out) – still have to refer to NCH.

For other nations, First Nations Consultation and Revenue Sharing agreements are being signed. We're following the Provincial Guidelines. No Tenure Opportunity Agreements have been negotiated yet.

Nanwakolas Reconciliation Protocol bestows additional benefits. Kwakwaka'wakw are not signatory.

7. FMLT Workplan Priorities

The group reviewed the initial list and added new issues.

- Alder Management (quota available; silviculture) Consider district-wide strategy. Silviculture - CRIT silviculture sub-group presentation on alder management. TSR modelling. Working group: Scott, Kai, Jon, Paul B., Mike D.
- Landscape level biodiversity. There is a gap where LUs are shared among licensees where not all licensees belong to CFCl. Consider FMLT paper speaking to SLRD – Working Group: Ione, Andrew, Bob Craven.
- TSR Rationale (Kingcome & Mid Coast) – explore the Chief Forester’s recommendations and work on implementation – eg: - Second Growth Management – Kingcome TSA TSR recommended on-going tracking. Working group: Scott, Dave, Jen
- First Nations info sharing, consultation, accommodation – work on making info sharing meaningful and consistent. Concern with current protocols; this group may want to provide recommendations to government for other agreements being negotiated. Consider as standing agenda item. Kathy D is going into CFN communities and hopes to have common interpretation of engagement framework and expectations of licensees for successful info sharing. **All – next meeting there will be a round table – come prepared with info-sharing examples, recent experience with CFN, NCH and others, including recommendations (successful strategies). Business vs info sharing conversation.**
- Landscape Level Planning – Total Chance Planning – tie into TSR discussion.
- Communication – **Drop as topic.**
- Revisit Section 7 notices with respect to IWMS. 200+ WHA proposals – IWMS 1% cap. 1% budget interpretation: 1% is guidance; the objective is to provide habitat certainty. **Bring forward.**
- District FSP – not currently a priority. **Revisit when MidCoast recharting is completed.**
- Marine Planning – PNCIMA and BMTA/Conservancy Management Plans have implications for this group. **David will report back at next FMLT.**
- Silviculture, RESULTS tracking - Mike has included the RESULTS FPB report. This group could provide guidance for professionals – **Bring forward to next meeting- have FPB speaker.**
- Informing LBIS – how can FMLT influence LBIS priorities - **have a speaker next meeting - Paul Barolet?**

8. 2012 Field Trip – Jon

Target April or May.

Field: Alder plant – WFP

RESULTS – what’s meaningful to report? Should we be reporting everything?

Office session: FN consultation.

9. Neucel Bio-solids – David Flegel

Celgrow representative has been brought in to help Neucel dispose of bio-solids (2 trucks per day of primary & secondary bi-products from pulp mill) – Celgrow would work with MOE on permits required.

Celgrow sells to agriculture sector. Hoping that forest sector in North Island could provide some opportunity to get rid of bio-solids. If you would like to explore this possibility, please contact:

Jim McLaren P.Eng

Celgrow Soil Amendments

celgrow@gmail.com

(250) 365-1636

10. Working Group Progress Reports.

Salvage – bring forward. Tom is working on a paper and will share it with the group in 2012.

Waste & Residue – Dave and Vadim wrote report. See attached. Send comments to Dave for revision by next FMLT. Mike Wedel recommended calibrating with field data to be able to use ocular estimates.

Ocular Assessments Guidance – Mike DesRochers didn't find any published data. Aerial/remote sensing resolution does not meet standards. There was an Ocular Assessment workshop held in Ontario in 2006; there was no clear guidance. Presentations explored calibration, bias, experience. When written products are available from that workshop, Mike will share them. This topic may be suited to all licensee presentation.

Cruising – Scott and Ryszard looked at decay, waste and breakage factors. Darren was involved. Doesn't seem to be ability to influence loss factors policy. **Andrew will get policy person to present information on cruising issues at upcoming FMLT meeting.**

Log Handling – Jen reported that group hasn't met since last winter. Streamlined application process is underway. Uptake is good. Feedback is welcome. Consider temporary permits for heli-drop zones. Working on streamlining termination, rent reviews. Contract for map notations for Log handling sites is underway. District will be looking into tracking DFO compensation sites as map notations.

Other: FMLT Sharepoint Site. Cyndy will send out link to FMLT sharepoint site & send minutes to Chuck Rowan.

Next Meeting & Field Trip: April/May 2012 (2 days)

FINAL

North Island – Central Coast District Forest Management Leadership Team Meeting #7 - Minutes

Date: April 25, 2012

Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill

Time: 9:30-4:00 pm (lunch 12:30)

Attending: Jon Flintoft, Andrew Ashford, Cyndy Grant, Kai Sonnenburg, Mike DesRochers, Ione Brown, Scott Mitchell, Dave Mackay, Mike Wedel, Vadim Stavrakov, Randy Husband, John Pezel, John McLaughlin, Gord Glover, Brian Kyle, David Flegel, Paul Barolet, Ryan Clark, Tom Cole, Hans Granander (by video), Randy Hart (by video)

Guests: Kathy DesRochers, Charles Short (by phone), Kevin Telfer, Marvin Eng, Neil Hughes (Thursday only)

11. Welcome/Housekeeping – Jon (Chair)

- Safety
- Introductions
- Review of January 2012 Meeting Minutes – accepted
- Field trip head count - 16

12. March 15 OIF Update –Dave MacKay, Ryan Clark, Andrew Ashford

- Professional Reliance – pricing. Debate re: 100% check on appraisals. Andrew explained risk rating, 2 stage appraisal review (district risk rated, region full review). Looking at policy and legislative fix.
- Criteria, guidance report (Gatekeeper – PIE) in progress. 3 pilots are in progress, testing cumulative impacts. PIE being developed model on the Coast.
- Waste presentation (Murray Stetch). High waste levels (avg on coast 18%). Subcommittee looking at policy, practices, economics, utilization. **Invite Murray to present at next FMLT**
- Professional Reliance Survey results. Not much change since FRPA came into force.
- Northern Goshawk. Andrew - key issue affecting THLB is federal species habitat protection process. NGOs are holding feds accountable. Provincially, there are additional protective processes. Brian Clarke (Executive Director Resource Stewardship) is leading provincial policy review with representatives from federal government. To satisfy the federal government, need to find 500 active nest sites and show they are protected.

Look to conservancies. We currently know of <10 nests in NICC. Each nest site buffer is 2400 ha.

- Road Safety presentation – resource road safety user groups under the Resource Road Legislation. NICC will work with road permit holders to set up these groups.
- Cedar Management – OIF sub-group looking at cedar harvest levels, inventory, regeneration, model for future. No output at this time.
- FPB Special C&E report. Looking at 8 districts.
- CRIT subgroup – Ryan attended.
 - Cedar: Hans: What is the status of Monumental Cedar? All FSPs have to show FN supply (inventory) and demand (ave 10-15 year request) for Cedar and where Cw has been made available to FNs by licensee. Andrew is comfortable that supply can meet demand, especially considering the inventory in the Conservancies. John: Heilstuk are concerned that supply will not meet the Sappier & Grey needs (domestic use). NICC has received several requests for S&G wood. Is not meant to be traded or sold. Must show chain of possession. Kathy DesRochers manages requests and tracks donations, exemptions to scale, etc. **Have sub-group present at next FMLT.**
 - FSP extensions – wave is going through the districts. Peak expiring mid 2012 (now). No review and comment required unless there are changes to FSP. Andrew has found minor changes not to alter the intent of the strategies – no R&C required. In instances that changes are significant will consider reducing timing around R&C. Some will expire before NICC can extend, but Andrew will consider extension beyond expiry.
 - FRPA bulletin 22: An Overview of FSP Extensions
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hth/external/!publish/Web/frpa-admin/frpa-implementation/bulletins/frpa-general-no-22-overview-of-fsp-extensions-may-25-2010.pdf>
 - FN Consultation on FSP extensions. NICC got letters out early - explained FSP replacement, extension.
 - Coastal Silviculture Committee topics: recreation forestry, visuals, cap and trade, bioenergy

13. Unused Volume Strategy Update – Andrew Ashford , Cyndy Grant (handout)

14. Marine Planning & Log handling Inventory Update – David Flegel & Charles Short (by phone)

- Inventory - Invited the group to give feedback on any missing sites. The inventoried Notations Of Interest sites will be uploaded into provincial database soon, and will be considered during the on-going Marine Planning exercises. Encouraged individuals to get additional dots on the map. NICC staff (Cyndi Schofield, Geomatics tech) can

entertain additional sites and upload them at a later date. Cyndy to send Log Handling Inventory Map - done. Based on question, NICC can also speak to the lack of existing log handling sites on the map. Existing sites are in the database as tenures; once they are terminated/cancelled, their shapes will be transferred to NOI.

- Question: High Value Fish Habitat definition – will all shoreline be deemed high value/critical? This is a concern within CFCI. Charles: DFO is identifying critical habitat through PNCIMA. Province has no jurisdiction for fish, but we do of habitat.
- Question: Mechanics of committee work? Nomination process? Charles: still getting nominations. Once membership is defined, we'll sort thru logistics in meeting location/timing. There is funding for travel. Planners have received nomination letters; currently evaluating list.
- Question: Committee structure? Charles: the nomination forms were accompanied by Terms of Reference; 12-14 seats per committee + alternates.
- Question: Will there be public input? Charles: yes, not as intensive as committee process. 11 committee meetings before Dec 2013. There will be 3-4 public open houses as well as website to receive feedback on products. PNCIMA is wrapping up in the fall, almost finished public review.
- Question: Public may have difficulty keeping processes straight? Charles: Will be explaining each process at the public meetings.
- Question: Log handling – what is the key place to make comments to inform the process? Charles: Stakeholder meetings.
- Question: At end of processes, how will the plans be enabled? Charles: in past, plans have been policy/recommendations. Looking at options to legally enabling objectives.
- Question: Is Great Bear Initiative bringing FN to tables? Charles: Yes, we're working with them to identify candidates for committees.

15. Land Based Investment Strategy Presentation – Kevin Telfer (Stewardship Forester, Coast Region)(Powerpoint Presentation)

- Question: can there be a shift in funding from one Region to another? Kevin: yes if one region cannot meet their priorities, funding can be transferred to other regions – projects will be considered by original priority.
- Question: Consideration of boosting economy in rural areas? Kevin: the social consideration is not part of the evaluation process at this time.
- Question: Why is CR funding higher than NICC? Paul: fir stands represent better ROI.
- Question: What about other envelopes of resource funding (Forest for Tomorrow vs Recreation vs fish passage)? Kevin: fish passage funding funneled to interior. Kevin

willing to get together to develop business case to shift criteria so other priorities may be considered.

- Question: What is the consultative process for building next year's program. What about this year? Kevin: allocations are available for review for a 2 wk consultation period. Once budget comes out, this year of 5 yr plan will be implemented. **Kevin will send this year's priorities.**
- Question: Any purpose to recommending other projects in case there's surplus \$ identified in interior? Kevin: yes, but prescriptions have to be ready to go.
- How do we know what areas have been fertilized? Kevin: should be in RESULTS. Paul: we prefer that once a stand is fertilized, the licensee defer harvest for 5 years so we can realize a return on investment.
- Question: Is there an example of a funding request that was successful. **Kevin will send.**
- Recommendation to form a group to put a list of 2012-13 priorities together. Some concern about recommending projects in EBM areas. Look at fertilization off Vancouver Island. Business case is critical. **Paul, Ryan, Hans, Kai, lone will now become the LBIS Working Group - report out at next FMLT.**

16. Working Group Progress Reports.

- Salvage – Andrew: blanket salvage on TSA more difficult than in TFL or other area based tenures (overlapping interests, existing commitments, isolation, etc).
- Waste & Residue – no feedback on Tom's paper. **Cyndy will resend with these minutes**, sign off and follow the OIF discussion. (Murray Stetch). Will conclude this working group.
- Ocular Assessments Guidance - Paper in progress. Mike met with FIAB discussed paper; wanted to include them as a stakeholder and solicited feedback.
- Cruising – nothing to report. Bruce Markstrom has retired. Ron McCready has taken over and **we'll try to get him to attend the next FMLT** and link him into this subgroup.
- Log Handling – going well. Information sharing is a hurdle. Michelle Bealieu and Kathryn Howard will be taking on log handling application review at NICC. Navigable waters is proving challenging with respect to Nav Waters permit issuance. NW has instigated CEA and sent additional referrals for 2 BCTS applications.

17. LUNCH - Haida Way Pub (12:30)

18. First Nations Information Sharing Discussion – Kathy DesRochers (handout)

- Nanwakolas. For info sharing done prior to implementation of NCH in April 2010, we are still recognizing the legacy info sharing.

- Soliciting comments on NCH process. Now's the time, as we are able to suggest amendments to the SEA.
- For general consideration – all FNs: Lifespan of info sharing can be up to 5 years. 196(1)(2) – no further info sharing required. 5 year window is influenced by change of leadership, engagement, new information, new consultation processes development, IMA, reconciliation protocol, scope of the development etc.
- CFN – Since March 2011, there have put 41 decisions through the Engagement Framework, which represents 65 referrals. Of those 41 decisions, 15 consultation processes were wrapped up and went to decision.
- Recommend: cut block and rd review meeting – separate by operating area or 'project'. May have to meet multiple times on each project/area. Start early in the process. FNs requesting much more supporting documentation than in the past. This likely coincides with their increased capacity for referral review. Try to accommodate those requests as much as possible. Consider use of information sharing protocols with FNs to clarify expectations/timelines, etc. Document accommodation and info sharing efforts to FN, and try to get support from FN. Contact Kathy prior to preparing packages. Be prepared to push back if requests for information are not reasonable or relevant.
- Hired Jessica Garrick as Advisor, First Nations Relations, and Theresa Beddows as clerical support for the FN program. Jessica's number (250) 956-5008 and Theresa's is (250) 956-5002.
- There are discussions taking place with MARR, CFN and the FLNR in an attempt to resolve some of the outstanding issues related to the CFN EF.
- One-year into the CFN EF, an internal review is being undertaken by the Province. Findings will be discussed at the CFN EF Working Group levels with Provincial and FN reps. David Flegel and Kathy D are FLNR reps on WG.
- John: SLRD hard reserves, cultural areas will be identified within a year. Arch and stream surveys should involve a Heiltsuk member – the HFN regularly raise this request.
- Ryan: Best advice is to hire members for whatever role you can. Involvement, education is key. Builds trust. Ensure that monumental cedar and CMTs are GPS'd and pass coordinates along so the FN has a record.
- Fees invoiced for referrals. NICC has seen several. Licensees are under no obligation to pay. Sometimes it brings a favourable outcome. NICC is willing to consult if the FN insists that licensees pay invoice before they will engage with licensee.
- Other FN outside of NCH, CFN – Kwicksutaineuk, Dzawada'enuxw, Gwawawnuuk approached gov't to enter into an agreement. No mandate to undertake a new SEA at this time. They are opening a Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk Tribal Council Referrals Office in Campbell River – likely in June. NCH SEA and RP are open to new signatories. For all other FN, consulting on Haida Principles and Provincial guidelines.

19. FPB RESULTS report – Marvin Eng (Special Investigations Manager Forest Practices Board, author of SIR33) (Powerpoint presentation)

20. Discussion points from January Meeting - New Topics

- Alder Management – field tour
- Landscape Level Biodiversity – in progress
- TSR Rationale for Kingcome and Mid Coast TSA – Second Growth, among other Chief Forester’s Instructions (Landscape Level Plans)
- Communication – Disseminating information within our respective workplaces. FMLT members are contact points. Will try to get FMLT information on district website.
- Section 7 Notices – IWMS – Coast OIF asking Crown to take another look at IWMS – collaborative re-work. Discussion at FMT – 1% budget should be reached by now.
- Schedule B reserves – do we need a working group – no concerns at this time – no group formed.

21. All Licensee Meeting – this FMLT group seems to be a surrogate for an All Licensee meeting. When we schedule an Licensee meeting, FMLT can report out on working groups, etc. Field Tour Plan – Mike, Gord, Jon

Date: April 26, 2012

Location: North Island –Central Coast District Office Boardroom, Port McNeill

Time: 8:00 am -2:00 pm

1. Alder Management Presentation – Neil Hughes (Ecotrust Camanda)(Powerpoint presentation)
2. Safety Briefing – Mike
3. Field Stop 1 - Discussion on the merits (lack of) of spacing. In similar stands, volume losses of several hundred m³/ha has been noted. We cannot operationally mimic natural selection (mortality) during juvenile spacing/commercial thinning and as a result we are experiencing lower volumes at harvest when compared to unspaced stands.
 - Discussion on species selection for planting in BEC 01 sites (hembal sites). Recent report from the Forest Practices Branch indicates low Cw survival in these areas. Operational information confirms this. At 15-20 years, Hw is choking out Cw and other species. Transitional zones (01-01s) have a higher composition of planted Cw at 15-20 years and will likely maintain a component of Cw (and other species) due to more “open” stand characteristics.

4. Field Stop 2 – Discussion on hardwood/mixed wood management as well as block history and recent stand treatments. Parts of this block are very well suited to hardwood/mixed wood management due to ecology and previous stand type; the results are evidence of this. Block had been previously visited by CRIT hardwood group and Neil Hughes.
5. Field Stop 3 – This stand is nearing FG and has dispersed and concentrated Dr. Our discussion revolved around the management decision to brush this site and go with the conifer objectives or should an Site Plan amendment be done and allow for some of this area to be managed as mixedwood. We also discussed the economics of scale and the need to have a marketable amount of easily accessible DR.
6. Field Stop 4 – This is a freshly logged site with a rich bench site (BEC 05), an alder seed source and a high brush potential. The group felt that this site would produce a decent stand of Dr and WFP may consider a trial area here.

2011-2012 NICCFD FMLT Meeting Action Items Status

(Updated: July 30, 2012)

Action #	Issue	Responsibility	Remark	Due	Status
January 2011 – Item 7c	Fire Hazard Assessments Working Group	Andrew Ashford	Follow-up on the status of the open burning policy / regulation being developed.	March 31. 2011	Fire management topic scheduled for September 2011 FMLT. CLOSED.
September 2011 – Item 6	Ocular estimate standards	Mike DesRochers	Form a working group	September 2012	From field trip, consistency among professionals is critical – very little published data. This topic should be presented at an all licensee forum. Group is working on a paper.
September 20, 2011 – Item 5	District FSP	Marty Locker	Form a working group	September 2012	A working group was formed to explore this idea: lone, Jennifer, Marty. There has been some movement at Capacity Forest Management, who were the main proponents of this concept – revisit when charting is complete. CLOSED
January 19, 2012 – Item 2	Unused Volume	Andrew Ashford	Unused volume table do not correlate with one another.	May 2012	District staff worked with Region staff to revise tables so that the unused volume amounts and sources were easier to understand. Presented at the April 2012 meeting. There is no unused volume available at this time. Once FN obligations are met and re-charting in Kingcome and Mid Coast TSAs is complete, the conversation can resume. CLOSED
January 19, 2012 – Item 3	Marine Planning	David Flegel	How will marine planning impact log handling and how can FMLT have a voice in marine planning?	May 2012	Charles Short, Manager, Marine Resource Planning presented various marine planning initiatives and the nomination process and public input venues for the various Marine Planning groups. CLOSED
April 25, 2012 – Item 2	Log Handling Inventory	Cyndy Grant	Inventory contract – some licensees missed.	January 2013	Contract complete, not yet uploaded as Notations of Interest. Licensees encouraged to check map and add points. This information will be used in Marine Planning initiatives.