

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING 2007 05 29 TIME 1:00 p.m.
 YEAR MONTH DAY

DATE OF NEXT 2007 06 19 TIME 1:00 p.m.
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PROCEDURES

- (1) Supply complete and concise agenda topics to the Chair within one week of the meeting date.
- (2) Meetings to occur on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Additional meetings can be scheduled as required.
- (3) Minutes to be distributed to all committee members, via email and web site, within a week of the meeting.
- (4) Keep minutes as concise as possible.
- (5) Issues requiring resolution must be assigned to an individual by the committee chair with defined terms of reference and time frames.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rory Annett, Campbell River Forest District
Harry Barrett, International Forest Products
Larry Fedorkie, Capacity Forest Management
Gary Gwilt, Campbell River Forest District
John Howe, Raven Lumber
Marty Locker, Aut'uu, Capacity Forest Management
Laurie McCulligh, BCTS, Strait of Georgia
Doug Meske, Western Forest Products
Robin Modesto, International Forest Products
Jennifer Naylor, Campbell River Forest District
Jason Swanson, Capacity Forest Management
Gary Veitch, Veitch Forest Services,
Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

Chair: Pam Silver
Scribe: Lynda Ostashek

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STRATHCONA RE-CHARTING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEB SITE: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcr/re-chart/index.html>

ITEM #	AGENDA TOPIC	TOPIC BRIEFING <i>Outline of Discussion/Presentation; Define Problem</i>	ACTION
1.0	APPROVE PREV. MINUTES	No changes to the previous minutes.	
2.0	APPROVE AGENDA	No changes to the agenda.	
3.0	OLD BUSINESS		
3.1	Introductions	<p>Welcome;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Gwilt, Tenures Forester, who has replaced Erin Boelk. • Jason Swanson and Larry Fedorkie from Capacity Forest Management. 	
3.2	Policy Direction and Refocussing	<p>Rory responded to policy questions relating to chart areas on two major themes.</p> <p>1. <u>Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA) forest policy impacts:</u></p> <p><u>General Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SLA requires BC to report any changes to the agreed-upon Market Pricing System and policy regime to the Americans. • Any proposed changes are considered in the context of SLA, including transparency, MPS representation of the fair market. • Government is cautious to implement changes that may be perceived to counter SLA. • The SLA web site is available at http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/het/softwood/. <p>Specific SLA questions:</p> <p>Q. Will FN tenures have different stumpage rates than other tenures? A. Government has considered this but there are no current plans to implement it that Rory is aware of.</p> <p>Q. Will cut-block blending be allowed? A. Gov't has considered this too in light of SLA, and there are no plans to implement that Rory is aware of. BCTS would have to have the same ability in order to maintain MPS neutrality.</p> <p>Q. Does the delay in issuing new woodlot tenures reflect a lack of government support for the program? A. No. Government is considering policy options for the woodlot program in light of SLA and administrative streamlining, and remains committed to providing increased market access to WL and community tenures.</p> <p>2. <u>BCTS Reallocation</u></p> <p>Q. What assurance is there that BCTS areas are representative? Interfor believes BCTS is getting better-than-average areas in several coastal TSAs and requests an analysis at the district and pricing unit levels.</p>	Rory Annett

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A. If Interfor submits specific information in support of their contention it will be considered. BCTS is aware of the SLA ramifications and is corporately tracking related economic parameters. Rory will review further.


Q. Why are BCTS areas "off-limits" in re-charting the Strathcona TSA?


A. They aren't. However, any changes to BCTS 'chart' in our district must be balanced by equivalent changes in other districts within the BCTS Pricing Unit (i.e. South Coast, North Coast) so as to maintain MPS neutrality. This SLA effect makes changing BCTS chart more complex.


Q. Would changing BCTS chart areas be an event capable of triggering a SLA dispute? Interfor believes it wouldn't.

A. BCTS has purchased tenure with the goal of supporting MPS, which, in turn, supports continued access to American markets for licensees. It's important to ensure that BCTS operating areas can continue to support MPS in the longer term, and that we are able to demonstrate this. BCTS charts are not off-limits but any changes need to be made very cautiously. Rory will review further with BCTS and Revenue Branch.

Refocussing: DM Request of the Chart Committee

 Government's re-allocation objectives such as MPS, woodlots, community tenures and First Nations tenures will be achieved in the CRFD. The Re-Chart Committee is being offered the opportunity to provide advice to the DM on how to accomplish those objectives, but the objectives themselves are not open to negotiation. The reallocation objectives themselves are geared towards increasing certainty of licensee's rights.

 This committee's opportunity to influence the re-charting decision is derived from the active participation of all stakeholders to provide a solution to the DM. MoFR facilitation of this process is winding down.

 If the Committee consensus is that an operating area solution is unfeasible, this may be taken as operational evidence that the AAC is unsupportable at the next Timber Supply Review.

3.3 Phase 1 (short term solutions) – Aat'uu

The goal was to assess the timber requirements for the old Hecate/Aat'uu area. Doug and Western have been very cooperative with Aat'uu in reaching a mutual agreement. As well, Doug and his staff have been excellent in providing GIS information. Their final proposal/plan gives Aat'uu a solid 5-year term and has the potential for a 10-year term. **Action:** Marty provided a copy of the letter relating to this agreement and will email it to Lynda for inclusion with the minutes (see attached).

Marty Locker

Doug and Western are recognized for being proactive in resolving this issue. An important agreement was signed between the two parties relating to information sharing. There is also opportunity for flexibility built into this agreement. This agreement takes into the current numbers of TSA apportionment and commitments by TSB; however, if additional requirements get thrown Western's way, both parties will need to reassess the agreement. **Good job everyone.**

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3.4	Phase 1 (short term solutions) – Raven	John Howe provided a copy of a letter representing Raven's solution for resolving chart issues. Action: He will also be submitting it to Bruce Storry and Lynda for inclusion in these minutes. Action: Gary will investigate if there are any other licensees doing field layout in the Pye Stella area as some old ribbon was found. Actions for Jennifer Naylor: Add two blocks from Larry Fedorkie to Stella Map. Jennifer to acquire blocks from Marty of the other FN blocks. New map will show all the additional new blocks as well as roads.	John Howe Jen Naylor Gary Gwilt
3.5	Phase 2 (data; long term solutions)	Action – All; submit specific recommendations consistent with the DM's request for Committee review prior to the next meeting. Pam will distribute the agenda and information received. The spreadsheet showing volume commitments to tenured licensees and to First Nations and woodlot expansion commitments is attached. Minor discrepancies exist in the FN NRFL category, but are not of the scale to affect the validity of this information as advice to re-charting. WL AACs are derived using TSR3 data and average TSA management assumptions. June 19 is the closing meeting of the Re-Chart Committee, with the purpose of finalizing a recommended solution.	Pam Silver
4.0	ADJOURNMENT	3:45 p.m.	
5.0	NEXT MEETING	June 19, 2007 (Tuesday), at 1:00 p.m., Ministry of Forests and Range large conference room, 370 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, British Columbia, V9W 6Y7 Phone (250) 286-9300; Fax (250) 286-9490; Email: Forests.CampbellRiverDistrictOffice@gov.bc.ca	

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