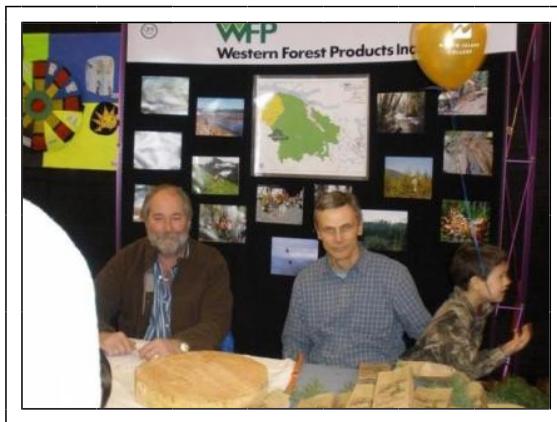


During 2008, MIFLAG held 6 regular meetings, 2 field trips, 1 workshop to review past indicator performance and consider new indicators, 2 public outreach events and a Christmas gathering.

The guest speaker at the Christmas gathering was John Henderson of the Campbell River First Nation providing a unique perspective on the aboriginal harvesting right and the cooperative effort of the Kwakiutl District Council Hunt Committee with the Province of British Columbia in Elk Management. It was a wonderful social event and an informative one for MIFLAG members who all enjoyed the opportunity to meet outside of our regular meeting format.

MIFLAG membership was stronger in 2008, with members expressing appreciation for more First Nation involvement and consistent stakeholder representation at the table. The members continually review stakeholder and First Nation representation to ensure full representation of community and First Nation values.

Once again I would like to say “thank you to MIFLAG members and Western Forest Products for the tremendous effort that you make to represent the values of your communities and First Nations towards sustainable forest management and sustainable communities. It is indeed an honour and a privilege to facilitate and chair such a dedicated group of volunteers. Especially in these difficult and trying times in the forest sector it is important to keep the values of your First Nations and Stakeholder groups in front of you as you strive for continual improvement through this CSA Forest Certification process.”



MIFLAG Public Outreach event.

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**Mid Island Forest Lands Advisory Group (MIFLAG) is an independent body which, for more than 10 years, has been providing organized and regular input to the development, implementation and ongoing improvement of Western Forest Products' (WFP) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) system at Mid Island Forest Operations. Input comes from a range of First Nation and Stakeholder representatives of the surrounding Communities, including Sayward, Campbell River, Comox and Cape Mudge. The Canadian Standards Association Z809 (CSA Z809) forest certification forms the core of MIFLAG's activities.**

**The land base on which MIFLAG advises WFP is called the Defined Forest Area (DFA) and includes 157,500 hectares of provincial crown forest land within Block 2 of Tree Farm Licence 39.**

**The strength of this process lies in the auditing of the process by Third Party Auditors to ensure compliance with agreed measurables, which are called Indicators. MIFLAG currently has 41 indicators measuring a range of items from variable retention harvesting to public education, communication and consultation. These have been developed and agreed to by MIFLAG in an effort to measure continued improvement in Sustainable Forest Management and to truly reflect the Community Values expressed by MIFLAG.**

**To date, MIFLAG has successfully passed all audits and continues to express our community and First Nations values through this forest certification process.**

## Mid Island Forest Lands Advisory Group

