

**MIFLAG Mid Island Forest & Lands Advisory Group**  
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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting held in boardroom at the WFP, Menzies Bay Office**  
**Thursday April 20, 2017**

**Present**

John Andres  
 Charlie Cornfield  
 Donn Fawdrey  
 Richard Glover  
 Maureen Hunter  
 Jason Hutchinson  
 Lynn Nash  
 Guy Wright

**Member Seat**

Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource  
 City of Campbell River  
 Finning (Canada) – Supplier Representative  
 Sayward Fish and Game Club  
 Member at Large  
 Strategic Natural Resource Consultants  
 Senior's Representative  
 K'omoks First Nation

**Resource & Other**

Taisa Brown	WFP, Field Planner
Sarah Germain	WFP, Field Planner
Cindy Huber	WFP, Planning Administration Assistant
Kelly McMahon	WFP, Area Planner
Jill West	Zimmfor Management Services, Chair

**Absent**

Kelly Arkell	Dyer Logging Company Ltd.
Sandra Barnes	Campbell River Environmental Committee
Merci Brown	Wei Wai Kai Nation
Jason Kerluck	School District 72
Norm Kirschner	Village of Sayward
Corby Lamb	Campbell River Chamber of Commerce
Chief John Smith	Tlowitsis First Nation
Sandy White	Ranger Forest Services Ltd.

**Guests**

n/a

**List of Documents:**

- February 16, 2017 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Operational Update
- CSA-Z809 SFI Revision
- Changes to be updated to new CAN-CSA-Z809-16 Standard
- 2016 Satisfaction Survey Summary

**A. Procedural****A i. Review procedures in case of emergency**

Jill West went over emergency procedures. Note: If dialing “911” from office, the digit “9” *must* be dialed first eg: “9 911”.

**A ii. Review/revise/adopt agenda**

Charlie proposed an addition to the Agenda:  
G) Discussion on Salmon River logging @ Big Tree

Adoption of Agenda changes:

**Moved:** Charlie Cornfield  
**Seconded:** Jason Hutchinson  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**A iii. Review Minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Adoption of Minutes as is:

**Moved:** Charlie Cornfield  
**Seconded:** Richard Glover  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**B. Operational Update – Sarah Germain**

Sarah reviewed the updated March safety statistics for both contractors and WFP staff at Mid Island. She also reviewed the April production totals for both roads and harvesting.

**[Operational Update](#)**

Regarding Block 31517, one third of the block is in the watershed and a terrain specialist has been consulted. All streams are being treated as fish streams; no herbicides will be used and the roads will be deactivated.

**C. SFMP Indicators Presentation**

Kelly noted that the SFMP annual report Indicators would be inclusive of the results of the indicators that were not met, were within variance, and any changes to indicators as a result of the external Price Waterhouse Coopers would be reviewed. The group was solicited for review of any additional indicators of importance to them.

**Indicator 1.1.1: Ecosystem by Site Series**

The target and variance within the CWH mm2 was not met and was not within the variance. The target for this indicator states that the ecosystem area (ha) by type (BEC zone) that is present changes less than 1% on a 5-year basis. The

percent change for the CWH mm2 was 1.24% higher than the variance allows.

It was suggested by the MIFLAG to adjust the target or variance. Jill assured there is no legal requirement for these targets. John noted that even a small amount of road building would ensure this indicator would not be met. Jill suggested that the group could revise it now or leave and watch it for the next 5 years.

The group agreed to leave the target as is and keep an eye on it over the next few years to determine if we need to consider a change to the variance to address smaller areas (where minor harvesting result in large changes to the percent).

Kelly reviewed the Indicators that were within the variance- permanent access and SAR Habitat Protection.

#### Indicator 2.2.1: Permanent Access (PAS)

It was noted that most blocks are still under the 7% legal requirement, however if for safety reasons (for example) the percentage is over 7% this is covered under the regulations as well. While the MIFLAG target of 6% will likely not be achieved next year, we expect to be within the allowable variance.

#### Indicator 1.1.4: Forest Strategy Retention

Sarah noted that the level of retention is well above targets. It was also noted that a retention review was recently completed for all divisions by Bryce Bancroft-Director of Symmetree Consulting Group. The group recommended that WFP should review their targets in the Forest Strategy and consider setting them higher to more accurately reflect the actual results achieved.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to review the WFP Forest Strategy retention review assessment/ monitoring results completed by Bryce Bancroft with the MIFLAG.

#### Indicator 1.1A: Forest Influence

Sarah noted that this indicator has been significantly higher than the target since 2005.

#### Indicator 3.1.2: CWD

An "Opportunity for Improvement" note on the last external audit suggested changes to increase the target for this indicator as it is consistently well over the existing target of >15 m<sup>3</sup>. The target will increase to >50 m<sup>3</sup>.

Adoption of new Indicator target:

**Moved:** Jason Hutchinson

**Seconded:** Charlie Cornfield

**Vote:** Unanimous

Indicator 3.2.1: Watersheds

Glynnis Horel is currently updating the watershed report for Mid Island. Jason mentioned that small streams have been included in many discussions as of late, and wonders how to improve small stream outcomes. Kelly mentioned a new indicator around water quality and quantity coming with the update to the CSA Z809-16 might help with this.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to ask Glynnis Horel to do a presentation for the group once the report has been updated.

Indicator 6.3.1: Other Uses in DFA

A high number of firewood permits is causing an overachievement within this target. Permits are mainly to ensure the public is aware of what areas can be accessed without running into active logging areas. This indicator should be raised from 75 to 100 permits.

Adoption of new Indicator target:

**Moved:** Maureen Hunter  
**Seconded:** Jason Hutchinson  
**Vote:** Unanimous

Indicator 6.4.1: MIFLAG Satisfaction Survey

There are no changes to this indicator. The target was met. Significant improvements in the results and overall satisfaction from the previous year.

Indicator 6.5.A: Research

A wording change is recommended: from “WFP supports research *in the DFA*.” to “WFP supports research *across all divisions*”. It was mentioned that this indicator was being reported for all divisional research when the target was the DFA for previous years. Making the target broader will allow for more projects to be included. Although it is not specific to the DFA, the results will be applied across the divisions.

Adoption of Indicator change:

**Moved:** John Andrés  
**Seconded:** Donn Fawdrey  
**Vote:** Unanimous

6.5.B: Herbicides

We are switching the measure per hectare from Liters to Kilograms as that is the unit of measurement that is reported to the government. We will keep the Liter column from previous years for comparison purposes going forward.

Taisa noted that The Community Watershed and the Herbicide Exclusion Zone will not have herbicide applications, unless to treat invasive species.

Adoption of Indicator change:

**Moved:** Maureen Hunter

**Seconded:** John Andrés

**Vote:** Unanimous

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to check the 2011 hectare and liter numbers as it appears they are incorrect.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to send Sandra Barnes the summary of past herbicide treatments and active ingredient information. The brushing program for 2017 is currently being put together and will be available as soon as the block treatment list is finalized (materials were prepared for the meeting, but Sandra was not in attendance).

Indicator 6.5.1: MIFLAG Communication Plan

The donations in this table do not coincide with the objective of this indicator; it is not a part of public education. We still meet the target without this and WFP recommends the donation part be taken out of this indicator.

Adoption of Indicator change:

**Moved:** Maureen Hunter

**Seconded:** Charlie Cornfield

**Vote:** Unanimous

The Annual Report was not done for 2015. We will combine 2015 and 2016 to create the next report and is to be reviewed by Corporate in July 2017.

**ACTION ITEM:** Cindy Huber to provide Charlie Cornfield with hard copies of the Annual Report when ready for distribution as well as copies of the indicator report table and graphs for the Local Benefits Indicator.

**D. Review and Discussion of CAN/CSA-Z809-16 Standard**

We won't have time to review this item tonight so will move it to the next meeting agenda, June 15, 2017.

**ACTION ITEM:** Cindy Huber to put item D on the June 15, 2017 meeting agenda.

**E. Review and Results of the 2016 Participant Satisfaction Survey**

Kelly reviewed the results of the survey and WFP's response to the concerns raised from the survey. Kelly provided responses and action plans for each of the recommendation summarized from the survey results.

**F(a). Review of Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2017**

The meeting schedule was updated and will be posted on the website.

**ACTION ITEM:** Cindy Huber to post on the website under “Meetings”.

### **G. Discussion on Salmon River Logging @ Big Tree**

Charlie Cornfield opened a discussion with the harvesting occurring in Block 22020 at the Big Tree and Salmon River Junction; his concern was that it is adjacent to a Spawning channel.

Taisa noted that there has been lots of discussion with the Ministry and a biologist regarding this area. The Riparian Reserve Zone (RRZ) was logged adjacent to the river; the biologist confirmed the RRZ was not detrimental to the stream. The stream was hand cleaned; grass seeding and planting is to be done in the next couple of days along with cone maintenance will be done. There was not any introduced debris into the channel and necessary consultations were completed.

**ACTION ITEM:** Taisa Brown to send all consultation information to Charlie Cornfield.

### **F(b). Review of Action Tracker**

Kelly reviewed the action tracker with the group and updated entries where applicable.

Jill noted that the Terms of Reference (TOR) were completed and are posted on the website.

Richard updated the group on his concern regarding the lack of gravel guards on bridges resulting in gravel and debris going into the waterways.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to follow up with Tyler Field regarding the progress of French Drains at Kelsey Bay Dryland Sort.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kelly McMahon to follow up with Tony Clark regarding Richard's concern about lack of gravel guards on the bridges along the Salmon River.

**8:25 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

**Agenda items not covered at this meeting to be carried forward to next regular meeting agenda.**

**Next MIFLAG regular meeting – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**@ MIFO Menzies Bay office**

**5:30 PM dinner; Meeting from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**