

MIFLAG Mid Island Forest & Lands Advisory Group
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Meeting Minutes
Meeting held in boardroom at the WFP, Menzies Bay Office
Thursday February 16th, 2017

Attendance

Sandra Barnes
 Charlie Cornfield
 Richard Glover
 Norm Kirschner
 Lynn Nash
 Sandy White

Member Seat

Campbell River Environmental Committee
 City of Campbell River
 Sayward Fish and Game Club
 Village of Sayward
 Senior's Representative
 Ranger Forest Services Ltd.

Resource & Other

Sarah Germain WFP, Field Planner
 Jolienne Atkinson WFP, Planning Administrator
 Kelly McMahon WFP, Area Planner

Chair

Jill West Zimmfor Management Services, Chair

Regrets

John Andres Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource
 Kelly Arkell Dyer Logging Company Ltd.
 Donn Fawdrey Finning (Canada) – Supplier Representative
 Maureen Hunter Member at Large
 Jason Hutchinson Strategic Natural Resource Consultants
 Jason Kerluck School District 72
 Corby Lamb Campbell River Chamber of Commerce
 Chief John Smith Tlowitsis First Nation
 Guy Wright K'omoks First Nation

Presenters

Mike Doknjas Mindseye Private Consulting
 Dave Mogensen WFP Senior Timberlands Forester Corporate

Observers

Bryce Bancroft Director at Symmetree Consulting Group Ltd.

List of Documents:

- November 17, 2016 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Mid-Island Operation Update
- Indicator 5.2.A
- Indicator 1.4.1

A. Procedural

In order to accommodate the presenters, the presentations were completed at the start of the meeting (as agreed to by the group), with the rest of the agenda to follow.

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". Kelly has a First-Aid Certificate.

C. Presentation: Karst, Visuals, and Established Recreation Sites for Mid Island Forest Operation**C i. Karst: Dave Mogensen-Senior Timberlands**

Dave gave a brief introduction of himself and his Karst history.

Dave gave an overview of the WFP Karst Management Standard and WFP Karst Management Guidelines that support the intent and expectation of the Karst Management Standard. Dave noted that the Karst Management Guidelines are based on the BC Management Handbook and the BC Inventory Standards.

Dave referenced the applicable legislation that covers karst including the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Government Actions Regulation, and the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation.

Dave provided an overview (map) of where karst appears on Vancouver Island.

Dave was asked if they use machines on mats for Karst; Dave said he did not think that was included in the best management practices, but that it is a good suggestion.

Dave reviewed pictures and examples of Karst and Karst features.

Dave was asked if harvesting occurs in Karst areas.

Dave went over management options for non-harvesting, buffer and reserve examples for known Karst features.

Dave was asked if the public has access to locations of karst features. Mike responded that the public does not have access to the specific resources to protect the integrity of the resource features.

A comment was made that contributors have access to Karst feature maps, but the public can have access to where limestone is however caves and features are more restricted. Charlie also noted there are three areas where the public has access to; Upana Caves, Huson Caves and Horne Lake Caves.

C i. Visuals: Mike Doknjas

Mike gave a brief introduction of himself and explained he is a private consultant.

Mike went over the Visual Impact Assessment process and the Visual Quality Objectives (preservation, retention, partial retention, modification, and maximum modification). He reviewed how the results were achieved ie: calculations, and pictures at predetermined viewpoints.

Mike provided some examples of 3-D imagery and computer simulations to assess planned impacts.

ACTION ITEM: Consider a new Indicator: Visual Quality Objectives should be represented in an indicator to report on compliance with legal requirements (reflected in the results of Post-Harvest Assessments). Consider measuring the number of assessments completed, the number of Post-Harvest Assessments completed and whether any issues with meeting VQOs were identified.

A ii. Review/Revise/Adopt Agenda – Jill West

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved: Lynn Nash

Seconded: Norm Kirchner

Vote: Unanimous

A iii. Review Minutes from Thursday November 17th, 2016 MIFLAG Meeting

Charlie asked if we can send his Assistant, Lisa the MIFLAG contact list and have her added to our contact list.

Motion to Adopt Minutes

Moved: Charlie Cornfield

Seconded: Richard Glover

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon to send Lisa MIFLAG contact list and add Lisa to WFP MIFLAG contact email lists.

D. Review of Pricewaterhouse Coopers External Audit Results (Audit January 17-19, 2017)

Kelly reviewed the results of the CSA/EMS external audit for Mid Island. Kelly noted that the audit occurred January 17-19th, 2017 and was conducted by four auditors from Price Waterhouse Coopers. Kelly thanked members of the PAG and Jill for their interviews.

Kelly noted that the audit was very successful and went over the results; noting that there were not any non-compliance or non-conformances. Kelly went on to note the good management practices and opportunities for improvement.

Audit results will be posted to the Public Advisory Group Website once the Audit Report has been finalized.

A iv-a. Big Tree Bridge gravel concerns

In response to Richard Glover's concern regarding gravel guards on the Bridge on the Big Tree Mainline; Kelly reported out on the status of this and the response from WFP. Richard was not satisfied with the response that gravel guards are not planned to be installed. It was determined that it would be best for Richard Glover and Tony Clark have an on-site in the field to review the concerns.

<p>ACTION ITEM: Tony Clark (WFP) to contact Richard Glover to visit the Bridge on the Big Tree Mainline at 4.8km to review concerns (telephone is preferred as Richard's email is intermittent)</p>
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A iv. Menzies Mountain/Gold Lake Recreational Areas – Lynn Nash

Lynn gave a brief introduction of himself and his affiliation with the Menzies Mountain/Gold Lake Recreational Area.

Lynn was recently approached by concerned people that access was lost on the Gold Lake/Menzies Mountain road (bridges had been pulled). Charlie noted that the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations pulled the bridges out and the road has been deactivated.

It was determined that the two areas in question are not part of the DFA.

C i/ii. Rec Sites: WFP Rep (Sarah Germain and Kelly McMahon) and Review of Indicators 1.4.1 Sites of Significance and 5.2.A Recreation Sites and Trails

Kelly reviewed Government Actions Regulation with respect to resource features and the Forest and Range Practices Act Section 56 around interpretive forest sites, recreation sites and recreation trails.

Kelly also reviewed Indicator 5.2.A on Recreation Trails and Sites.

It was noted that some rec sites might be missing from the Indicator ie: Sergeant Randowley, K'Husam Klimb Trail, Admiral Broeren.

Sarah reviewed how planners specifically integrate resource features into their planning process.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly will review the pre-existing TFL Management Plans and note any recreation sites that are not included as part of Indicator 5.2.A. She will also follow up with Kaela Mitchell (Recreation Technician-MoFLNRO) to see if there are any recreation sites that are not included in the indicator. Some sites identified at MIFLAG meeting that may be missing include: Sergeant Randowley, K'Husam Klimb Trail, Admiral Broeren.

Kelly reviewed Indicator 1.4.1 Sites of Significance with the group and it was noted that karst needed to be more prominently mentioned in the Indicator.

ACTION ITEM: Indicator 1.4.1 - Add Karst bullet under Strategies and Implementation to make it more prevalent that they are included in the indicator. Also consider separating out the reporting summaries in the indicator table to make each reporting item more prevalent (e.g., separate bullets with heading).

9:00pm Meeting Adjourned

Agenda Items not covered at this meeting to be carried forward to next regular meeting agenda (Participant Satisfaction Survey/Action Tracker/Operational Update, and Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2017).

Next MIFLAG regular meeting – Thursday, April 20th, 2017 @ MIFO Menzies Bay Office

5:30pm Dinner; Meeting from 6:00pm-8:30pm

[Please confirm attendance with Cindy or Joliene by the Friday prior to the meeting to assist in meal planning.](#)