

MIFLAG Mid Island Forest & Lands Advisory Group
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Meeting Minutes
Meeting held in boardroom at the WFP, Mid Island Office
Thursday June 15, 2017

Present

John Andres
 Donn Fawdrey
 Richard Glover
 Lynn Nash
 Sandra Barnes
 Norm Kirschner
 Colleen Evans

Member Seat

Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource
 Finning (Canada) – Supplier Representative
 Sayward Fish and Game Club
 Senior's Representative
 Campbell River Environmental Committee
 Village of Sayward
 Chamber of Commerce

Resource & Other

Taisa Brown	WFP, Field Planner
Sarah Germain	WFP, Field Planner
Jolienne Atkinson	WFP, Planning Administrator
Kelly McMahan	WFP, Area Planner
Jill West	Zimmfor Management Services, Chair

Absent

Charlie Cornfield	City of Campbell River
Maureen Hunter	Member at Large
Jason Hutchinson	Strategic Natural Resource Consultants
Guy Wright	K'omoks First Nation
Merci Brown	Wei Wai Kai Nation
Jason Kerluck	School District 72
Chief John Smith	Tlowitsis First Nation
Sandy White	Ranger Forest Services Ltd.

Guests

n/a

List of Documents:

- April 20, 2017 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Mid-Island Operational Update
- Economic & Social Benefits: CSA Z-809 Criterion 5
- Post-Harvest Assessment Form
- Road Construction Inspection Form

A. Procedural

Jill West reminded group members the meeting will be recorded.

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

Jill proposed an Agenda change:

- “A” 4 member update
- Propose to switch agenda items to C – “Indicator Revisions (CSA Standards)” & D – “Discussion Topic-Social Benefits”; by doing D – “Discussion Topic-Social Benefits first.

Adoption of Agenda changes:

Moved: Richard Glover

Seconded: Donn Fawdrey

Vote: Unanimous

A iii. Review Minutes from April 20th Meeting

Adoption of Minutes as is:

Moved: Lynn Nash

Seconded: John Andres

Vote: Unanimous

A iv. Member Update

Jill noted a member update: Kelly Arkell communicated that he has really enjoyed his time with MIFLAG but will be unable to participate for the foreseeable future due to time constraints and other commitments. He will contact us in future if circumstances change and he is able to re-join the group.

B. Operational Update – Sarah Germain

Sarah reviewed the updated May safety statistics for both contractors and WFP staff at Mid Island.

Two new spills were reported in block 21541 due to equipment failure; there was no further seepage and the spill has been contained and secured.

One new slide was reported in block 20278 which was recently logged. The water flow is not impeded and the woody debris is preventing silt from going into the stream.

There have been no fires.

Sarah also reviewed the June production totals for both roads and harvesting. She noted the 2017 Production Target was not met and Mid Island is below their targets, due to snow levels.

Sarah reviewed the 2017 Initiatives; one being LiDAR (Imagery of Landscape) Training for Forestry. Taisa Brown mentioned the use of LiDAR with Percent for Permanent Access Structures.

Lynn Nash mentioned having a LiDAR Presentation for the group for better understanding of the new technology.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon to follow up on organizing a LiDAR presentation to the group for a future meeting.

Operational Update

Sarah noted the MIFO Heli Program started last week. Lynn asked what helicopter company mid island uses Sarah noted 'Canadian Air crane'.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah Germain to find out how many helicopters are being used for the Heli Program.

C iii. Indicator Revisions (CSA Standard)

Jill reviewed Criterion 5 Indicator Revisions.

Element: 5.1 Timber and Non-Timber Benefits.

CSA Standard wording change from "Manage the forest sustainability to produce an acceptable and feasible mix of timber and non-timber benefits. Evaluate timber and non-timber forest products and forest based services" to "Manage the forest sustainability to produce a mix of timber and non-timber benefits. Support a diversity of timber and non-timber forest products and forest based services.

D i. Discussion Topic- Social Benefits (Presentation & Discussion)

Indicator 5.1.1: Benefits

CSA Standard wording change in Indicator from "Quantity and Quality of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services produced, and services produced" to "Documentation of the diversity of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services in the DFA"

Colleen Evans wanted to know where Mid Island demonstrates 'Diversity' in terms of status. Jill noted it will be looked at later within this meeting within the other indicators for criterion 5.

Indicator 5.1.2 (previously 6.3.1): Open and Respectful Communication

The target for agreements in place for alternate uses (minor forest products, firewood, lesser vegetation, road use agreements, boughs, Sayward Futures Society) was previously changed from 75 agreements in place to 100 agreements in place.

Within the new standard there is a change to the wording in the Objective from "Timber and non-timber benefits are evaluated" to "Timber and non-timber benefits are supported"

Richard Glover noted that the Tlowils Lake Campground was having some unexpected closures and wondered if someone within WFP could follow up with more information.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah Germain to follow up with Tom Clark/Richard Glover on closure of Tlowils Lake Campground

Colleen Evans inquired as to why the indicator specifically mentions the Sayward Futures Society; it was noted that the indicator reports on formal agreements with various groups, and there is a formal agreement in place with that particular group.

Colleen Evans asked how we know that communication is meeting the needs and what the mechanisms for feedback are in place. Kelly noted that within the new indicator target it would be documented when disagreement occurs. Further to this, the efforts of conflict resolution would be documented within the indicator and reviewed annually by the MIFLAG.

Indicator 5.2.1: MIFLAG Support

CSA Standard wording change in Indicator from "Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability" to "Level of participation and support in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability."

It was noted that backup documentation could be reported as support to the indicator information more specifically a list of who Mid Island supports through donations.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly to add in the reporting table a Diversity column and develop some possible program support that WFP could follow up on.

Lynn Nash proposed to change Indicator 5.2.1 Target on the report summary to add an approximate dollar value spent to track Donations for Financial Investment Diversity.

Proposed change to reporting table to include approximate dollars spent

Moved: Lynn Nash

Seconded: Donn Fawdrey

Vote: Unanimous

5.2.1 new Standard Indicator wording slightly changed from “Level of Investment in initiatives to Level of participation and support in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon to forward NIC Investments to Colleen Evans.

Colleen Evans asked how investment is measured; Jill responded it is measured through reporting related to the MIFLAG Communication Plan (another SFMP Indicator) in the categories of organizations and student programs.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon to follow-up on the WFP Corporate Social Responsibility and how it is decided on which organizations and programs are supported. Also to clarify if any formal policies are in place.

Indicator 5.2.2: Training

CSA Standard wording change from “Level of investment in training” to “Level of participation and support in training and skills development”

Currently the target is 1 training day per year. The group noted this number was good; but it does seem low. The 2014 Training Breakdown was reviewed with the group for better understanding of what type of training is included in the Indicator.

ACTION PLAN: Add a more refined definition as to what training is included in the indicator.

Indicator 5.2.3: Employment

No changes.

Indicator 5.2.4: Aboriginal Employment

It was moved out of Criterion 5 and into Criterion 7. It will be included within the review of Criterion 7.

Indicator 5.2.A: Recreation Trails & Sites

It was noted that it is not required by the Standard, but is a MIFLAG specific indicator. There is still an action plan to review the Mid Island Management plan and update the indicator to be inclusive of this review. The maintenance of these Rec Sites is not being maintained by WFP, but WFP will fix any sites with damage incurred by their practices. The Horse Trail is being looked after by the riders accessing and using the Horse Trail. It was mentioned that there is currently no WFP Development in the K'Husam Klimb area.

The group took a moment to review and provide feedback on the topics covered so far. The group agreed that the structure of the proposed agenda change worked well for a review of the indicators & presentation at the same time.

C i. Indicator Revisions (CSA Standard) – New Proposed CSA Indicator 3.2.2

NEW Indicator 3.2.2: Water Quality and Quantity

Kelly reviewed the summary of discussion topics for the new proposed indicator. For greater context and understanding of WFP's practices in relation to Water Quality and Quantity Kelly reviewed the SOP's and Standards applicable to sedimentation control with the group. The specific SOP's that were reviewed were Grade, Hauling, and the associated field cards (field card grader operator, field card hauling, and grade field card). Kelly also reviewed the grass seeding standard and rainfall shutdown standard.

Kelly presented to the group WFP's Road Inspection Form and Post Harvest Inspection Form for a breakdown of WFP's internal processes that ensure Water Quality and Quantity is being addressed. She presented the group with an example of Harvest Instructions on how stream prescriptions are applied.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon and/or Sarah Germain to research WFP's management of non-domestic watersheds and report back to the group at a future meeting.

Lynn Nash suggested the group have an expert forester/grad student present the latest science regarding the effect of forestry practices (harvesting and road building) on riparian features.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly McMahon to line up presentation with Glynnis Horel for November to review updated Watershed Report for Mid Island and to educate the group on effects of harvest/road building on water quality and quantity related to the new indicator proposed by the CAN_CSA_Z908 Standard.

Richard Glover noted old roads and bridges do not get maintained and silt gets into the creeks; they should be monitored without being told to. It was noted that Timberlands has an SOP that specifies not to grade across bridges. It was suggested that during the next field trip a stop by the Big Tree Bridge was necessary.

Taisa Brown noted that WFP has a process to protect streams and keep their structural integrity. Kelly reviewed WFP's Bridge Inspection Form and Field Cards for Grader Operators for protecting Water Quality and Quantity.

Discussions will be continued regarding the development of this new indicator.

8:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

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

**Next MIFLAG regular meeting – September 21st, 2017
@ MIFO Menzies Bay office
5:30 PM dinner; Meeting from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**