

# HLPORS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: Sept 13, 2018

Time: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Whatshan room, Castlegar. phone 1.877.353.9184, mod: 7335364 part: 8769783

Chair: Ian Wiles

Attendees (in person): Loreen Hodgkinson, Tim Davis, Ian Parfitt

Attendees (by phone): Randy Waterous, Frances Swan, Beth McLeod, Tom Bradley, Tyler Hodgkinson, Ron Ozanne

## Completed action items from previous meeting August 9, 2018

- Ian Parfitt requested minutes are distributed from last meeting as well as this meeting.
- Ian P. to send out revised subscription agreements to everyone next week.
- Ian P. to send out budget update to group by email by end of next week.
- Subscriber to request additional user accounts for their company as required.
- Ian P. to get Ian D. if it is possible to have standard result sets separated from user-defined results set somehow.
- Rename the BCTS report button to match the report title. (Biodiversity Seral Stage by Age Class)
- Peter to send more information to group on the free and current imagery that may be available to assist users. Sentinel can be found at [https://apps.sentinel-hub.com/sentinel-playground/?source=S2&lat=49.176653744383195&lng=-116.88182830810547&zoom=12&preset=4\\_AGRICULTURE&layers=B01,B02,B03&maxcc=20&gain=1.0&gamma=1.0&time=2015-01-01%7C2018-09-07&atmFilter=&showDates=false](https://apps.sentinel-hub.com/sentinel-playground/?source=S2&lat=49.176653744383195&lng=-116.88182830810547&zoom=12&preset=4_AGRICULTURE&layers=B01,B02,B03&maxcc=20&gain=1.0&gamma=1.0&time=2015-01-01%7C2018-09-07&atmFilter=&showDates=false)
- Change wording on Apply New Update, Apply Updates Table (FDPs, cutblocks, etc.) Group agrees. Action: Ian P will ask Ian D. to replace FDP with cutblock
- Group to review the new, proposed table formats and get back to Ian or Loreen with questions. New table format will be voted on next meeting
- Ian D to include correct private land layers in upcoming work
- Loreen to send Ian D. correct layer for woodlots for inclusion in models

- Ian D to look into why the BCTS tables do not have matching numbers. How are they calculated? Need to ensure they are all consistent and with the standard tables as well.

#### Outstanding action items from Previous meeting August 9, 2018

- Group agrees to have revised agreements signed and sent back to Ian by the end of the August. **Interfor, OIB, Kaslo CFA still outstanding**
- Ian P. to organize a separate meeting of the entire group in September to discuss the NSERC grant implementation. Ian P. to provide additional info and meeting request at a future date.
- Ian P. to post pdf and excel spreadsheet versions of UWR and biodiversity reports on the site with the spatial data.
- Ian W. to ask Rhian to standardize the OGMA submission format and send out to group. (Ian has contacted regional GIS coordinate and needs to finalize)
- Mike K/ Tim Davis to have Will Burt look at data sets and make the separated polygons in a management unit identified as 1 multi-part polygon. As well as make woodlots into separate MUs. (Partially completed, work ongoing)
- Action: Draft of the UWR order changes to be ready by the end of the month. Spatial changes may take longer. (Partially completed, work ongoing)
- There are differences in the CFLB between the biodiversity and UWR. UWR excludes certain site indexes but is not applicable to biodiversity. So need to have different CFLB's. (Wait on language from UWR changes to be finalized )

#### **New Discussion**

##### **WK UWR Table information and vote**

- Loreen explained the new WK UWR that was developed by the subcommittee. Column definition sections needs to be improved still.
- Committee unanimously agreed to accept the new table with a budget up to \$6000 to complete.

##### **WK UWR new order**

- Tim Davis explained the new order to the group and discussed a number of the outstanding issues he is still working on to resolve.

- Ian W. sent out a draft of the order to all committee members
- Issue of how much larch there can be in a stand and still contribute to SIC needs to be determined. Larch leading stands are about 18,500ha.
- Table one in order uses new BEC version 10. Therefore some management units have moved in the table and may have lower minimum forest cover targets. This will result in a need to update the resultant as the biodiversity table uses the old BEC.
- Tim identified 1762 ha as being within TFL schedule A lands. Should these lands contribute to UWR? Further investigation needed.
- Some CFA's and Woodlots may have multiply BEC units in them. The dominate BEC unit will be used for the entire woodlot. Given the much larger size and non-contiguous areas in a CFA this is not appropriate. Therefore management units that extend between a CFA and outside of it will be cut off at the CFA boundary. The MU area within the CFA will have a separate id number in table 1. In situations where woodlots have separate spatial units in different BEC zones, they may contain separate forest objectives. I'll look into this today.

**Action:** Tim to look into issue with Syringa park. Forest cover ownership codes need to be dated.

## **Budget**

- Ian P to send out invoices to all members asap
- Reviewed newest budget and expenditures spreadsheet. Ian P explained that there is likely to surplus funds under the resultant section possibly \$1000-\$2000
- Money for new ungulate winter range table would come from the \$3000 dollar WK UWR allocation. Additional funds would come from the unallocated
- Current unallocation sits at \$10,100
- Need to finalize contribution amount from OIB based on their FNWL and NRFL.

**Action:** Ian W. to revisit.

## **Other Information**

- Reviewed previous action items, see information above
- New resultant is being worked on by Ian D. To be reviewed by Loreen and Rhian Davies before finalization.
- Ian P. briefly discussed the NSERC grant implementation project. More information to come in the future when available.

- Group to think about additional areas to spend unallocated funds for the year.

**Action:** Ian W. to review previous minutes where discussions on this took place in the past and send out to group for an agenda topic at next meeting. All committee members to review for next meeting.

**Next meeting:** October 18<sup>th</sup>. Arrow Boardroom Castlegar- phone 1.877.353.9184, mod: 7335364 part: 8769783