

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Committee of the Whole) Agenda

Thursday, June 16, 2022

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	<u> Agenda – June 16, 2022</u>	Approve
	Supplementary Agenda	Receive
	MINUTES	
2-5	Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2022	Approve
	REPORT	
6-21	Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services -KPMG Request for Comments re: Re-certification Audit of Sierra Pacific Industries and West Fraser Mills Ltd.	Direction/ Receive
	SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA	

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

<u>Thursday, March 17, 2022</u>

PRESENT:	Chair	Shane Brienen	
	Directors	Gladys Atrill – via Zoom Mark Fisher Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Annette Morgan – via Zoom Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson – via Sarrah Storey – via Zoom Gerry Thiessen – left at 11:25 a	
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Adminis Cheryl Anderson, Director of C John Illes, Chief Financial Offic a.m., left at 11:41 a.m. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Dire Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Dir	orporate Services er – left at 10:35 a.m., returned at 11:15 ector of Protective Services
	Others	of Forests, Lands, Natural Res – via Zoom – left at 11:40 a.m. Jevan Hanchard, A/Regional E Forests, Lands, Natural Resou – via Zoom – left at 11:40 a.m. Cora McIntosh – via Zoom Jill Park, District Manager, Stua Natural Resource Operations a at 11:40 a.m. Luke Weyman, Old Growth Spo	Nadina Natural Resource District, Ministry ource Operations and Rural Development xecutive Director, Skeena, Ministry of rce Operations and Rural Development art Nechako, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Rural Development – via Zoom – left ecialist, Skeena Region, Ministry of rce Operations and Rural Development
	Media	Eddie Huband, LD News	
CALL TO ORD	<u>ER</u>	Chair Brienen called the meetir	ng to order at 10:32 a.m.
AGENDA		Moved by Director Riis-Christia Seconded by Director Atrill	inson
NRC.2022-2-1		"That the Natural Resources C approved."	ommittee Agenda for March 17, 2022, be
		(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

<u>Natural Resources</u> <u>Committee Meeting Minutes</u> – January 13, 2022	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Atrill
NRC.2022-2-2	"That the Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of January 13,

That the Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Beth Eagles, District Manager, Nadina Natural Resource District, Jevan Hanchard, A/Regional Executive Director, Skeena and Luke Weyman, Old Growth Specialist, Skeena Region RE: Old Growth Deferral Update

Chair Brienen welcomed Beth Eagles, District Manager, Nadina Natural Resource District and Jevan Hanchard, A/Regional Executive Director, Skeena, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Ms. Eagles introduced Jill Park, District Manager, Stuart Nechako District and Luke Weyman, Old Growth Specialist, Skeena Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

Mr. Hanchard spoke to the following:

- Implementation of the Old Growth Strategic Review Report, A New Future for Old Forests **Recommendation 6**
- To consider interim referral of areas identified by Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)as at risk
- Initiative has been challenging in terms of roll out to date
 - Some of the initial communication heightened concerns. 0

Mr. Weyman provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Old Growth Strategic Review - The Path Forward

- Implementation of Old Growth Strategic Review Recommendations
- Indigenous Engagement and Old Growth Deferrals
 - Recommendation 1 and 6
- Impacts from Communities
- **Risks and Concerns**
- Old Growth Strategic Review 14 Recommendations.

The following was discussed:

- Communication and information provided by the Province created challenges and frustrations
- Current stage in the process "Immediate Measures"
- 2023 timeline for completion unrealistic
 - Unrealistic timelines erode public trust
 - Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) mapped polygons
 - A large number of First Nations are not supportive
 - Some First Nations requesting more time to review
- First Nations Agreements and consultation
- Community and partner First Nations uncertainty
 - Licensees continue to submit permits and approvals have been provided

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL <u>DEVELOPMENT – Beth Eagles, District Manager, Nadina Natural Resource District, Jevan</u> <u>Hanchard, A/Regional Executive Director, Skeena and Luke Weyman, Old Growth Specialist,</u> <u>Skeena Region RE: Old Growth Deferral Update</u>

- BC Timber Supply (BCTS)
 - Concerns regarding the potential impacts to smaller operations
 - Impacts are unknown
 - Forest based communities across the Province have provided the same message to FLNRORD
 - First Nations in the Lakes Timber Supply Area
 - Business has moved forward
- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Development and Rural Operations Apportionment decision
 - Waiting for a decision since January 2020
 - Currently on the Ministers purview
 - Apportionment will most likely not take old growth into consideration
- Stuart Nechako Region and First Nations in the region
- Transition Programs

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- Concerns regarding youth and young adults leaving the communities due to uncertainty in the forest industry
- Inclusive governance
- Old Growth Strategy Report (OGSR) moving forward due to public values and unsustainable management
 - Shift in ecosystem health from timber centric approach
 - Extensive engagement through the OGSR process
- Socioeconomic impacts
 - o Forestry sector impacts the agriculture sector
- Moving forward
 - Need realistic timelines, good communication with all stakeholders
- Infrastructure in communities built by forest companies in the past and that support no longer exists.

Chair Brienen thanked Ms. Eagles and Messrs. Hanchard and Weyman for attending the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

NRC.2022-2-3

Beth Eagles, District Manager
Nadina Natural ResourceMoved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuireOperations and Rural
Development-Old Growth UpdateMoved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

"That the Committee receive the correspondence from Beth Eagles, District Manager Nadina Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development-Old Growth Update."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

<u>Bulkley Woodlot Association</u> <u>-Proposed Old Growth Deferral</u> Impacts to Local Woodlot Licences Moved by Director Petersen Seconded by Director Storey

 NRC.2022-2-4
 "That the Committee receive the correspondence from Bulkley Woodlot Association – Proposed Old Growth Deferral Impacts to Local Woodlot Licences."

 (All/Directors/Majority)
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

 Village of McBride – Old Growth Deferral Announcement on November 2, 2021
 Moved by Director Storey Seconded by Director Atrill

 NRC.2022-2-5
 "That the Committee receive the correspondence from the Village of McBride – Old Growth Forest Deferral Announcement on November 2, 2021."

 ADJOURNMENT
 (All/Directors/Majority)
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 Moved by Director Storey Seconded by Director Atrill
 Seconded by Director Atrill

 NRC.2022-2-6
 "That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m."

 (All/Directors/Majority)
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Shane Brienen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services



6 **Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako** Natural Resources Committee

From:Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate ServicesDate:June 16, 2022Subject:KPMG Request for Comments re: Re-certification Audit of Sie Industries and West Fraser Mills Ltd.	
	rra Pacific
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services	
To: Chair and Committee	

RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

Direction/Receive

BACKGROUND

KPMG Forest Certification Services Inc. will be conducting re-certification audits of Sierra Pacific Industries and West Fraser Mills Ltd. in 2022 with stakeholder consultation taking place in June and July. The RDBN has received an invitation to provide comments regarding the due diligence systems regarding these companies. Stakeholder questionnaires have been provided.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Stakeholder Consultation Letter re: Sierra Pacific Industries
- 2. Stakeholder Consultation Letter re: West Fraser Mills Ltd.



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MAY 1 0 2022 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

May 2, 2022

Dear Curtis Helgesen

Stakeholder Consultation

KPMG Forest Certification Services Inc. (KPMG FCSI) to conduct an FSC[®] Chain and Custody/Controlled Wood Re-certification Audit of Sierra Pacific Industries in 2022

Purpose and scope of the audit

KPMG Forest Certification Services Inc. (KPMG FCSI) will be conducting a re-certification audit of Sierra Pacific Industries against the requirements of the current Forest Stewardship Council[®] (FSC) chain of custody (CoC) and controlled wood (CW) standards. A stakeholder consultation process is planned for the spring and summer of 2017, with the main assessment scheduled to begin on June 17, 2022 and conclude on July 22, 2022.

Sierra Pacific Industries holds a multi-site FSC CoC/CW certificate that includes the following sites:

California

- Anderson Sawmill and Pole Plant
- Burney sawmill
- Oroville Sawmill
- Quincy Sawmill
- Shasta Lake Sawmill
- Richfield Millwork
- Richfield Remanufacturing Plant
- Red Bluff Millwork
- Red Bluff Windows Plant
- Medford Windows Plant

The supply area for the above participating sites are located within specific states of the United States (California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming) and within British Columbia, Canada.

The audit will be based on the current FSC CoC (FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1) and CW (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1) standards.

This letter serves as an invitation to interested and affected stakeholders who wish to provide comments that are pertinent to Sierra Pacific Industries' FSC CoC/CW certification. The comments received will be considered by KPMG FCSI in reaching its conclusions regarding Sierra Pacific Industries' conformance with the applicable FSC CoC and CW standards.

About FSC and the CoC and CW standards

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FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1 was recently released for use by FSC. Organizations holding certifications to the previous version of this standard must be assessed against the current version by December 31, 2022. The current version of FSC-STD-40-005 (V3-1), to which Sierra Pacific Industries is certified, remains unchanged.

Your role

We would appreciate your comments on issues that are pertinent to Sierra Pacific Industries' FSC CoC/CW certification. Such comments may include, but are not necessarily limited to, concerns or observations regarding the Company's due diligence system (i.e., the system of measures and procedures developed by the organization to minimize the risk of sourcing material from unacceptable sources), one component of which is the control measures adopted and implemented by the Company to mitigate the risk regarding those specified controlled wood risk indicators applicable to Sierra Pacific Industries' defined fiber supply area. Both the specified control wood risk indicators applicable to Sierra Pacific Industries and the associated control measures selected by Sierra Pacific Industries to mitigate them come out of the latest versions of the FSC US National Risk Assessment and the FSC Canada National Risk Assessment (the NRAs). A summary of stakeholder comments will also be included in the Sierra Pacific Industries FSC CoC/CW certification audit summary report.

A questionnaire is provided with this letter for your comments on issues that are pertinent to Sierra Pacific Industries' FSC CoC/CW certification. However, additional materials and other methods of communication will also be accepted. Upon request, arrangements may also be made to allow stakeholders to meet with members of the audit team during the on-site portion of the audit.

Access to information

FSC requires that stakeholders be provided access to certain information as part of the consultation process, including:

- A description of the supply area and respective risk designation. This information is included within the body of this letter and the summary of the Sierra Pacific Due Diligence System (DDS).
- A written summary of the Sierra Pacific DDS. A copy of these documents are available on KPMG FCSI's website at https://home.kpmg/ca/en/home/services/environmental-social-and-governance/assurance/certification/fsc-stakeholder-consultations.html.
- Copies of the applicable FSC CoC and CW standards. These can be obtained from FSC International at https://fsc.org/en/document-centre.
- A written summary of the Sierra Pacific Industries DDS's. Copies of these documents are available on KPMG FCSI's website at https://home.kpmg/ca/en/home/services/environmental-social-and-governance/assurance/certification/fsc-stakeholder-consultations.html
- A copy of the latest version of the FSC US National Risk Assessment can be found at: <u>https://us.fsc.org/en-us/certification/controlled-wood/fsc-us-controlled-wood-national-risk-assessment-us-nra.</u>
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- Contact information of the person or position responsible for addressing complaints. This can be obtained by visiting the KPMG FCSI website noted above.

KPMG FCSI Contact information

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Our commitments

- 1 The source of specific comments received will remain confidential unless the commenting party specifically indicates to the contrary.
- 2 We will respond to all stakeholders who provide comments and provide information on how their comments were taken into account.
- 3 A summary of stakeholder comments and how they were considered by KPMG FCSI will be included in the Sierra Pacific FSC CoC/CW certification audit summary report.

Yours very truly,

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Craig Roessler, EP(EMSLA), RPF(BC), CF(SAF) Senior Manager, *KPMG FCSI* (604) 691-3115

Enclosures

Stakeholder Questionnaire – 2022 Sierra Pacific Industries FSC[®] Chain of Custody/Controlled Wood Re-certification Audit

To:	Craig Roessler, KPMG FCSI	Fax #: Email:	604-691-3031 croessler@kpmg.ca
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Orga	anization (if applicable):		

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NB: In order to be considered during the 2017 audit, comments must be received no later than July 22, 2022.

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1. Do you have any specific concerns regarding the Sierra Pacific Industries' due diligence system (DDS), the control measures adopted and implemented by the Company to mitigate the risk respecting the controlled wood indicators for which the US and Canadian NRAs have determined specified risk within Sierra Pacific Industries' defined fibre supply area or other issues that are pertinent to the Company's FSC CoC/CW certification?	YES/NO/ NA
<u>Comments</u> :	
 2. If you answered yes to question 1 above, have you communicated your concerns to Sierra Pacific Industries? <u>Comments</u>: 	YES/NO/ NA

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3.	If you answered yes to question 2 above, in your opinion, has Sierra Pacific Industries made a reasonable attempt to address your specific concerns?	YES/NO/ NA
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	De sur have any other accounts accounting Siame Desifie Industries ESC	YES/NO/
4.	Do you have any other concerns regarding Sierra Pacific Industries FSC CoC/CW certification that have not been addressed in the above questions?	YES/NO/ NA
Cor	nments:	

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5. Are there any specific issues or requirements of the FSC CoC or CW standard (FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1 and FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1) that you believe merit special attention during the 2022 Sierra Pacific Industries' FSC CoC/CW audit?	YES/NO/ NA
Comments:	

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- Quesnel River Pulp
- Hinton Pulp (part of the 2022 audit sample)
- Slave Lake Pulp
- Ranger Board MDF
- West Pine MDF (part of the 2022 audit sample)
- West Fraser Sales, including West Fraser International Ltd. (part of the 2022 audit sample)

The supply area for the above participating sites is those portions of the WWF ecoregions listed below that are located within the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia:

- Fraser Plateau and Basin Complex
- North Central Rockies Forest
- Cascade Mountains Leeward Forests
- Central British Columbia Mountain Forests
- Okanagan Dry Forests
- Alberta-British Columbia Foothills Forests
- Alberta Mountain Forests
- Canadian Aspen Forests and Parklands
- Mid-Continental Canadian Forests

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- Midwestern Canadian Shield Forest
- Northern Cordillera Forests
- Muskwa-Slave Lake Forests

A map of the WWF Canadian ecoregions containing forest landscapes can be found at: http://www.westfraser.com/sites/default/files/Canadian%20Ecoregions_Forest%20Landscapes.pdf

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Comments:	

Го:	Craig Roessler, KPMG FCSI	Fax #: 604-69	91-3031
		Email: croessle	r@kpmg
From:		Phone #:	
Organizati	on (if applicable):		
	swered yes to question 1 above, have you cor to West Fraser?	nmunicated your	YES/NO/ NA
<u>Comments</u> :			
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Го:	Craig Roessler, KPMG FCSI	Fax #: 6	04-691-3031
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From:		Phone #:	
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Comments:			
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Comments:			

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