



# Haida Gwaii Management Council

## 2013 Annual Report

### **Allowable Annual Cut Determination:**

The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) Determination was made by Council by consensus in February 2012 and meeting and formally released on 04 April 2012.

Since that time the Chief Forester of BC has made the various AAC determinations for the specific management units, that were conditional on the HGMC Determination and the Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations also released his apportionment decisions for the Queen Charlotte Timber Supply Area in mid 2013.

The Council continues to monitor the implementation and to assess the need to re-open the conditional items identified in its decision.

### **Land Use Objective Orders Amendment:**

As part of its legislative responsibility for any change to the Haida Gwaii Land Use Objectives Order and in recognition of a specific request by the Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) to review specific aspects of the Order within eighteen months of it having gone into effect (December 2010), Council has been working on processes to address future Amendments to the LUOs.

In 2013 Council reviewed joint technical staff advice on formalizing a process for LUOO Amendments. By the end of the year agreement had been reached on a process for Minor Amendments to the LUOO.

Council received and reviewed a number of specific proposals for LUOO amendment.

Agreement was reached on two minor amendments that lay within the objectives of the original Order. In the case of a proposed amendment to Section 20, Schedule 9 Goshawk nesting area it was agreed that a minor amendment to a boundary as a result of discovery of a new nest site at Delkatla marsh, was in order: to proceed and was sent back to the Joint Technical Team for finalization.. In the case of a proposal to amend Section 9 CMT Reserve Zones it was decided that no amendment was required, rather direction on interpretation of the provision was provided to the forest companies involved via the Ministry of Forests.

Major amendment issues continue to be underway. A significant concern was raised with regard to interpretation and practice with regard to Forest reserves. This issue remains under active review with the forest companies and the Joint Technical Team and is



anticipated to be completed in 2014. As identified in the 2012 Annual Report of Council, a report and recommendations from the Joint Technical Team on implementation of the provisions for S4 Streams is also expected in 2014.

Advice from the Joint Technical Team on A Process for Major LUOO Amendments is anticipated in 2014.

### **Forestry Strategy:**

The Kunst'aa guu – Kunst'aayah Reconciliation Protocol assigns the completion of a Forest Strategy to Council. In announcing the AAC Determination the Council made commitments to undertake development of this Strategy.


A Background Discussion Paper was commissioned and received from a consultant to Council. In the summer and fall Council and the Parties met to discuss the Background Paper. It was agreed to release the Paper for public discussion and comment. A meeting to advise Forest Tenure holders was held and a similar meeting with the Islands Protocol Liaison Group was requested. In December the Background Discussion Paper was released for public comment along with a statement by the Council to the effect that this Strategy required partners in order to proceed.

### **Solutions Table:**

Council has been meeting regularly with the Solutions Table Co-Chairs and has received update reports on the work of the Solutions Table and positive progress continues. However, as a result of receiving advice from the Co-Chairs that they were experiencing a number of issues which limited the functionality of the process. Council requested information to document the issues. Council then met with the CHN, Administrator and District Manger, FLNRO, and requested that they meet with the Solutions Table Co-chairs to provide them with guidance on administrative and procedural matters. This did occur and a revised process to improve management of the Solutions Table began late in 2013. Council will continue in its monitoring role and will advise the Parties of progress in 2014.

### **Protected Areas:**

In November 2012 Council received Legislative Authority for the amendment of Management Plans for all Protected Areas on Haida Gwaii. Council is seeking an inventory of the needs and timing requirements for this work and anticipates having a strategic direction in place by the end of 2014.



One issue, the requirement for minor right of way brush removal for public safety along a portion of the road through Yaaguun Suu Protected Area, was received and resolved through provision of advice from Council to the CHN and BC Parks.

## **Heritage Sites**

No work has begun on this assigned responsibility, so Council at the end of 2013, directed that an assessment and strategy development will be undertaken in 2014.

## **2013 Board Membership**

### **Haida Members**

Trevor Russ; elected VP CHN, replaced in August 2013 by Guujaaw

Allan Davidson (Skil Helans); continues on Council

### **Provincial Members**

Darrell Robb (RPF); retired and replaced January 2014 by Sharon Hadway

Lindsay Jones (RPBio); left Government and replaced in October 2013 by Monica Perry

### **Chair**

Derek Thompson

The Parties have extended the appointment of the Chair until December 2015.

While the Members were appointed until December 2013 three members were replaced during the year which resulted in considerable change. As a result in 2014 new training and an amended administrative procedures Guidance Document will be completed.

## **Funding**

Fiscal 2012/2013 was the last year that the Parties agreed to provide funding for Council operations. However, in 2013 Council funding continued to be shared equally between the Parties and agreement was reached for subsequent years with each Party potentially contributing \$25K. This may prove insufficient for 2014/2015 so Council will develop a Work plan and Budget for this and subsequent year.