



Haida Gwaii Management Council

2012 Annual Report Haida Gwaii Management Council

Annual Allowable Harvest Determination:

The Determination was made by Council by consensus in a February Meeting and formally released at a Ceremony at the Kaay'llnagay Center [Haida heritage Center] on Haida Gwaii on April 04 2012.

An public process was incorporated into Councils considerations and stakeholders and the relevant tenure holders all accepted the Council decision.

Since that time the Chief Forester of BC has made the various allocations that were conditional on the HGMC Determination.

Land Use Objective Orders Amendment:

As part of its legislative responsibility for any change to these Orders and in recognition of a specific request by the Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) to review the Order within eighteen months of its having gone into effect (December 2010) , Council has commenced a process to develop future Amendments to the LUOs.

Meetings and field work have been held with forestry companies and with officials from both the Haida and Province. Two approaches are underway which will be a focus of Council activities in 2013:-

- Identify routine amendments required to correct administrative errors
- Identify any justified and necessary amendments, principally at this time those involving small (S4) streams. However, upon meeting with the representatives of the Haida, Province and the forest tenure holders it has become apparent that there is as yet no documented history or specific occurrences on which to base any amendments. In consequence the Council has developed a timetable and a process by which sufficient information can be developed upon which a decision on amendment can be based. It is anticipated that Council will be in a position to make decision on these by the end of 2014 at the latest.

Forestry Strategy:

The KK RP assigns the completion of a Forest Strategy to Council. In announcing the Annual Allowable harvest Determination the Council made commitments to undertake development of this Strategy.

Council is in the scoping phase of this work. A meeting between the Council and the Parties is being sought for the first quarter of the new 2013-2014 fiscal year at which time Council will present the Forest Strategy development process for discussion.



Solutions Table

Council has been meeting regularly with the Solutions Table Co-Chairs and has received update reports on the work of the Table. Positive progress has been made by the Table but the Co-Chairs have informed the Council that they are experiencing a number of issues which limit the functionality of the process. Council has requested and has not yet received information to document the issues. Council has also approached the District Manger, FLNRO, and the Administrator CHN, with a request that they meet with the Solutions Table Co-chairs to provide them with guidance on administrative and procedural matters. Council will continue in this monitoring role and will advise the Parties of progress in 2013.

Protected Areas:

In November 2012 Council received legislative authority for the amendment of Management Plans for all provincial protected Areas on Haida Gwaii. Council is in the early stages of taking an inventory of the needs and timing requirements for this work.

2012 Board Membership

Haida Members

Trevor Russ

Allan Davidson (Skil Helans)

Provincial Members

Darrell Robb (RPF)

Lindsay Jones (RPBio)

Chair

Derek Thompson

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

The Members are appointed until December 2013



Funding

Fiscal 2012/2013 was the last year that the Parties agreed to provide funding for Council operations. Council funding for the last two fiscal years has been shared equally between the Parties, with each Party contributing \$50K.