



Haida Gwaii Management Council
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 5-7, 2019
Haida Gwaii District Office, QCC, Haida Gwaii

In attendance:

Management Council:

Huux, Percy Crosby, Haida Nation
Kung Xyaalas, Tyler Bellis, Haida Nation
Sharon Hadway, BC Representative;
Brian Bawtinheimer, BC Representative;
Warren Mitchell, Chair

HGMC Council Support:

Laurie Whitehead HGMCIC-CHN
Veronica Cadden HGMCIC- BC
Harmony Williams HGMC AA

Representatives of the Parties: (present on Day 3)

Gaagwiis, Jason Alsop, President of the Haida Nation;
Ginn wadluu un uula isdaa ayaagang, Trevor Russ, Vice President of the Haida Nation;
John Allan, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development;
Doug Caul, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Guests: Heinz Dyck, Chief Negotiator, Negotiations & Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Len Munt, District Manager FLNROROD

Staff: Technical Working Group: Nick Reynolds, Christine Fletcher, David Stuart, Sean Muise;
Tanisha Solomon, Communications (on phone day 1); Andrew Fall, Contractor Forest estate modelling analysis and support for Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review (on phone day 1); Mark Salzl, Solutions Table (Day 2)

Day 1: February 5, 2019

Meeting called to Order: 9:17am

1. Administrative Topics

A. Review and adoption of Agenda:

Decision: Agenda approved with Timber Supply Review working group providing updated agenda items (reflected in minutes).

B. Review and adoption of minutes from November 29-30, 2018:

Decision: Approved for posting to website.

C. Review list of Action Items:

Decision: Approved with updates.

D. New Business - none

2. HGMC Reports:

A. 3rd Quarter Budget Report: reviewed 3rd quarter budget.

B. Draft 2018-19 Annual Report: discussed HGMC Draft 2018-19 Annual Report. Members requested to add further information about heritage policy and cedar partition.

C. 2019-20 Budget and Work Plan Draft: discussed HGMC draft annual work plan and budget. HGMC anticipates a lower budget request to parties as TSR wraps up. Heritage Policy and Protected areas will require additional funding as HGMC focuses on these issues in the upcoming fiscal year.

3. Timber Supply Review (TSR) Process: Nick Reynolds, Christine Fletcher; David Stuart,

3.1. Key Issues

A. Monumental cedar

- i. Protecting all Monumental Cedar

- ii. Protecting wider range of qualities

B. Northern Goshawk (Andrew Fall on phone)

- i. Incorporating habitat suitability constraints into Spatial Timber Supply Model (STSM)

C. Inventory

- i. Analysis unit development and new Lidar Enhanced Forest Inventory (LEFI) curves

D. Operability

- i. Results and incorporating value preferences into the base case

E. Cedar

3.2. Timelines

A. Critical Timeline updates

- i. Draft data package completion mid-February
The draft Data package is currently 165 pages and projected to be available to HGMC in draft form by the end of February. HGMC will have 1 week to review before the package goes to licencees for a 4-week review period. TWG will meet with licencees for data package feedback and report back to the HGMC. There will then be a 45-day public review period.

- ii. Draft Analysis report completion mid-March
The Analysis report will be shared with HGMC and licencees in mid- March.

- iii. HGMC/TWG face to face meeting at the end of March to discuss final analysis options/Public Discussion Paper
HGMC set an update teleconference meeting for March 4, 2019 and a face to face meeting for April 9-10, 2019

- iv. Public review planned to be initiated in April

Public will have a 45-day review period once final copies of packages are complete.

v. 2 Day determination meeting

HGMC will set the determination meeting at a future date after necessary timeline tasks are complete.

Adjourned Day 1: 4:15pm

Day 2: February 6, 2019

Meeting called to Order: 9:08am

Regrets: Warren Mitchell (joined meeting at 10:40am); Tanisha Salomons

Chair: Percy Crosby

3. Timber Supply Review - continued

3.3. Other TWG Updates

- A. Ongoing model results – deferred as David Stuart unavailable
- B. Minimum Harvest Volumes
- C. Minimum harvest ages
- D. Growth and yield vs. repeated field measures
- E. Data package (including assumption summary and model run summaries)
- F. Public Discussion Paper
- G. Socio Economic Analysis

4. Communication Strategy – deferred as Tanisha Solomon unavailable

5. Heritage Policies and Standards: Laurie Whitehead

No new information to relay at this point in time. The Reconciliation Table has received a letter sent by HGMC regarding Heritage Policy work, and they will be sending a response soon.

6. Land Use Objectives Order (LUOO): Nick Reynolds

The HGMC reviewed the documents provided by the LUOO TWG:

- A. the Background and Intent- final document
- B. Comparison document 2011-2019
- C. Summary of changes 2011-2019
- D. Decision briefing note

Decision: HGMC approves the Background and Intent document which can now be posted to website and copies shared through both Forestry offices.

E. Draft letter to licencees

HGMC will be sending a letter to Licencees thanking them for providing feedback on the Background and Intent document with a link to its location.

7. Protected Areas: - no update

8. Solutions Table Report – Mark Salzl

A. Quarterly Report: no quarterly report provided as there are currently no Haida representatives on the Solutions Table. Mark provided a brief verbal update on applications a written report is forthcoming. The Reconciliation table is currently discussing the Solutions Table.

9. Preparation for Parties Meeting

HGMC prepared discussion topics for meeting with the parties on Day 3.

Adjourned Day 2: 2:27pm

Day 3: February 7, 2019

Meeting called to Order: 9:11am

10. Meeting with the Parties.

A. Welcome and Introductions

Percy Crosby opened meeting with presentation of a provincial initiative: The Moose-hide Campaign; wearing of a moose hide pin to acknowledge the prevention of violence against women and children.

B. Parties Updates: (summaries)

Gaagwiis, Jason Alsop, President of the Haida Nation;

Gaagwiis reconfirmed Haida oral traditions by describing an historical account of how the Haida people created the foundations of Haida Law, based on co-existence and managing and protecting our land and waters. Just like that beginning, the K&K agreement was the beginning, the starting point to build trust.

Ginn wadluu un uula isdaa ayaagang, Trevor Russ, Vice President of the Haida Nation;

HGMC has the authority to approve protected area management plans (PAMP's). WE have been given direction by the Nation to update the Naikoun Plan that was done in 1982. There are 5 authorities given to this table and right now the AAC is the top priority. How do we transition from an extraction based economy? Our people want to see added value. Our expectations are growing; we've waited a long time for things to happen on our island with no benefit to us.

Doug Caul, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

We have the power to generate the ideas and the commitment to work together. This is a special and unique place and we're doing things that will be challenged by the rest of Canada. Haida Laws and title do exist. Our governments are not subservient to one another; this is about how to co-exist.

John Allan, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development;

This is the opportunity for HGMC to take things to the next level. Your economy is moving to other interests. It's important for us to recognize Haida Title. I'm an economist and want to support whatever economy you choose, I am aware of the power situation and wood waste situation here. I want to make the quality of life here better than it is, what does our future want?

C. HGMC updates:

Sharon Hadway, Timber Supply Review

The Parties were updated on the current status of the work underway on the TSR initiative.

Kung Xyaalas, Tyler Bellis, Land Use Objectives Order

There have been both minor and major amendments to the LUOO during our term. All minor changes were lumped together in an amendment completed in 2017. There will be new amendments proposed that the new council will address, ie. Protecting Haida Gwaii's only amphibian (toads) population. Recently approved the Background and Intent Document.

Discussion:

- Non-consensus issues. Provincial decision maker is legally bound by these decisions. Need integration between Haida Stewardship Law and Provincial Law. The LUO didn't capture all of the things Haida value.
- The time of amendment approval depends on type of amendment, minor or major, there is a 60-day public review period.
- There are a series of issues that need to be addressed by the Reconciliation Table: Dispute resolutions process, cedar, northern Goshawk, amount of protected areas and who holds tenure.

Brain Bawtinheimer, Protected Areas

There are 19 protected areas on Haida Gwaii. Gwaii Haanas; 11 Protected areas (from mid-2000's); 3 established historically ie. Naikoun, and 5 ecological reserves. These make up approximately 50% of Haida Gwaii. HGMC has the authority to approve Protected Area Management Plans (PAMP's) for 18 of these areas (excluding Gwaii Haanas), and once signed by the HGMC they will become law. Nowhere else in BC do PAMPs become law. However, the plans need modernization as they were completed before the *Haida Gwaii Reconciliation Act*. HGMC hasn't had any new or amended PAMP's to sign off yet. The HGMC's intent was to use the updated Kamdis Management Plan as a pilot plan that would be used to update the others. The actual drafting of the plans is outside HGMC authority.

Discussion:

- The Parties will use the rewritten Naikoun Management Plan as the plan that sets the management planning process on Haida Gwaii going forward. The rewrite of the Naikoun Management Plan is a priority.

Huux, Percy Crosby, Heritage Policy

Heritage will be HGMC's next focus after the TSR. The relationship with the Archaeology Branch has improved since the new Provincial government. The Haida Nation wants to be involved in anything to do with heritage/archaeology on Haida Gwaii. Decision making for *Heritage Conservation Act* authorizations has been moved from Victoria to Haida Gwaii but the Haida are still not making the decisions under the Act.

Discussion:

- The Parties agree that the Heritage Policy will need to apply to all of Haida Gwaii, including private land, and that Heritage Objects should be included in the Policy development.

D. Closing Comments

HGMC will be submitting a work plan to the Parties for the 2019-20 that will include a budget with a significant decrease in TSR and increase in heritage Policy requests.

11. Next Meeting Date and Wrap-Up:

TWG Update teleconference meeting -March 4, 2019

April 24-25, 2019, CHN Office, Skidegate

12. Caucus (HGMC) -none

Meeting Adjourned: 12:10pm
