



MINUTES Coastal Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting March 5, 2009 – University of BC

Attending: Annette van Niejenhuis (Chair), Sally Aitken, Patti Brown, Dave Kolotelo, Brian Barber, Jodie Krakowski, Tim Crowder, Lee Charleson, Michael Stoehr, Alvin Yanchuk, Brian Saunders.

Business Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM (following technical and budget presentations beginning at 8:00 AM)

Breeding budget summary:

Alvin presented a summary budget for the tree breeding subprogram that included budget submissions from coast and interior breeders.

Total breeding program budget submissions were approximately \$1.4 million.

Salary component for MFR Research Branch \$1.1 million

Total request of \$2.5 million

There was discussion on how to set priorities among the many proposed activities. Alvin identified activities, primarily measurements, that could be deferred or cancelled should the overall budget allocation from the FGC be less than \$2.5 million. Other discussion suggested strategic prioritization based on the relative ranking of each seed planning unit. Expensive projects with a lower probability of success were also considered as candidates to defer or reduce, including some of the Cw deer browse work and the Sitka spruce somatic embryogenesis project.

Given the uncertainty regarding the total Forest Investment Account allocation to the Forest Genetics Conservation and Management program, and Councils choices regarding allocations to subprograms, it was decided that recommending specific budget reductions would not be effective and that Alvin, as manager of the breeding group, would be best able to make decisions on priorities in consultation with the breeders and while taking into consideration the CTAC discussion and priorities.

RESOLVED THAT the breeding subprogram budget proposed by Alvin and totaling \$2.5 million will be recommended to the FGC and that CTAC supports the concept that Alvin will manage budget reductions to achieve objectives, as required (Sally Aitken / Tim Crowder) CARRIED.

Annette thanked speakers and meeting attendees for their time and effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM

Minutes prepared by

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