

AGENDA

Field Tour - PM, Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Business Meeting - AM, Thursday, October 13, 2016

Location:

Interfor - Campbell River Office
1250A Ironwood Street,
Campbell River, BC
Joe's cell:(250) 218-1056 (Jack's cell 250-715-6285)

TOUR - PM October 12, 2016

12:15 - **Meet at the Campbell River airport.** Arrange rides for those flying in. **BOX LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED.** Handouts sent by email.

12:45 - Douglas-fir genetic realized-gain trial (age 20). Tour to be led by Dr. Michael Stoehr.

2:00 - Leave for next stop

3:00 - Western redcedar genetic resistance to browsing. 3-year-old trial north of Campbell River near the Rock Bay main. Research initiated by Dr. John Russell. Tour to be led by Joe LeBlanc and Jack Woods.

6:00 - Group supper at Dolphins near Campbell River.

Business meeting agenda - AM October 13, 2016

Time	Length (min.)	#	Item	Presenter
8:00	10	1	Review agenda	
8:10	20	2	Membership review and announcements; ITAC chair	
8:30	15	3	Minutes, old business, and action items from previous meetings	Jack / Brian
8:45	20	4	FGC Program Manager / SelectSeed CEO succession	Jack / Brian
9:05	10	5	LBIS budget update and status of "underfunded pressures" request	Brian
9:15	10	6	2016/17 Business Plan document update	Jack
9:25	20	7	Annual Report for 2015/16	Jack
9:45	20		Break	
10:05	50	8	Interior seed supply and demand analysis using harvest flow information	Jack
10:55	15	9	Interior GRM workshops (action item from March, 2016)	Stephen / Jack
11:10	20	10	Review of OTIP eligibility criteria	Jack / Annette/ Alana
11:30	15	11	Standing agenda items: - Succession - Climate-based seed transfer	Brian
11:50	10	12	Next meeting	
12:00			Adjourn	

2. Membership review and announcements; ITAC chair

The following changes to FGC membership have taken place:

Jennifer Davis, Director, Resources Practices Branch, will be attending as an ex-officio member representing the LBIS investments

Chris Stagg left Canfor and has taken a position in the MLFNRO. He resigned from his position as Interior Seed Producer rep on Council. Jeff Mycock, Chief Forester, West Fraser Timber has been nominated to fill this position. A recommendation has gone to Chief Forester Diane Nicholls.

Gerry MacDougal has resigned from Council and is actively seeking a replacement from MFLNRO Regional staff who will be better able to find the time to attend meetings.

Review of ITAC Chair; currently ITAC is led by Stephen Joyce.

Item 3. Old business and action items

A resolution approving minutes from June 27th is needed.

Responsibility	Action	Action taken
March 10th meeting items		
Stephen (and Jack)	Set up and lead three workshops in key interior areas to inform local foresters about genetic resource management and to seek input on seed supply and demand	To be discussed
Jack	Prepare a clear motion on interior seed orchard expansions for FGC decision at the September, 2016 FGC meeting	To be presented
Jack	Review of OTIP eligibility (to be part of the LEAN process)	To be discussed
Brian / Shane	Recommendation for an additional \$300,000 of LBIS funds for "unfunded pressures" - status	To be discussed
June 27th meeting items		
Jack Woods	Develop and maintain a record of attendance and delegation of proxy, to be reported annually at June meetings under the standing item of FGC Membership .	Ongoing
Jack Woods	Put ITAC Chair membership on the agenda for the Oct 2016 meeting	Done
Henry Benskin / Jack Woods.	Designate and identify a point person for inquiries about the SelectSeed CEO position, and include it in the job ad prior to it being posted.	Done
Joe LeBlanc / Jack Woods	Finalize organization of October meeting, including field trips and agenda.	Done

4. FGC Program Manager / SelectSeed CEO succession - Jack / Brian

Following a year-long process, Brian Barber, RPF has been hired to lead SelectSeed and take over FGC Program Management duties. The SelectSeed Board is very pleased to welcome Brian to the company. Mark Tamas was included and consulted in all recruitment steps. These steps will be reviewed.

5. LBIS budget update and status of "underfunded pressures" request - Brian

To be reviewed by Brian.

6. 2016/17 Business Plan document update

The 2016/17 FGC Business Plan and species plan document is complete and will be handed out. Copies will be mailed to stakeholders.

7. 2015/16 FGC Annual Report

The Annual Report is written and waiting for review and information on several items. Jack will present performance indicators achieved for last fiscal year. A final document will be ready in late October.

8. Interior seed supply and demand analysis using harvest flow information

This report was distributed as a separate document. Jack will present highlights.

This analysis uses MFLRNO harvest flow information to forecast interior seed demand. It replaces an earlier report that used licensee data. Methods and limitations will be discussed

Based on this information, the primary recommendation made is for the expansion of orchard capacity for northern lodgepole pine seed planning units (Prince George, Central Plateau, Bulkley Valley). A specific resolution regarding this will be tabled for FGC consideration.

9. Interior GRM workshops (action item from March, 2016)

Stephen and Jack developed a plan for the proposed workshops. They were to include information on breeding and orchard programs, as well as discussion on future harvest and seed needs in local areas. The plan was shelved, however, due to uncertainty with seed demand from new MFLNRO initiatives, including the Climate Action Plan, Forests for Tomorrow, the Forest Enhancement Program, and the Forest Carbon Initiative. All of these programs are expected to ramp up and will have a significant impact on seed demand. Until we have more information on these initiatives, it was felt the workshops should be delayed.

In a separate initiative, workshops on tree improvement and climate-based seed transfer are being held in 100 Mile House, Prince George, and Burns Lake on October 18, 19, and 20. These are being led by Nick Ukrainetz (MFLNRO lodgepole pine breeder) and cover part of the objective of the action item from March..

10. Review of OTIP eligibility criteria

Operational Tree Improvement Program criteria will be discussed with a recommendation to set up a subcommittee to review how these investments are made. There are two key areas for discussion:

1. Re-visit the purpose of OTIP and how it aligns with FGC objectives.
2. Ensure that the mechanics of the call for proposals are supporting the OTIP purpose.

11. Standing agenda items:

Succession: Overview to be provided by Brian

CBST: Update to be provided by Brian