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PROGRESS

To date, six meetings have been conducted with the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The committee has gained an understanding of values, objectives, indicators and targets and has agreed upon indicators under each of the six criteria. A total of 32 indicators have been identified, and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited (CBPPL) employees have begun gathering the current status (baseline) data for each.

A Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan has been drafted that meets the requirements of the CSA Standard except where noted below. This plan will eventually become a public document.

A Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) System Manual has also been developed. This manual facilitates identifying linkages between the SFM System and the existing ISO system. This manual also helps to ensure that the requirements of the standard are being met.

There are several key steps that are still required to ensure a successful certification audit. Many of these requirements were identified by the auditors during the ISO surveillance audit at the end of August. They are summarized in the following section.

REMAINING STEPS

- Appendix A of the SFM System must be fixed to ensure it matches associated text.
- Reasons people have for not participating in the public participation process must be documented.
- It must be documented that letters were sent out to organizations requesting that a representative be sent to participate.
- Contact with associations and organizations must be elaborated upon in the text of the manuals.
- In SFM Plan, DFA-related forestry workers must be described in more detail (5.2).
- Interested Parties must be explained in more detail, particularly relating to how they received information at the open houses, how they have received meeting minutes, etc.
- There must be an official declaration of the lack of First Nations Treaty Rights. This declaration must come from a professor, gov'n't employee, etc.
- Ed Webb's representation must be described in detail, including a description of aboriginal groups seeking recognition and why they were invited to participate on the PAC.
- The process must not prejudice the rights of aboriginals. A letter to Ed should be sent and appended. The letter should explain the boundaries of the process and match the wording in e) of the public participation requirements of the standard.
- It should be explained that PAC members are receiving compensation in the form of km and lodging expenses.
- Appendix C of the SFM System Manual should be moved to the SFM Plan (list of interested parties and committee members).

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- The content of 5.4 must be beefed up to better explain the specific details of the process including the fact that the PAC were asked to identify values and were then presented with our own examples. Minutes can be referred to for specific details that would be contained within them.
- Strategies must be developed for each indicator and predicted outcomes must be developed for each strategy. The committee must be aware of all alternative strategies and predicted outcomes and must agree upon a chosen strategy.
- The chosen strategy only should appear in the SFM Plan. Other alternative strategies and their forecasts may be kept in a separate binder.
- The variance chosen for each indicator should be kept small. Similarly, the wording of indicators must be chosen carefully.
- Logical steps for the completion of VOIT requirements and the required Annex C from the standard include the following:
 1. Get PAC to identify targets and acceptable variance
 2. Get woods staff to identify strategies and forecasted outcomes (capacity of strategy to meet target) for their own indicators.
 3. Organize indicators and strategies (some strategies may be appropriate options for several indicators).
 4. Bring strategies to committee for decision.
 5. Put chosen strategy in indicator profile in SFM Plan.
 6. Get approval of final plan from committee.
- Verify that there are no outstanding issues in the end.
- 5.4 b) – get DFRA to satisfy this requirement and document it in the minutes. It can be referred to from the SFM System Manual.
- For qualitative indicators, rely on the PAC expertise to develop strategies and alternatives.
- In the case of carbon, use Martin as technical expertise or pick a simpler indicator.
- 7.3.2 – Add the status of the licenses, explain the system of tenure (refer to legislation), include a brief history.
- 7.3.3 – Explain why there are very few shared responsibilities and explain the management relationship that exists with DFRA (plans, AAC, silviculture, etc.)
- 7.3.4 – a) ownership and tenures must be included
- b) aboriginal situation must be explained in detail
- c) refer to health and safety programs and training programs. Explain that there are union reps and workers on the PAC.
- D) describe
- E) refer to ISO 4.3.2
- 7.3.7 – describe the district planning process and plans, include the VOIT chart and make sure that analytical methods for choosing strategies are described in detail. Make reference to SOP's.
- 7.4.4.1 – Ensure that DFA-related workers have access to documents. Describe specific SFM requirements as they relate to EWI's.
- 7.5.2, 7.5.3 – refers to ISO 4.5.2 and 4.5.3 – Add a column for CSA records (meeting minutes, etc.)

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- 7.6 – Separate EMS issues from SFM issues in the Mgmt. Review. Annual reports should have two separate sections. Elements of each should be audited separately.

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It has been a pleasure and good luck.