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# KISPIOX LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Monitoring Committee Update



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## ***Letter to Monitoring Committee and Agenda***

May 17, 2005

Monitoring Committee Member

Dear Member:

The Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management is hosting a meeting of the public members of the Kispiox Monitoring Committee on June 7, 2005, in the United Church basement starting at 7:00 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

There are a number of planning exercises underway in the Kispiox District that stem from the Kispiox Land and Resource Management Plan. We, along with the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, would like to brief the monitoring committee on these activities. Additionally, we would like to take the opportunity to summarize activities in the Kispiox TSA since the monitoring committee's last meeting. A proposed agenda is:

1. Update on government policy regarding monitoring committees.
2. Update on activities in the Kispiox TSA since November 2001.
3. Introduction to the First Nation's Planning Processes in the Gitseguecla and Gitanyow.
4. Introduction to the Kispiox Forest and Ranges Practices Act Objectives setting process.

Please let me know if you or an alternate will be attending so we can plan accordingly. My number is (250) 847-7572. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Sincerely,

James Cuell  
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management  
Skeena Region

## *Update on Activities (2001 – current)*

### **Planning Initiatives**

- West Babine Sustainable Resource Management Plan (March 2004) – Landscape-level plan for the Babine watershed that implements the old Babine Local Resource Use Plan. ([http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/ske/srmp/west\\_babine/](http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/ske/srmp/west_babine/))
- The Babine Monitoring Trust (January 2005) – The Trust is responsible for monitoring the implementation and success of the Babine plans in both the Kispiox and Bulkley TSAs ([www.BabineMonitoring.ca](http://www.BabineMonitoring.ca)).
- Kispiox-Cranberry TSA Expert Water Panel (2004) – Reviewed all watersheds and identified watersheds requiring further assessments; Created guidelines for collecting baseline data for undeveloped watersheds where development is proposed.
- Kispiox Forest and Range Practices Act project (ongoing, see attached summary)
- Gitanyow Pilot Planning Project (ongoing, see attached summary)
- Gitseguecla Pilot Planning Project (ongoing, see attached summary)

### **Wildlife**

- Habitat Mapping completed in Cranberry and Kispiox TSAs for Grizzly Bear (2003-04), Moose (2005), Mountain Goat (2005), Mule Deer (2005) and Goshawk (2001).
- Ungulate Winter Range Notice, Cranberry TSA, posted Dec. 2004 for Mountain Goat and Moose.
- Species at Risk Notice posted Dec. 2004 for Grizzly Bear in the Cranberry TSA.

### **Forestry Activities**

- Total Harvesting Activity in the Kispiox TSA<sup>1</sup> (volume by cubic metres). Represents all licences including BC Timber Sales.

<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
332,265	334,760	267,040	431,565	1,365,630

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<sup>1</sup> Source: MoF DSS Billing May 2005, Kispiox TSA; MoF Milestone Reports.

- Silviculture Activities in the Kispiox TSA

<u>Silviculture Activities<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Brushing (ha)	2050	892	544	1	3487
Spacing (ha)	60				60
Planting (ha)	1949	484	488	87	3008
Site Preparation (ha)	35				35
Silviculture Surveys (ha)	11066	25225	6376	1122	43789

- Forest Practices Code Audit (June 2003) – Audit completed of the forestry activities of six licenses; five woodlot tenure operators (BC Timber Sales); and district manager obligations (<http://www.fpb.gov.bc.ca/news/releases/2003/06-11.htm>).

### **Parks Related Activities**

- Swan Lake Kispiox River Provincial Park Extension
  - Management Direction Statement (March 2003) (<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/swanlk.htm> )
  - Education and interpretive material for park is being developed.
- Seven Sisters Park and Protected Area
  - Management Plan (February 2003) ([http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/seven\\_sis.htm](http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/seven_sis.htm) )
  - Ongoing rehabilitation of meadows damaged by human activities.
- Kitwanga Mountain Provincial Park
  - <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/kitwanga.htm>
  - Boundary signs have been posted at access points.
  - Some trail maintenance and assessment has been initiated.
  - Fire suppression and evacuation plan completed.
- Bulkley Junction Provincial Park
  - <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/bulkley.htm>
  - Fire suppression and evacuation plan completed.

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<sup>2</sup> Source: MoF RESULTS May 2005, Kispiox TSA

## ***Gitsegukla and Gitanyow Pilot Planning Processes***

The Ministry of Forests has two in-progress planning initiatives with the Gitksan and Gitanyow First Nations. These pilot projects are intended to design an ecosystem network, using existing inventory information, that can compliment cultural values and interests and provide integrated management objectives for various values.

### **Gitanyow Landscape Level Planning Initiative**

- Project involves research of existing records, and interviews with chiefs for spatial information about cultural values within each chief's traditional territory.
- Project team to design an ecosystem network map. This includes old growth representation; habitat values and connectivity corridors that can complement identified Gitksan cultural values and provide integrated management objectives.
- Objectives are being created for: traditional use, water, fish, cedar, wildlife, biodiversity, mushrooms and timber.

#### *Public Comment and Timelines*

- The project is not expected to be completed until September 2005. At that time public comment will be invited.

### **Gitsegukla Watershed Pilot Planning Project**

- Project provides an integrated approach to planning within the Gitksan territory that includes those who live within the territory
- Project will involve research of existing records, and interviews with chiefs for spatial information about cultural values within each chiefs' traditional territory.
- Project team to design an ecosystem network map. This includes old growth representation, habitat values and connectivity corridors that can complement identified Gitksan cultural values and provide integrated management objectives.
- Project meetings follow the Gitksan dialogue process of full discussion and consensus decision- making

#### *Public Comment and Timelines*

- The project is not expected to be completed until the spring of 2006. At that time a process for public comment will be initiated.

## ***Kispiox Forest and Range Practices Act Process***

The LRMP, a comprehensive public planning process that identified the social choices around land and resource management in the Kispiox, was completed prior to the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) legislation. This new results-based legislation will replace the Forest Practices Code. The pre-FRPA LRMP objectives need to be expressed so that they achieve the measurable and verifiable requirements of FRPA, while still meeting the intent of the original objective. This technical exercise will provide area-specific management objectives for Old Growth Management Areas, moose, deer and mountain goat winter ranges, grizzly bear habitat and Visual Quality Objectives.

### *Project Area*

The project area is the Kispiox Timber Supply Area, excluding the Gitanyow territory, Gitsequecla watershed and the West Babine Sustainable Resource Management Plan area.

### *Project Scope*

The project provides additional detail to the Kispiox LRMP objectives for biodiversity, wildlife, and visual quality because these objectives now have sufficient area-specific inventory data and management knowledge for developing legal objectives.

### *Project Team*

The team working on this project is being led by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, and includes representatives from Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and Licencees.

### *Public Comment*

Public comment initially will be sought through the LRMP Monitoring Committee. After this opportunity to review and comment on draft objectives, the general public will be approached through open houses and notices in the newspaper.

### *Timeline*

- Draft plan completed by July
- Monitoring Committee review and comment July-August
- Public review and comment August – September
- Open House in September
- Legal Objectives established by October 2005



# Kispiox FRPA Project Map

