

Ecosystem Based Management Working Group

Annual Report

to the

Joint Land and Resource Forum

Fiscal Year 2006-2007

September 2007

Introduction

This annual report summarizes all activities for the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group (EBM WG) for the 2006/07 fiscal year. The first meeting of the EBM WG was on October 30 and 31st, 2006. Two other face to face meetings were held in addition to four teleconferences during the fiscal year. This report fulfills the reporting requirements as set out in Section 7.8 of the Terms of Reference and includes the following:

- An assessment of progress towards resolving scientific and technical issues impeding EBM implementation in the planning area;
- A description of scientific and technical work undertaken and the key findings and products developed;
- An evaluation of areas where further work is required to ensure that EBM human and ecosystem wellbeing goals are achieved, and recommended adjustments in the EBM WG's workplan;
- The scope and effectiveness of adaptive management projects and recommendations for improvements;
- A summary of:
 - EBM WG recommendations;
 - Decisions taken by the EBM WG;
 - Minority reports issued in the absence of consensus; and
 - The EBM WG's budget reconciled with project spending.

A summary version of this report will be posted on the public website.

Membership

The membership of the EBM WG up to March 31, 2007 was as follows:

Member	Sector	Alternate
Dallas Smith	FN co-chair (Interim)	
Denis Collins	Prov co chair (MFR)	Hal Reveley
Peter Levy	MOE	
Amy Beetham	MFR	
Wally Eamer	NC LRF	Merv Child
Grant Scott	CFN LRF	John Bolton
Dan Cardinall	North Coast LRF	Whitney Lukuku
Jody Holmes	Conservation	Audrey Roburn
Bill Beese	Forestry	Shannon Janzen
Dorthe Jakobsen	ILMB	Dennis Crockford
Ralph Matthews	Economic interests	Terre Satterfield
Fraser Koroluk	Central Coast communities	
Lee Failing	Interim Director	

Member	Sector	Alternate
None	North Coast communities	
None	Haida	

Financial

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, through the Integrated Land Management Bureau Coast Region (the “ILMB”) placed funds into a sub-trust of the Coast Sustainability Trust (the “CST”) by way of an Unconditional Grant. The sub-trust is a Donor Directed Trust hereafter referred to as the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group Trust (the “EBMWG Trust”).

The EBMWG Trust received uncommitted funds from the Ecosystem Based Management Land Use Planning Trust (the “EBMLUP Trust”) and the Environmental, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning Trust (the “ESAMDAP Trust”) upon their respective terminations March 31, 2007. The EBMWG Trust will honour outstanding financial commitments under both the ESAMDAP and EBMLUP Trusts until March 31, 2008.

The total amount of funds in the EBM WG Trust as of March 31, 2007 was \$706,618. The CST Trustee (the “Trustee”) will manage the EBMWG Trust.

Workplan

The FY06/07 workplan (Appendix 1) was approved by the Joint LRF on February 1, 2007 with the caveat that as an overarching principle the scope of EBM WG projects should start from the G2G decisions.

An interim Director was retained in January 2007. The main focus of the EBM WG has been the development of the 2006-2009 high level workplan. This contains 7 program areas with several elements and projects under each program area (Appendix 1):

1. Adaptive Management Framework
2. Human Well Being
3. Ecological Integrity
4. Transition
5. Inventory and Decision Support
6. Administration
7. Emerging Issues

Impediments to the development of the workplan included the fact that there was no definition of “full EBM” and no Transition and Implementation plan approved by the joint LRF.

Accomplishments in 2006-2007

The EBM WG approach to development of the research needs was developed:

- Form project steering committee
- Members of EBMWG plus others as appropriate.
- Explore linkages to other initiatives

- Seek efficiencies / synergy; avoid duplication
- Confirm linkages / consistency with AM framework and indicators
- Clarify expected use/user of the study
- Establish consultation, collaboration and peer review needs
- May involve consultation on the TOR
- Prepare detailed TOR using EBM WG approved template.

The following project was initiated:

Refine Ecological Indicators – Old Growth Thresholds (AM06)

A number of subcommittees and project steering committees were established to address the issue of workplan development and high level project descriptions

Budget

The cash position was as follows:

- ESAMDAP had \$53,015 on deposit, with outstanding commitments of \$32,050.
- EBMLUP had \$70,653 on deposit, with outstanding commitments of \$5,000.

For the purposes of the trust the EBMWG assumed the ESAMDAP and the EBMLUP assets and liabilities. At March 31, 2007 the EBMWG had commitments for assets totalling $\$53,015 + \$70,653 + \$500,000 + \$120,000 = \$743,668$. The only known commitments at the time were $\$32,050 + \$5,000 = \$37,050$. More was budgeted, but not actually contracted as at March 31, 2007.

Appendix 1

2006/2007 EBM WG Workplan

*Note: As an overarching principle the scope of WG projects start from the G2G decisions and only use information prior to those decisions as guidance.

Project	Objective:	Rationale:	Linkage to TOR:	Deliverables:	Budget
1. Adaptive Management Framework/ Inventory	To develop the first key elements of a Framework for undertaking Adaptive Management. Undertake inventory projects as appropriate.	The first key elements of an adaptive management framework are needed to guide the research program of the EBMWG.	Section 5, item 3, first point	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land-use Plan Summary 2. A knowledge database 3. Scoring procedures and project priorities 	75K (multi-year)
2. FORREX workshop	To address representation issues on the Coast through an expert workshop in partnership with FORREX.	There is a need to develop a more refined approach to establishing representational thresholds at the sub-regional/territorial level that is more effective/ efficient in terms of concurrently achieving high degrees of ecological integrity and high degrees of human wellbeing.	Section 5, item 2, second point	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experts Workshop 2. Final report including recommendations and next steps 	15K
3. Socioeconomic Baseline data	To collect baseline socioeconomic information to enable monitoring of the socioeconomic objectives as outlined in the KNT AIP, the TP Protocol and the SLUPAs.	Baseline socioeconomic information is required in order to monitor progress towards the goal of improved human well-being on the coast.	Section 5, item 2, second and fourth points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Datasets required for monitoring the objectives in schedules G and C in the KNT AIP, the TP Protocol and the SLUPAs. 2. A report describing the data inventory and an assessment of the quality of this data. 	60K

Project	Objective:	Rationale:	Linkage to TOR:	Deliverables:	Budget
Indicators study	To analyze the indicators in Schedules G and C in the KNT AIP, the TP Protocol and SLUPAs.	Work to date from several economists indicates that the indicators need to be reviewed from an analytical perspective for practicality, feasibility, viability, costs, etc. A better understanding is required as to whether the indicators accurately reflect the objectives and support achieving the target.	Section 5, item 2, second and fourth points	1. Report documenting the analysis of the indicators including recommendations and advice.	20K
Interim Director	To hire an Interim Director for the remainder of the fiscal year.	The EBM WG requires immediate assistance during this initial establishment phase and requires time in order to carefully choose the more permanent Director	Section 6.6	1. Project Management services received fro January 2007 to March 31, 2007.	36K
Transition and Implementation Plan (TIP)	To provide feedback on the overall workplan for full implementation of EBM by March 31, 2009 as developed by the LRF.	A TIP is required in order to ensure that there is no duplication or wasted efforts between all the implementation groups.	Section 5, item 1, fourth point	1. A complete workplan for all groups and activities required to achieve full implementation of EBM by March 31, 2009.	0K
Total budget					206K