

North and Central Coast
Plan Implementation
Monitoring Committees
2008-2009 Annual Report

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1.0 Introduction

The North Coast and Central Coast Plan Implementation Monitoring Committees (PIMCs) third year of operation was April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. All meetings in the third year of operation were held jointly between the Central Coast and North Coast PIMCs¹. This annual report summarizes the main activities and achievements of both PIMCs during this time.

In this report, the purpose of the PIMCs is explained, an overview of achievements is given, membership and meeting summaries are provided, documents reviewed are discussed and budget allocation is described.

2.0 Purpose of the PIMC

The purpose of the PIMCs was to monitor and report on progress toward implementation of the coast land use decision² and make recommendations to Provincial and First Nation governments through the Land and Resource Forums (LRFs).

The LRFs are committees composed of representatives from First Nation and Provincial governments. The LRFs make recommendations to the Provincial and First Nation governments on the further development of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) and implementation of the coast land use decision.

The PIMCs focussed on providing a balanced approach to integrating human well-being and ecological integrity through full consideration of the best available relevant information. This included knowledge from members' sectors, from multiple disciplines (natural, social and economic sciences) and expertise from scientific, technical, local and traditional ecological sources. The PIMCs accessed additional knowledge through the Ecosystem-Based Management Working Group (EBM WG).

The PIMCs monitored the concurrent achievement of ecological integrity and human well-being in the implementation of the land use decision in the North Coast and Central Coast plan areas. As outlined in the Terms of Reference³, the PIMCs were established to:

- 1) Monitor and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the land use decision by:

¹ In addition to these four meetings the Central Coast PIMC had their fourth meeting of the 07/08 fiscal year in April. It was held after March 31st in order to accommodate members' schedules and is included in the 07/08 annual report (see: <http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/cencoast/documents.html>)

² For more detail on the Coast Land Use Decision, see:
http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/central_north_coast/index.html

³ Full Terms of Reference for the Central Coast and North Coast PIMCs are available at <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/cencoast/documents.html> and <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/ncoast/news/ncpimc.html>, respectively

- Participating directly in the monitoring and evaluation process;
 - Reviewing and providing feedback on monitoring reports; and
 - Working in collaboration with the LRFs and the EBM WG as appropriate.
- 2) Advise the Province and First Nations through the LRFs on implementation strategies, revisions and issue resolution after assessing implications for ecosystems and human well-being by:
- Recommending how to resolve outstanding land use issues;
 - Providing feedback on any proposed amendments to the plan¹ and resulting classification (minor refinement or significant revision);
 - Providing feedback on critical implementation projects and issues (e.g. establishment of land use objectives);
 - Recommending how commercially viable activities can be pursued using EBM to achieve ecological integrity and human well-being;
 - Providing information to the public and consulting with the public through appropriate mechanisms during implementation, review and revision; and
 - Providing recommendations to the LRFs on the content of amended plans that result from plan review/revision processes.

3.0 Overview of Achievements in Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Ten goals were identified in the 2008-2009 PIMC workplan:

- 1) Review and provide feedback on monitoring projects and reports
- 2) Review implementation projects
- 3) Investigate implementation gaps
- 4) Collaborate with the EBM WG
- 5) Produce an annual report
- 6) Provide advice and feedback on proposed plan amendments and revisions
- 7) Communicate with the general public
- 8) Build PIMC members' understanding of the purpose and kinds of monitoring
- 9) View results of EBM practices on the ground
- 10) Liaise with other coastal socio-economic groups
- 11) Provide advice and feedback on the future role of the PIMCs

The objectives and progress towards achieving these goals are included in Appendix A. A progress summary for each goal is provided below.

- 1) The PIMCs did not make recommendations on monitoring reports because no monitoring projects or reports were available for comment.
- 2) PIMC members reviewed and commented the proposed structure and function of the Adaptive Management Program. PIMC members reviewed recommendations they

¹ Plan refers to the Coast Land Use Decision and G2G agreements

made to the LRF in 07/08 regarding the designation of the Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism Areas (BMTAs) and added several new comments, including concern about a blanket prohibition on selling power to the grid; concern that BMTAs will be managed by multiple agencies; concern that BMTAs are defined by uses that are prohibited; and concern as to whether proper process was followed in changing the primary role of the BMTAs from conservation of biodiversity (as outlined in the LRMPs) to roles of equal priority for Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism. All comments made by PIMC members went to decision-makers along with the final draft version of the BMTA Order. The PIMCs also requested an analysis and comparison of the Visual Quality Objectives system and the Visual Management System proposed in the LRMP documents. This comparison was done and led to a consensus recommendation to continue using the Visual Quality Objectives system.

- 3) The PIMCs also investigated a perceived gap in the review process for Independent Power Projects on the Coast. Consensus was not reached on this issue and no recommendations were made.
- 4) The PIMCs collaborated with the EBM WG by reviewing the renewable energy report, transportation report, benefit-sharing models report, human well-being baseline summary, the proposed Adaptive Management Program, and by suggesting projects that could improve human well-being on the Coast. The renewable energy and transportation reports were undertaken based on recommendations from the PIMCs. The EBM WG Director attended all the FY 08/09 meetings in person or by phone, and some members of the PIMCs attended some of the EBM WG meetings.
- 5) The 2007-2008 annual report was submitted to the LRF in September 2008.
- 6) The PIMCs remained apprised of and provided feedback on effects of a suite of Land Use Objectives that were designated through the South Central Coast Order and the Central and North Coast Order in July and December 2007, respectively. Both Orders were legally amended effective March 27, 2009.
- 7) The general public was informed of PIMC activities by newspaper advertisements of PIMC meetings, by a newsletter that was distributed by email and post, and by a government website which was updated frequently. PIMC members also communicated regularly to their individual sectors.
- 8) PIMCs discussed adaptive management throughout the year. At the PIMC meeting in October, the EBM WG Director presented a summary of options for the proposed Adaptive Management Framework that had been developed by a consultant engaged by the EBM WG. PIMC members noted the need to further develop monitoring and research to support Human Well-Being in coastal communities. In July, the consultant delivered a presentation on adaptive management and PIMC members provided feedback on specific initiatives designed to improve Human Well-Being.
- 9) The PIMCs visited one of the Western Forest Products cutblocks outside of Campbell River to look at the operational implications of EBM and the complexity of issues

that licensees are required to consider. This field trip emphasized the importance of developing a clear path for stakeholder feedback into adaptive management.

- 10) The PIMCs brought in FPInnovations to discuss its work towards optimizing forest sector value chains. This led to a discussion on a proposal for a biorefinery in Prince Rupert. Support to further develop this proposal was expressed. PIMC members were also updated on JSP milestones, including Coast Forest Conservation Initiative's plan to obtain Forest Stewardship Council certification for the mid-coast Timber Supply Area.
- 11) The PIMCs provided the LRFs with advice and feedback on the structure of a future stakeholder committee and the potential role of this committee in the Adaptive Management Framework. The PIMCs made the following consensus recommendations:
 - a. There continue to be a mechanism which enables interest-based communities and sectors to be engaged and involved in implementation and monitoring of EBM
 - b. This body be funded by government and supported by dedicated local resources
 - c. This body use existing metrics and the knowledge of its members to carry out "on the ground" field inspections to monitor and provide advice on implementation of EBM

4.0 Membership

Between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, the North Coast PIMC consisted of the following members representing their sectors:

Member	Affiliation
Des Shearing	Small Business Forestry
Ron Bedard	District of Port Edward, Local Government
Gord Howie	City of Prince Rupert, Local Government
Karl Bergman	Skeena-Queen Charlotte Islands Regional District
Gabrielle Kissinger and Michael Barkusky (sequentially)	Conservation
Dan Cardinal and David Benton (sequentially)	Gitga'at First Nation
Cassandra Hall, Laureen Whyte and Jonathan Buchanan (sequentially)	Mineral Exploration & Mining
Darol Smith, Chair	Labour
George Hayes	Community Economic Development

Paul Bull and Peter Freeman	Recreation
Wilfred McKenzie	Kitselas First Nation
Tavis McDonald	Major Forestry Sector
Brian Clive	Tourism
Elmer Moody	Gitxaala First Nation
Gary Alexcee	Kitsumkalum First Nation
Henry Moore	Nisga'a Lisims Government
Barb Petzelt and Harold Leighton	Metlakatla First Nation
Whitney Lukuku	Haisla First Nation
Brian Fuhr	Program Manager, ILMB
Kelly Wozniak	Assistant Program Manager, ILMB

Between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, the Central Coast PIMC consisted of the following members representing their sectors

Member	Affiliation
Merv Child	Central Coast First Nations
Brian Clive	Tourism
Gabrielle Kissinger and Michael Barkusky (sequentially)	Conservation
Joy MacKay	Local Government [North]
Larry Pepper	Local Government [South]
Laureen Whyte, Cassandra Hall, and Jonathan Buchanan (sequentially)	Mineral Exploration & Mining
Darol Smith	Labour
Ray Pillman	Recreation
Gerry Fraser	Major Forestry Sector
Dorthe Jakobsen	Program Manager, ILMB
Jessica Rogers, Larianna Brown, and Keeva Kehler (sequentially)	Assistant Program Manager, ILMB

5.0 Meeting Summaries

The PIMCs met four times during FY 08/09. These meetings centered on updates from the LRFs, EBM WG and ILMB on the implementation tasks that were underway or completed during FY 08/09, as well as a final wrap up meeting.

The following table summarizes the main issues that were discussed by the PIMCs during FY 08/09. Those interested in a more detailed account of PIMC meetings can view agendas and minutes on the Coast Land Use Decision Implementation website on either the Central Coast or North Coast PIMC meeting info pages (available at http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/cencoast/meeting_info.html and http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/ncoast/news/meeting_info.html, respectively)

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
July 24 th Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Resource Forum update • Land Use Objectives update • Biodiversity Areas update • Grizzly bear habitat map update • Conservancy update • Detailed Strategic Planning update • Patchworks presentation • Adaptive management discussion and activity • EBM WG human well-being projects
October 21 st (field trip) and October 22 nd , 2008 Campbell River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trip to EBM cutblock • Land and Resource Forum update • Biodiversity Mining and Tourism Areas update • EBM WG update • Detailed Strategic Planning update • Revisions to the Land Use Objectives • Forest Stewardship Council Certification update from CFCI • Focal species update • Provincial Independent Power Project Office update • Visual Management presentation • PIMC roles and responsibilities post March 09
January 29 th , 2009 Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Resource Forum update • PIMC roles and responsibilities post March 09 • Land Use Objectives update • EBM WG update • Adaptive Management update • Visual Management recommendations • Independent Power Project recommendations
March 10, 2009 Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of implementation and the next phase • Land and Resource Forum update • Adaptive Management update • EBM WG update, including status of projects • IPP recommendations/discussions

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final business• PIMC accomplishments• PIMC wrap-up

6.0 Documents Submitted to the PIMCs

The PIMCs received and reviewed numerous documents pertaining to the Coast, including the Land Use Objectives, the legal Order for the Biodiversity, Mining and Tourism Areas, and EBM WG reports related to adaptive management and human well-being.

A significant amount of time at PIMC meetings was allocated to receiving updates from various agencies and working groups and discussing the next phase of implementation.

7.0 Budget

Meeting expenses were covered by ILMB. In the first year of operation of the PIMCs, members were given funding which was intended to pay for expenses incurred to attend meetings, including workshops held by the EBM WG, for the three year term of the PIMCs.

Appendix A: Achievement of 2008-2009 Workplan Goals

Project	Objective:	Progress
1. Monitoring Projects and Reports	To review and provide feedback on Monitoring Projects and Reports on an ongoing basis	No monitoring projects or reports were available for comment
2. Implementation Projects	To review Implementation Projects on an ongoing basis (Troubleshooting/Flexibility provisions, Biodiversity Areas, and Visuals etc).	PIMC members reviewed and commented on the: 1) Land Use objectives 2) designation of BMTAs; and the 3) proposed Adaptive Management Program Consensus recommendations were made on maintaining the Visual Quality Objectives system
3. Implementation gaps	To investigate gaps in implementation.	Gaps in implementation identified by PIMC 1) PIMCs requested analysis and comparison of existing visual management system and visual management system proposed in LRMP documents 2) PIMCs investigated a potential gap in the review process for Independent Power Projects
4. Collaborate with the EBM WG	To review EBM WG products, participate in workshops as requested and request research projects.	PIMC members reviewed and provided feedback on the: 1) Renewable Energy report 2) Transportation report 3) Benefits-Sharing report 4) Human Well-Being baseline summary 5) Proposed Adaptive Management program

Project	Objective:	Progress
		<p>6) Projects that could improve human well-being on the coast</p> <p>Some members attended an EBM WG workshop on Human Well being.</p> <p>The Director of the EBM WG attended all Joint PIMC meetings in FY08/09. Some members attended some EBM WG meetings</p>
5. Produce Annual Report	Submit an annual report to the LRFs containing: (1) An assessment of progress towards the implementation of the land use plan; (2) A description of the PIMCs activities and recommendations	2007-2008 annual report submitted to LRFs in September 08.
6. Plan amendments and revisions	To provide advice and feedback on proposed plan amendments and revisions as required.	PIMC members: 1) Remained apprised of and provided feedback on initial LUOs and subsequent LUO amendments 2) Requested and received information detailing costs and benefits of various visual management systems 3) Received presentations on DSPs and Patchworks analysis
7. Communication	To communicate with the general public regarding PIMC activities and implementation.	PIMC activities and implementation updates were communicated to the public through the following activities: 1) One newsletter was published in FY 08/09

Project	Objective:	Progress
		<p>2) PIMC meetings were advertised in local papers 3) Coast completion website was updated on an as needed basis</p>
8. Training on Adaptive Management	To build PIMC members understanding of the adaptive management framework and associated decision making process	The summary of options for the Adaptive Management Framework was presented to PIMC members and a presentation on Adaptive Management was given. Some members attended EBM WG workshops on Adaptive Management.
9. Field trips/visits	To view results of EBM practices on the ground	Field trip to Western Forest Products cutblock outside of Campbell River to look at operational implications of EBM, complexity of issues licensees are required to consider and importance of developing clear path for stakeholder feedback into adaptive management
10. Liaise with other coastal socio-economic groups	Identify and investigate potential to establish links with other groups.	The PIMCs brought in FPInnovations to discuss its work towards optimizing forest sector value chains.
11. Negotiate role of/ make recommendations on role of stakeholder committee post March 31, 2009	To provide advice and feedback on the future role of the CC and NC PIMCs.	PIMCs reflected on strengths and areas for improvement with respect to PIMC structure. The PIMCs provided the LRF with advice and feedback on the structure of a future stakeholder committee and the potential role of this committee in the Adaptive Management Framework.