

# North Coast Plan Implementation Monitoring Committee

2007-2008 Annual Report

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## 1.0 Introduction

The North Coast Plan Implementation Monitoring Committee's (NC PIMC's) second year of operation was April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. This report summarizes the main activities and achievements of the NC PIMC during this time.

In this report, the purpose of the NC PIMC 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 NC PIMC

The purpose of the NC PIMC is to monitor and report on progress toward implementation of the coast land use decision<sup>1</sup> and make recommendations to Provincial and First Nation governments through Land and Resource Forums (LRFs).

LRFs are committees composed of representatives from First Nation and Provincial governments. 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 NC PIMC is focussed on providing a balanced approach to integrating human well being and ecological integrity through full consideration of the best available relevant knowledge. This includes knowledge from member's sectors, from multiple disciplines (natural, social and economic sciences) and expertise from scientific, technical, local and traditional ecological sources. The NC PIMC can access additional knowledge through the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group (EBM WG).

The NC PIMC monitors the concurrent achievement of ecological integrity and human well being in the implementation of the land use decision in the NC plan area. The NC PIMC:

- 1) Monitors and evaluates the implementation and effectiveness of the land use decision by:
  - 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) Advises 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 plan and resulting classification (minor refinement or significant revision);

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<sup>1</sup> See the Coast Land Use Decision Implementation website ([http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/central\\_north\\_coast/index.html](http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/central_north_coast/index.html)) for more information

- Providing feedback on critical implementation projects and issues (e.g. establishment of legal 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 2007-2008 (FY 07/08)**

Ten goals were identified in the 2007/2008 NC 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

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

- 1) The NC PIMC did not make recommendations on monitoring projects and reports to the LRF and did not collaborate with the EBM WG on monitoring projects and reports because no Monitoring Projects or Reports were available for comment.
- 2) The NC PIMC provided recommendations on Land Use Objectives, Conservancies and Biodiversity Areas.
- 3) The NC PIMC requested information on Visual Management Areas and the Decision-Making Process from the LRF.
- 4) The NC PIMC reviewed the following EBM WG products: Socio-Economic Indicators Close-Out Report; Land Use Planning Summary Close-Out Report; Old Growth Thresholds Close-Out Report; and Human Well-Being Indicators. Additionally, some NC PIMC members participated in two human well-being workshops and two workshops on adaptive management. A joint socio-economic subcommittee was also formed.
- 5) The 2006-2007 annual report was submitted to the LRF in November 2007

6) The NC PIMC did not provide recommendations on plan amendments and revisions.

7) The NC PIMC participated in an open house in Kitkatla. Every NC PIMC Meeting was advertised in the local paper one week beforehand. The NC PIMC also attended a Prince Rupert Chamber luncheon. Two newsletters were published and sent out to a distribution list of 165 people. The Coast Completion website was also updated periodically on an as needed basis.

8) The NC PIMC did not participate in any seminars on monitoring.

9) The NC PIMC did not attend any field trips. One meeting was held in Metlakatla and another meeting was planned for New Aiyansh but this was postponed due to flooding.

10) FP Innovations gave a presentation to the NC PIMC on the BC Coastal Forest Sector Development Initiative. The NC PIMC also researched and discussed funding opportunities such as the Community Trust Fund, Socially-Responsible Investment, Coast Opportunity Fund, Coast Sustainability Trust and the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

#### 4.0 Membership and Meeting Summaries

Between June 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, the NC PIMC consisted of the following members representing their sectors:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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
Bruce Watkinson	North Coast Land and Resource Forum
Neil Philcox	Conservation
Dan Cardinal	Gitga'at First Nation
Bruce McKnight/ Laureen Whyte <sup>1</sup>	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 Companies
Brian Clive	Tourism
Clifford White/ Elmer Moody <sup>1</sup>	Gitxaala First Nation

<sup>1</sup> Laureen Whyte replaced Bruce McKnight as the mining sector representative in March 2008

Gary Alexcee	Kitsumkalum First Nation
Henry Moore	Nisga'a Lisims Government
John Helin	Lax Kw'alaams First Nation
Barb Petzelt/ Harold Leighton	Metlakatla First Nation
Whitney Lukuku	Haisla First Nation
Brian Fuhr	Provincial Government Representative, ILMB
Kelly Wozniak <sup>2</sup>	Assistant Program Manager, ILMB

The NC PIMC met four times during FY 07/08. These meetings centered on updates from the LRFs, EBMWG and ILMB on the implementation tasks that were underway or completed during FY 07/08.

The following table summarizes the main issues that were discussed by the NC PIMC during FY 07/08. Those interested in a more detailed account of NC PIMC meetings can view agendas and minutes on the Coast Land Use Decision Implementation website (<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/nanaimo/ncoast/news/ncpimc.html>).

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
June 13, 2007 Metlakatla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government reps confirmed</li> <li>• Land and Resource Forum update</li> <li>• Ecosystem Based Management Working Group update</li> <li>• Detailed Strategic Planning update</li> <li>• Workplan and budget update</li> <li>• Ministry of Forests and Range and Visuals update</li> <li>• Discussion of Welcome Harbour access to conservancy</li> <li>• Discussion of letter from NC PIMC to CN for recreational facilities construction on Skeena corridor</li> <li>• Tour of Metlakatla offices and economic initiatives</li> </ul>
October 3, 2007 Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation tasks spreadsheet shared</li> <li>• Land and Resource Forum update</li> <li>• Socio-economic subcommittee update</li> <li>• Discussion of NC PIMCs role in reviewing proposed projects</li> <li>• Joint Solutions Project update</li> <li>• Ministry of Forests and Range update</li> <li>• Ecosystem-Based Management Working Group update</li> <li>• Overview of Coast Opportunities Fund</li> <li>• Socio-economic and environmental assessment</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Elmer Moody replaced Clifford White Chief Counsellor for Gitxaala First Nation in February 2008

<sup>2</sup> Kelly Wozniak replaced Gord McGee as Assistant Program Manager in January 2008

Meeting Date and Location	Summary of Issues discussed
	update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on New Direction for Strategic Land Use Planning in BC</li> <li>• ILMB update</li> <li>• Hand-out of definition of “full implementation of Ecosystem Based Management”</li> </ul>
December 12, 2007 Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land and Resource Forum update</li> <li>• Joint Socio-Economic subcommittee update</li> <li>• Ecosystem Based Management Working Group update</li> <li>• Discussion on Biodiversity Areas</li> <li>• Update on implementation of protected areas</li> <li>• Presentation on Coast Sustainability Trust</li> <li>• Ministry of Forests update</li> <li>• Report on status of North Coast Legal Objectives</li> <li>• Detailed Strategic Planning update</li> </ul>
March 27, 2008 Prince Rupert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land and Resource Forum Update</li> <li>• Discussion on Davide Cuzner’s resignation from the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group</li> <li>• Socio-economic subcommittee update</li> <li>• Joint Solutions Project update</li> <li>• Summary of EBM WG workshop on Human Well Being Baseline Study (held March 7, 2008)</li> <li>• Detailed Strategic Planning update</li> <li>• Funding Opportunities update</li> <li>• Presentation from FP Innovations on BC Coastal Forest Sector Development Initiative</li> <li>• Ecosystem Based Management Working Group update</li> </ul>

## 5.0 Documents Submitted to the NC PIMC

The NC PIMC received and reviewed numerous documents pertaining to the North Coast, including draft Land Use Objectives, conservancy legislation, socio-economic indicators, old growth thresholds, visual area management and biodiversity areas.

A significant amount of time at NC PIMC meetings was allocated to receiving updates from various agencies and working groups such as the socio-economic subcommittee, Land and Resource Forums, Joint Solutions Project and Ecosystem Based Management Working Group.

## 6.0 Budget

Meeting expenses were covered by the ILMB and members were paid for expenses incurred to attend meetings, including workshops put on by the EBM WG. The NC PIMC did not spend any of the budget allocated for their 07/08 workplan (\$35,000) because no projects requiring additional funds were requested. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in project requests from the NC PIMC as more projects and reports from the EBM WG are published and gaps in implementation become clearer.



## Appendix A: Achievement of 2007-2008 Workplan Goals

Project	Objective:	Deliverables:	Progress
1. Monitoring Projects and Reports	To review and provide feedback on Monitoring Projects and Reports on an ongoing basis (from government agencies and the EBM WG primarily)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommendations to the LRFs</li> <li>2. Collaboration with the EBM WG and others</li> </ol>	<p><b>Recommendations to LRFs on Monitoring Projects and Reports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) None were available for comment</li> </ol> <p><b>Collaboration with EBM WG and others on following Monitoring Projects and Reports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) None were available for comment</li> </ol>
2. Implementation Projects	To review Implementation Projects on an ongoing basis (e.g. Land Use Objectives, Troubleshooting/Flexibility provisions, Conservancies, Biodiversity Areas, and Visuals etc).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide recommendations to the LRFs and implementation parties</li> </ol>	<p><b>Recommendations made on:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Land Use Objectives</li> <li>2) Conservancies</li> <li>3) Biodiversity Areas</li> </ol>
3. Implementation gaps	To investigate gaps in implementation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List of gaps in implementation</li> <li>2. Recommendations on priorities to EBMWG and LRF's.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Gaps in implementation identified by PIMC:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) None</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendations on Priorities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Requested information on Visual Management</li> <li>2) Requested information on decision-making process</li> </ol>
4. Collaborate with the EBM WG	To review EBM WG products (e.g. Review of the Socio-Economic Indicators study, Adaptive Management etc.), participate in workshops as requested and request research projects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommendations to the EBM WG</li> <li>2. PIMC members participate in workshops</li> <li>3. Joint CC/NC socioeconomic subcommittee to focus collaboration.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Reviewed following EBM WG Products:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Socio-Economic Indicators Close Out Report</li> <li>2) Land Use Planning Summary Close Out Report</li> <li>3) Old Growth Thresholds Close Out Report</li> <li>4) Human Well Being Indicators</li> </ol> <p><b>PIMC members participated in these workshops:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Human Well-Being x2</li> <li>2) Adaptive Management x2</li> </ol> <p><b>Research Projects Requested:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) None</li> </ol> <p><b>Joint Socio-Economic subcommittee formed</b></p>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Objective:</b>	<b>Deliverables:</b>	<b>Progress</b>
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	1. Submit Annual Report to LRFs within 6 months after end of financial year.	Annual Report submitted to LRF in Nov 2007
6. Plan amendments and revisions	To provide advice and feedback on proposed plan amendments and revisions as required.	1. Recommendations on plan amendments and revisions.	<b>Provided recommendations on following plan amendments and revisions:</b> 1) None
7. Communication	To communicate with the general public regarding PIMC activities and implementation.	1. Open Houses in 2 local communities per year 2. Website	<b>Held open houses in:</b> 1) Kitkatla  <b>Communications:</b> 2) Two newsletter published 3) NC PIMC meetings advertised in local newspaper 4) Attended Prince Rupert Chamber luncheon 5) Website updated periodically on an as needed basis
8. Training on Monitoring	To build PIMC members understanding of the purpose and kinds of monitoring	1. Seminar on Monitoring	<b>Seminars on monitoring:</b> 1) None
9. Field trips/visits	To view results of EBM practices on the ground	1. Field trip	<b>Field Trips to:</b> 1) None
10. Liaise with other coastal socio-economic groups	Identify and investigate potential to establish links with other groups.	1. Identification of other coastal socioeconomic groups 2. Expanded learning opportunities	<b>Expanded learning opportunities</b> 1) Presentation from FP Innovations  <b>Funding opportunities identified and discussed</b> 1) Community Trust Fund 2) Socially-Responsible Investment 3) Coast Opportunity Fund 4) Northern Development Initiative Trust 5) Coast Sustainability Trust

## Appendix B: List of NC PIMC Action Items

<i>NC PIMC Action Items (FY 07/08)</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b>June 13, 2007</b>	
<b>Gord McGee</b> to prepare recommendation to LRF on prioritization of human well-being projects within EBM WG project Batch 2 lines: PIMC priorities are HW03, HW05, E101	Completed
<b>Paul Bull</b> to draft letter for review by socio-economic subcommittee for August 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007 regarding recreational facilities provision by CN in railway corridor upgrade along Skeena	Completed
<b>Paul Bull</b> to draft letter on behalf of PIMC to LRF stating that the PIMC recommends that the issue of access to the new conservancy be dealt with as a matter of urgency by the LRF/ Province. Letter to be given to Brian Fuhr to take to LRF	Completed
<b>Gord McGee</b> to make related documents and presentations from the NC PIMC June 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting available at the ftp site.	Completed
<b>Gord McGee</b> to place ad for meetings in the local newspaper of the community in which the meeting is held for one day during the week preceding the meeting date	Ongoing
<b>Gord McGee</b> to follow up with Henry Moore regarding having next meeting in New Aiyansh	Completed— trip postponed
<b>October 3, 2007</b>	
<b>Brian Fuhr</b> to share Banks Island Terms of Reference with PIMC	Completed
<b>Gord McGee</b> to look into PIMCs reporting on collaborative management plans with David Brown	Completed
<b>Gord McGee</b> to draft PIMC annual report for FY 06/07 and send to PIMC for review	Completed
<b>Gord McGee</b> to look into Coast Sustainability Trust presentation from Eric van Soeren	Completed
<b>George Hayes</b> to check with Chamber re May trade show	Completed
<b>December 12, 2007</b>	
<b>Dorthe</b> will make Land and Resource Forum Terms of Reference available to NC PIMC once they are signed	Completed
<b>NC PIMC</b> will provide comments on the Biodiversity Areas by January 25 2008	Completed
<b>NC PIMC</b> will make a request to Province for more money for the Coast Sustainability Trust	Completed
<b>Darol</b> will let Land and Resource Forum know that NC PIMC requested Alex to let David present the Ecosystem Based Management Working Groups Terms of Reference	Completed
Ron will make a request to Land and Resource Forum to have Darol as an alternate for Davide on the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group	Completed
<b>NC PIMC</b> to address Mark Inas' concerns regarding discrepancy	Des to follow

<b><i>NC PIMC Action Items (FY 07/08)</i></b>	<b><i>Status</i></b>
between AAC effects and the LRMP/ G2G at next meeting	up
<b><i>Daive Cuzner</i></b> will dig up the analysis work that Don Morgan did	Completed
<b><i>March 27, 2007</i></b>	
<b><i>Des</i></b> to follow up with Mark Inas regarding his concern about the discrepancy between AAC effect and the LRMP/ G2G	
<b><i>Darol and Neil</i></b> to send letter regarding implications of lack of funding for the Ecosystem Based Management Working Group to the Joint Land and Resource Forum	Completed
<b><i>NC PIMC</i></b> to comment on JSP discussion papers	Completed
<b><i>Kelly and Brian Fuhr</i></b> to draft letter to Joint Land and Resource Forum that states recreation indicators are missing	Completed
<b><i>Neil</i></b> to redistribute information on Socially Responsible Investment funding to the PIMC	Completed
<b><i>Kelly</i></b> to find out about North Island Coast Development Trust	Completed
<b><i>Darol</i></b> to follow up with John Talbot regarding a proposal for a bio-energy plant in Prince Rupert	Completed
<b><i>Alex</i></b> to see if there is money to have a meeting or workshop on the results of the Human Well Being Inventory Study	
<b><i>Alex</i></b> to send a written update on Adaptive Management framework to Darol for distribution to all NC PIMC members	Completed
<b><i>Kelly</i></b> add discussion of Adaptive Management framework to next NC PIMC meeting	Completed
<b><i>Kelly</i></b> put together a reference package (Neil to provide key EBM WG files)	Completed
<b><i>Glenn</i></b> to look into field trip to one of the North Coast BCTS EBM timber blocks for next meeting activity	Completed-- Not Feasible
<b><i>Glenn</i></b> to ask Sheltair about backcasting	Completed