



## **AGENDA**

**1:30 PM - Wednesday, December 14, 2011**

**Conference call:**

*1-877-353-9184 (toll free from outside Vancouver)*

*604-681-0260 (from the lower mainland)*

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Length (min.)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1:30	10	1	<b>Welcome and introduction of new FGC members</b>	Brian
1:40	5	2	<b>Approval of minutes from September 21, 2011</b>	
1:45	10	3	<b>Old business and action items from Sept. 21, 2011</b>	Jack
1:55	5	4	<b>Letter from FNABC regarding technical support</b>	Brian
2:00	5	5	<b>2010/11 FGC Annual Report distribution</b>	Jack
2:05	25	6	<b>Review of new Genetic Conservation plan</b>	Dave Kolotelo
2:30	25	7	<b>FGC Bylaws</b>	Brian / Jack
2:55	15	8	<b>Fdi Thompson Okanagan orchards</b>	Tim Lee
3:10	10	9	<b>Climate-based seed transfer project update</b>	Lee Charleson
3:20	10	10	<b>Business planning status for 2012/13</b>	Jack
3:30	10	11	<b>FGC Achievement Award</b>	Jack
3:40	10	12	<b>FGC member updates</b>	All
3:50	10	13	<b>New business</b>	
4:00			<b>Adjourn</b>	

Attachments to the agenda (December 14, 2011)

**Agenda item 1 – New FGC members**

The following new FGC members are welcomed:

Dan Peterson, A/Director, Resource Management, Thompson-Okanagan Region, FLNR, and Patti Kagawa, A/Seedling Planning Forester, BCTS.

**Agenda item 3 – Action items from September 21, 2011**

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action requested</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
Jack	Email graphs prepared for the annual report to FGC members.	done
Jack	Send information on the FGC Achievement award and past criteria for FGC members to consider nominations.	Done – see agenda item
Jack	Work with others to develop a new technologies workshop in December, 2011 that will bring together invited people to discuss project types and funding mechanisms that will support FGC objectives.	Not completed. Discussion with GenomeBC underway to try to develop collaboration for some new technologies and for succession of skilled staff
FGC members	Direct ideas on a new-technologies workshop topic to Jack.	None received
Bylaw subcommittee	Review bylaws and bring recommendations to the December 14, 2011 meeting.	Bylaw subcommittee revised bylaws. See agenda item below

**Agenda item 4 – Letter from the Forest Nursery Association of BC regarding technical support – Brian**

Letter forwarded to Council members as a separate document.

**Agenda item 5 – FGC 10/11 Annual Report distribution - Jack**

The FGC annual report for 2010/11 is complete and was distributed to FGC members as a separate document. Normally we print about 150 copies a cost of about \$800 and distribute them to interested people in BC and elsewhere. Reducing the number of printed copies and increasing email distribution of a pdf document is an option. Guidance from the FGC is needed.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update on a new Genetic Conservation plan – Dave Kolotelo, Genetic Conservation TAC chair**

At the request of Council, the GCTAC has prepared a new plan to guide genetic conservation investments. The plan (with an Executive Summary on page 2) was distributed as a separate file. A motion to accept this plan or a request to the GCTAC for modification is needed.

**Agenda item 7 – FGC Bylaw update – Bylaw committee**

A bylaw committee of Annette van Niejehuis, Larry Gardner, Brian Barber, Tim Lee, and Jack Woods was tasked at the September 21, 2011 meeting with recommending updates to FGC bylaws. Bylaws were previously updated in 2002.

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A new version of the bylaws was distributed as a separate file. The primary changes were to update reference to Technical Advisory Committees reporting to Council.

Acceptance of these bylaws will require a 2/3 majority of all FGC members without proxy votes (a minimum of 10 votes).

**Agenda item 8 – Allocation of Fdi Thompson Okanagan Orchards – Tim Lee**

As ITAC chair, Tim has led discussion on the allocation of two new seed orchards for Douglas-fir in the Thompson Okanagan zone (high elevation and low elevation orchards). This discussion has gone through the following steps:

- Recommendation from (Barry Jaquish FLNRO tree breeder for Fdi) regarding appropriate elevation bands for the high and low orchards
- Analysis of seed needs within the zone and elevation band and appropriate orchard size
- Discussion among interested parties regarding installation of the orchards within the guidelines of the document “Public and Private Participation in BC’s Seed Orchards: Issues and Options” that was endorsed by the Provincial Chief Forester

Based on these steps, the following motion is recommended to Council:

**MOVED** that FGC accepts the ITAC recommendation for the development of new Douglas-fir orchards for the Thompson Okanagan seed zone with elevations, sizes and ownership as follows:

- Low elevation (600-1100m) orchard of approximately 800 ramets to be developed by the FLNRO at the Kalamalka Seed Orchard site
- High elevation (1100-1600m) orchard of approximately 1900 ramets to be developed by PRT Ltd. and SelectSeed Ltd., on the PRT Armstrong site.

**Agenda item 9 – Climate-based seed transfer update – Lee Charleson**

A FLNR committee, with a member from UBC, is reviewing options for climate-based seed transfer policy. Lee will provide an update on discussions.

**Agenda item 10 – Business planning status for 2012/13 – Jack**

FGC subcommittees responsible for overseeing subprograms are preparing projects and budgets to present to the FGC in March, 2012, as follows:

CTAC – meeting planned for February, 2012; breeding program budgets will be reviewed

ITAC – meeting planned for January 10&11, 2012; breeding program budgets will be reviewed

Genetic Conservation TAC – new plan presented; specific project budget development will proceed in February, 2012

Seed Transfer TAC – Genecology call for proposals released in early December. FLNRO genecology business plan to be reviewed in February.

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Pest Management TAC – projects and priorities under discussion; budget development will proceed in January

SelectSeed Ltd. – Business Plan to be developed in January for SelectSeed Board review and approval.

Decision Support TAC – Meeting held in November, 2011 to discuss direction and priorities. Meeting to be held in February 2012 to develop a project plan and budget.

Extension TAC – Meeting to be held in February, 2012 to develop a project plan and budget.

Applied Tree Improvement and Biotechnology (El Kassaby) – a Steering Committee meeting will be held in February 2012 to receive a report on work and to discuss projects and a budget. This could be impacted by the development of a biotechnology subprogram.

**Agenda item 11 – FGC Achievement Award – Jack**

The Achievement Award is the FGC's highest award. The Achievement Award is a wall plaque and states that it is given for "outstanding contributions to Genetic Resource Management in BC for.....". Past recipients are:

- Gene Namkoong – 2000 – UBC Head of the Forest Sciences Department and a global leader in quantitative forest genetics.
- John Barker – 2002 – Western Forest Products and very actively involved in forest genetics activities and Council for over 2 decades
- Gyula Kiss – 2003 - Ministry tree breeder (spruce) who led the development of the Kalamalka Forestry Centre in Vernon and pioneered interior spruce breeding.
- Keith Illingworth – 2004 - Ministry scientist who established the famous Pli Illingworth trials and led the genetic group in the Research Branch for many years.
- Shane Browne-Clayton – 2006 - Riverside Forest Products – active on the Interior Tree Improvement Council and a industry co-chair of the FGC during the key restructuring period in the late '90's through to his retirement in 2006
- Dale Draper – 2008 – Ministry co-chair of the Forest Genetics Council during the key restructuring period in the late '90's through to his retirement in 2006; Tree Improvement Branch director, among other things.

No official nominations have been received. Several names were suggested. A decision on next steps is needed.

**2012 meetings:**

**March 23, 2012**

**June 15, 2012**

**September 21, 2012**



**December 14, 2012**