

## MINUTES

### Forest Genetics Council – Meeting July 6, 2009

#### Conference Call

Attending: Brian Barber, Rob Guy, Joe Leblanc, Tim Lee, Bruce MacNicol, Al McDonald, Gerry Still

Regrets: Madeline Maley, Scott King, Annette van Niejenhuis, Larry Promnitz, Judi Beck

Others: Jack Woods, Cheri Tayler

Guests: Barrie Phillips (Research Branch, MFR)

#### Action Items

None

#### Summary of Motions:

1. MOVED (Bruce MacNicol / Joe Leblanc) The report “*Public and Private Participation in BC’s Seed Orchards: Issues and Options*” and the recommendations in the report are hereby approved and will be recommended to the Provincial Chief Forester on July 7, 2009. CARRIED, UNANIMOUS.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Brian Barber (Co-Chair)

#### 1. *Public and Private Participation in BC’s Seed Orchards: Issues and Options*

Comments on the draft options paper entitled “*Public and Private Participation in BC’s Seed Orchards: Issues and Options*” were submitted to Jack Woods and Brian Barber. Jack compiled the comments and suggestions into the current draft and distributed for discussion.

##### Comments on current draft:

- Several typos were noted
- Recommendations in the Briefing Note and in the Report, Section 10:
  - MFR #1 OK
  - MFR #2 – needs a similar statement under the private orchard recommendation
  - MFR #3 OK. Comment that this obligates to MFR to revisit in light the principles set out in the report, but not necessarily to cancel the agreements.
  - MFR #4 – SelectSeed and the FGC would be a first step where seed supply is threatened, but the MFR would also have an option to become involved. Agreed, but this does not need to be put in the recommendation. Any actions by SelectSeed would be preceded by a business plan requiring SelectSeed Board and FGC approvals.
  - MFR #5 OK

- Private #1 Needs similar and balancing points to MFR #2
- Private #2 and #3 – OK

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2. Brian outlined the agenda for the meeting with the Chief Forester on July 7, 2009. Items include:

- The orchards paper
- Five-year FGC Strategic Plan
- FGC membership status (co-chair and industry rep from Woodlot or Community Forest)
- Budget updates
- September 16 FGC meeting at the Cowichan Lake Research Station, and Jim’s requests to the FGC.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.**

**Next Meeting: September 16, 2009 Cowichan Lake Research Station**

Minutes prepared by Cheri Tayler and Jack Woods

