

## **AGENDA**

**10:30 – 12:20 - Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

**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>
10:30	5	1	Review agenda	Brian
10:35	5	2	Approval minutes from September 19, 2012	
10:40	10	3	Old business and action items from Sept. 19, 2012	Jack
10:50	10	4	Update on meeting with Prov. Chief Forester; status of FGC Annual Report for 2011/12	Brian / Kerry / Jack
11:00	30	5	Terms of reference and process for SelectSeed Ltd. review	Brian / Kerry
11:30	15	6	Overview of FGC and SelectSeed legal structure and SelectSeed contractual obligations	Jack
11:45	10	7	CTAC and ITAC updates	Tim / Annette
11:55	5	8	Forest Genetics 2013 conference – FGC contribution	Jack
12:00	10	9	Whitebark pine harvest and communication	Jack
12:10	5	10	Upcoming meeting dates	
12:15	5	11	New business	
12:20			Adjourn	

Attachments to the agenda (December 12, 2012)

**Agenda item 3 – Action items from September 19, 2012**

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
Jack	Email an updated membership list to Council members with terms included	Done
Jack with OTIP Review Committee	Update the OTIP call for proposals based on Subcommittee recommendations	Done
OTIP Review Committee	Develop application and budget templates that are more efficient for applicants and reviewers	Done
Tim and Annette	The ITAC and CTAC chairs will seek review of the OTIP Review Committee recommendations from ITAC and CTAC members	Done
Brian, Barrie, Jack	Review OTIP contracting procedures within the MFLNR and TIB	Done
OTIP Review Subcommittee	Produce a final OTIP call for proposals document by late November, 2012	Done
Seed Transfer TAC	Request that the Seed Transfer TAC consider how they might participate in providing recommendations regarding orchard size adjustments due to climate-based seed transfer changes (Jack to pass request to STTAC).	In progress
Jack	Complete drafting of the FGC Annual Report for 2011/12 and distribute it to FGC members for review prior to printing.	Waiting for T. Ethier approval
Jack	Include alder for coastal areas in the SPU ranking analysis, with planting of approximately 1mm seedlings per year, and report back to the FGC in December 2012	Done.
Jack	Arrange a time to present the FGC Achievement award to Dr. Michael Carlson in conjunction with an upcoming ITAC meeting. Try to include Chief Forester, Dave Peterson, and possibly a local Vernon Council member.	Done.
Kerry	Provide the amended recommendations and conclusions of the committee reviewing the role and potential conflict-of-interest of the Program Manager for inclusion in the Minutes of this meeting for general distribution.	Done
Brian, Rob, Tim, Annette	Form an ad hoc committee to be led by Brian and including Rob, Tim, and Annette that will provide Council with a draft Terms of Reference for a review of SelectSeed's mandate in reference to FGC goals (TOR within 30 days).	In progress. Discuss Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> .

**Agenda item 4 – Update on meeting with Provincial Chief Forester – Brian / Kerry**

Conference call held Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> with Dave Peterson and Jim Sutherland (Deputy Chief Forester). Tom Ethier (ADM Resource Stewardship) was unable to attend. The FGC draft annual report was presented and an overview of the FGC and SelectSeed Ltd. organizational and legal structure provided. The Annual Report is waiting for final approval from Tom Ethier before printing.

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**Agenda Item 5 – Terms of reference and process for SelectSeed Ltd. review – Brian / Kerry**

The draft terms of reference for a SelectSeed review were discussed by the SelectSeed Board of directors and the board prepared a letter to Council (sent as a separate document). A meeting is proposed between the board and Council to openly discuss SelectSeed history, current status, obligations, and possible futures. Direction for this review will be discussed. A Power Point presentation was sent and will be presented during the conference call.

**Agenda item 6 – Overview of FGC and SelectSeed legal structure and SelectSeed contractual obligations - Jack**

See PowerPoint file sent separately.

**Agenda item 8 – Forest Genetics 2013 conference – FGC contribution - Jack**

BC is hosting a large forest genetics and tree improvement conference in July, 2013. This conference will bring together 4 groups:

- Canadian Forest Genetics Association
- Western Forest Genetics Association
- IUFRO Population, Ecological and Conservation Genetics (Working Group 2.04.01)
- IUFRO Breeding and Genetic Resources of Pacific Northwest Conifers (Working Group 2.02.05)

The conference will be held at Whistler and is expected to attract about 150 participants from around the world. It will raise the profile of BC tree improvement and forest genetics programs and focus outside expertise on BC work through associated field trips and workshops.

The conference organizing committee is seeking a sponsorship funds from the FGC for next fiscal year.

**Agenda item 9 – Whitebark pine harvesting and communication with licensees – Jack**

The issue of whitebark pine harvest as a “by-catch” associated with higher elevation logging was raised to the Genetic Conservation TAC. This issue came up several years ago and communication documents were prepared, including a brochure and a letter from the provincial Chief Forester. This information is not being used in some areas. The GCTAC is seeking advice on how to communicate with licensees so they are more aware of whitebark pine and it’s non-timber values. It is hoped that through better understanding, more licensees will simply avoid this species in logging operations.

Whitebark pine is a blue-listed species that was declared endangered under the Species at Risk Act in June 2012. The brochure and letter that were prepared several years ago were sent as separate documents.



**2013 meetings (for discussion:**

**March 20, 2013**

**June 19, 2013**

**September 18, 2013**

**December 11, 2013**