

AGENDA

September 18, and 19th, 2012 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Location:

Tuesday, September 18th: Tours of Skimikin Seed Orchards; Skimikin Nursery Ltd.; Sorrento seed orchards

Wednesday, September 19th: Meeting: Kamloops Fire Center, Kamloops BC
(Jack's cell 250-715-6285)

Time	Length (min.)	#	Item	Presenter
Tuesday, September 18th				
12:00			Lunch at Skimikin Seed Orchards (directions below)	
12:45	120		Tour of orchards and research installations	Hilary Graham/Barry Jaquish/Greg O'Neill
3:00	40		Tour of propagation work at Skimikin Nursery Ltd.	Jim Kusisto
4:00	40		Tour of SelectSeed orchards at the Sorrento Nursery Ltd. site	Dave Barnard / Jack
Wednesday, September 19th				
8:30	10	1	Welcome and introductions	Kerry
8:40	5	2	Approval of minutes from June 26, 2012	
8:45	15	3	Old business and action items from June 26, 2012	Jack
9:00	10	4	FGC membership update	Kerry for Brian
9:10	30	5	OTIP Subprogram Committee Report	Annette / Tim / Jack
9:40	25	6	FGC Annual Report for 2011/12; update on 2012 cone crops	Jack
10:05	50		Break and site tour	
10:55	15	7	Presentation to Mid-Term Timber Supply Review Committee; outcome and follow-up	Jack / Larry / Kerry
11:10	25	8	Seed Planning Unit investment ranking and genecology investment rankings; overview of criteria	Jack
11:35	15	9	FGC Achievement award nomination	Jack
11:50	45		Lunch – to be provided	
12:35	15	10	Conflict of interest guidelines – comments received	Annette / Tim
12:50	20	11	Whitebark pine blister rust screening proposal	Brian / Barrie
1:10	15	12	New business; member items or issues	
1:25	15	13	Proposed subprogram review: SelectSeed Ltd.	Kerry / Brian
1:40	20	14	Program manager role and conflict considerations	Kerry / Brian
2:00		15	Adjourn	

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Location information:

Skimikin Seed Orchards

From the Village of Sorrento: Proceed about 18 km east on Highway 1. Turn west on the Tappen Valley road (right after a bridge over railway tracks)

From Salmon Arm: Proceed about 17 km west on Highway 1. Turn west on the Tappen Valley road (just past an Esso Station on the right and just before a bridge over railway tracks)

- Follow Tappen Valley road about 4 km west and north (3 right angle corners)
- Turn left (west) on Skimikin Lake Road and follow it for about 4 km (curves and uphill as you approach the orchard turnoff)
- Watch for a sign on the left for Skimikin Nursery and Skimikin Seed orchards
- Turn left at the sign and follow the straight gravel road about 750 meters (go past the sign to the Skimikin Nursery driveway on the left).
- Turn 90 degrees right onto a small gravel road, through a gate, and into the Skimikin Seed Orchard site (don't follow the small gravel road the angles off to the left). You'll see trials and trees in straight rows.
- Follow the winding road for about 500m to an office building on the right.

Holiday Inn Suites

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/kamloops/ykabc/hoteldetail/directions>

From Trans Canada Hwy: Take exit 374 to the Yellow Head Hwy. Stay on Yellow Head Hwy for 5.1 KM Turn Left on Halston Ave. (Husky Gas Station will be on your Right) Follow Halston Ave for 2.8 km. Turn left at sign for Northshore Business District (First Left after Overpass) This will bring you to 8th St. Follow for 1.1 Km. At intersection 8th St. becomes Tranquille Rd. Follow for 0.3Km and hotel is on right.

Kamloops Fire Base & Provincial Wildfire Coordination Center

- From the Holiday Inn (see directions above), follow Tranquille Road north and west about 6 km.
- Turn left (west) on Airport Road (follow the airport signs).
- Just before the airport parking lot, turn right and stay on Airport Road for another about 700m to the MFLNRO Kamloops fire base.
- Meet at the **Provincial Wildfire Coordination Center Southeast Boardroom**

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Agenda item 3 – Action items from June 26, 2012

Responsibility	Action	
Jack	Post the FGC Achievement Award Criteria on the FGC website.	Done
	Post the FGC bylaws on the FGC website.	Done
Annette, Tim	Distribute the COI guidelines to the CTAC and ITAC for comment.	Done
Brian, Kerry, Annette, Larry, Patti	Develop information for discussion at the September 2012 FGC meeting on potential conflict of interest for the FGC Program Manager with the dual role of providing management services to the FGC while also leading operations in FGC-owned SelectSeed Ltd. This will include input from the SelectSeed Board of Directors, information from FGC minutes where this matter was raised in the past, and any specific issues that may have been raised. It will also include discussion on others who may also have potential conflict of interest due to their roles on committees and as project proponents.	Done
OTIP Eligibility Committee	The OTIP Eligibility Committee will proceed to stage two of the OTIP review and develop guidelines for OTIP projects that will be eligible for funding under the 2013/14 call for proposals. Draft guidelines will be reported back to Council in September, 2012.	Report to be presented
Jack, Larry, Kerry	Prepare a report for presentation or submission to the Timber Supply Review Committee.	Presentation and submission made
Brian	Follow-up with FGC members whose appointments expire in 2012 to confirm their interest in remaining on Council and to confirm reappointments with Dave Peterson.	Done

Agenda item 4 – FGC membership update

Council members are:

Name	Affiliation	Representing
Brian Barber (Co-Chair)	MFLNRO Tree Improvement. Branch	MFLNRO Co-Chair
Kerry McGourlick (Co-Chair)	Western Forest Products Inc.	Industry Co-Chair
Raoul Wiart	Canadian Forest Service	Canadian Forest Service
Dr. Rob Guy	University of BC	Universities
Scott King	Lousiana Pacific	Southern interior industry
Joe Leblanc	Interfor Ltd.	Coast industry
Patti Kagawa	BC Timber Sales	BC Timber Sales Ltd.
Tim Lee	Vernon Seed Orchard Co.	Interior Technical Advisory Committee
Larry Gardner	West Fraser Timber Ltd.	Interior industry orchard owners
Dan Peterson	MFLNRO, Southern Int. Region	MFLNRO
John Mitchell	TimberWest Forests Ltd.	Coast industry orchard owners
Barrie Phillips	MFLNRO Tree Improvement. Branch	MFLNRO
Annette van Niejenhuis	Western Forest Products Inc.	Coastal Technical Advisory Committee
Gernot Zemanek	Roserim Forest Nursery	Woodlots and nurseries

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Agenda item 5 – OTIP subcommittee report

The committee reviewing OTIP project eligibility and process includes Annette, Tim Lee, Chris Walsh (replaced David Reid) and Jack Woods. The mandate from Council for this committee is to “proceed to stage two of the OTIP review and develop guidelines for OTIP projects that will be eligible for funding under the 2013/14 call for proposals. Draft guidelines will be reported back to Council in September, 2012”. The committee did the following:

- Reviewed project eligibility as set out in last year’s call for proposals and recommends changes.
- Reviewed procedures for the call, proponent preparation of proposals, reviews, and contracting and recommends changes.

A report will be presented. Following FGC discussion, the committee proposes to implement changes in the OTIP Call for Proposals document and procedures.

Agenda Item 6 – FGC Annual Report for 2011/12; FGC 2012/13 Business Plan document; Update on 2012 cone crops – Jack

2011/12 Annual Report: To be presented. Approval sought so the report can be finalized and published.

2012/13 Business Plan document: Business Plan and species plans are completed and currently at the printers.

2012 orchard cone crops: A summary will be presented. Many crops are still being harvested.

Agenda item 7 – Presentation to the Mid-Term Timber Supply Review Committee – Jack / Larry / Kerry

A presentation was made on July 12 by Jack and Larry. The presentation was sent as a separate file.

The outcome of this presentation appears as a statement in the Committees report stating support for continued or increased investment in tree improvement.

Agenda item 8 – Seed Planning Unit investment ranking; Ranking of species for genecology investment – Jack

Investments in tree breeding and seed orchards are guided at a high level by priority rankings among different seed planning unit (species / seed zone / elevation band). These ranking also form a technical basis for Councils target for 75% select seed use provincially. Rankings are updated every few years and were updated recently. A presentation on the information and assumptions used will be made, as well as the outcome of the new rankings.

Investments in genecology research are ranked at a species level. The Seed Transfer TAC method for ranking species will be presented.

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Agenda item 9 – FGC Achievement Award nomination

An award nomination has been sent as a separate document.

Agenda item 11 – Whitebark pine blister rust screening proposal – Brian / Barrie

A proposal has been submitted to the Genetic Conservation TAC to implement a long-term blister rust screening project. Proponents are Charlie Cartwright and Nick Ukrainetz from the Tree Improvement Branch and Michael Murray from the MFLNRO Kootenay Boundary Region. The proposed budget is for \$357,000 over 9 years. Field sites will remain for more than 9 years. The following are the Executive Summary and Objectives from the proposal:

Executive Summary

This proposal is for a comprehensive parent tree testing and rust resistance screening program for whitebark pine. The goal is to test 600 parent trees collected from 60 populations from throughout the range of whitebark pine in BC and the United States. Eight long-term field trials will be established to assess family level resistance to white pine blister rust. Concurrently, 35 families will be sent for rust screening and evaluation to the Dorena screening facility in Oregon. The deliverables for this project will be a set of guidelines to direct seed collections for restoration efforts including the identification of parent trees with high levels of resistance, and a set of long-term progeny tests.

Objectives

1. Identify parent trees with high levels of rust resistance for seed collections,
2. Assess nursery and field growth traits to determine suitability of genotypes to silviculture.
3. Quantify provenance level variation in order to derive seed transfer implications.

Discussion is needed on how this project supports FGC strategic objectives and on whether this work should be solely supported by FGC-directed LBIS funds or partnered with other funding groups.

Whitebark pine is a provincially blue-listed species and has recently been declared endangered under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

Next meeting – December 19, 2012