

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**

**Meeting Date: February 9, 2010. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Board Members Present:** .Greg Storie (Chair), Anne Harfenist, Ben Heemskerck, Taylor Bachrach, Rob Boyce, Mike Murray, Jack Hagen, Don Goalder, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets/absent:** Jeff Anderson, Dave Stevens

**Visitors/presenters:** Karen Price, Richard Overstall, Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
<p><b>Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust</b></p>	<p><b>Karen Price:</b> This presentation is a follow-up to the presentation at the November 10, 2009 BVCRB meeting, where the BWMT monitoring cycle and framework were described. There are monitoring projects which will be of interest to the BVCRB. The summary list of projects and 2-page project summaries are pending approval by the trustees and will be made available to the Board as soon as possible. Projects that BVCRB may wish to look at include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grizzly bear risk project. High road density is a risk factor to grizzly bears and the Bulkley has no strategies for road density. Perhaps the BVCRB would want to consult with experts in this field to work towards setting strategies.</li> <li>2. Stand Structure. Maintaining a stand structure that is natural (vs. managed) is an important way to maintain biodiversity. The current target of keeping 1 – 7 % of the area of a stand in natural patches will not be enough to maintain biodiversity. The BVCRB might want to look at this target and the tradeoffs that would be involved with changing it.</li> <li>3. Mountain Goat project: Bulkley goat populations may be at risk over time as harvesting and road development occur. There are options to protect them which the Board may want to consider.</li> <li>4. Natural landscape pattern: This strategy in the LRMP is intended to help maintain biodiversity. However, this may not be the best indicator and patch size distribution may be preferable to natural landscape pattern.</li> </ol>			

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	<p>5. Amount of old forest, by ecosystem variant: The target level is to maintain 11% old forest while a natural forest would have 30% or more; with this target biodiversity is at high risk. BVCRB should examine options and consequences of managing under high-risk strategies.</p> <p>6. Bull Trout: 20% of critical habitat is well protected, 60% is somewhat protected. Higher Level Plans and Landscape Unit Plans do not consider fish objectives at all. The Board should decide if fish objectives are important in the LRMP and if so, what strategies would be appropriate.</p> <p>Richard Overstall: Extending the Monitoring Trust concept into the Bulkley beyond the Babine Watershed would be possible but funding would be the problem.</p>			
<b>Agenda review</b>	Agenda reviewed. .	<b>Accept agenda.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Review of minutes Jan 12, 2010.</b>	Minutes discussed and approved.	<b>Accept minutes.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</b>	<p><b>1. Recreation</b>  <b>RAMP completion:</b> The project does not fit Regional District criteria but they will call Anne back with more ideas for funding. There is still an option to have UNBC participate in facilitation.  <b>RAMP Terms of Reference:</b> Smithers Snowmobile Association agrees with the TOR. It may be timely to send a letter to the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to invite their participation. The next step is to obtain funding.  <b>Hudson Bay Mountain Rezoning:</b> BVCRB letter was sent but was too late to be considered. Board agreed that there is no need to pursue this issue further.</p> <p><b>2. Mining and Energy Development</b>  Rob: No news to report.</p> <p><b>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</b>  Greg: No business to report.</p>			



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perhaps Jeff could investigate the Bull Trout issue.</li> </ul>			
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Updating LRMP:</b> Documents have been obtained but work hasn't begun.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> New website has been set up by Taylor, and documents are being loaded onto it.</p>	<p><b>Update LRMP.</b></p> <p><b>Continue to update website.</b></p>	<p><b>Jill</b></p> <p><b>Jill and Taylor</b></p>	
<b>Other business</b>	<p><b>BVCRB Vacancies:</b> Members in their third year of service must be nominated again and sit in front of the selection committee.</p> <p><b>Newspaper article:</b> Taylor will submit the article to the newspaper, along with photo taken at this meeting.</p>	<p><b>Submit article to newspaper.</b></p>	<p><b>Taylor</b></p>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: March 9, 2010</b></p>				