

Framework Committee Update
April 27, 2008

First, let me start by apologizing for not communicating with the committee members since our Juneau meeting. A few of you have sent me e-mails about an update of the Forest Service 5 Year Timber Sale Plan and I've responded directly. The 90-day session this year kept me very busy with budget and legislative duties, but enough on excuses.

Second, I've got some very good news to report on the budget front. Late in the Capital Budget process the Governor's Office requested that the Division of Forestry (DOF) prepare a three year Capital Budget Request for implementation efforts on the TLMP. The request was for \$1.5 million over the three year period and will be shared as needed between DOF and the Department of Fish and Game. The request, with full support from the Governor's Office, was funded by the legislature in the closing days of the session. The focus for DOF will be economic timber while ADF&G will focus on both implementation and monitoring of the conservation strategy under the Forest Plan. The state will negotiate a new cost share agreement with the USFS and update the Economic Timber MOU. These funds are in addition to the increment that DOF received last year to work on the economic timber issues, so we are ready to roll on plan implementation.

Third, the Five Year Timber Sale Plan and depletion schedule we reviewed and updated with State timber sale volume information at the Juneau (2/27/08) meeting is attached. However, I want to caution everyone that this spreadsheet is **out of date**. The State volume is on track, but the forest service information was out dated immediately after our meeting. There has been a lot of work going on between the State, Forest Service and others to update this schedule with meaningful numbers. I should have a new schedule for the Framework Committee to review at the Hoonah meeting and will send it out next week if it is done in time, otherwise I will have the latest at the meeting.

Fourth, I also plan to have an update of all the committees and how they overlap (Venn Diagrams come to mind...I knew those things might be useful some day) in regard to collaborative timber sale planning processes. It seems like we have several efforts ongoing and it might help folks to see what and who is involved in the different approaches to this topic.

Fifth, at our last meeting several people asked for a copy of the spreadsheet that had the "industries need for bridge timber" from when the committee first took up that topic as the Bridge Timber Committee, the forerunner of the Framework Committee. I've attached that spreadsheet. It has not had any updates since we last worked on it and while the other tabs portray accurate data and information, they should be considered historic at this point.

That's about it for the update. I look forward to seeing you at the Hoonah meeting and see that the Five Year Sale Plan is on the suggested agenda for the first session on Wednesday May 7. If anyone has any questions on the above items or has other topics you would like to suggest, please let me know.

