

Overview of Treaty 8 First Nations/SFM-Network Research Workshop

October 11 and 12th, 2007

Holiday Inn the Palace

Gateway Blvd. and Whitemud Freeway

Edmonton, Alberta

Purpose of Workshop:

A number of on-going SFM Network research and “state of knowledge” (SOK) projects are potentially of interest to Treaty First Nations in western Canada, particularly those related to matters currently under negotiation or the subject of consultations between Treaty First Nations, Crown governments, and industry. At the same time, a number of researchers need to fulfill commitments pertaining to Aboriginal consultation and knowledge contributions and input. In order to facilitate the needs and interests of both parties, the SFM Network hosted a Treaty 8 First Nations Research Workshop on the 11th and 12th of October, 2007, in Edmonton. Specifically, several SFM Network research teams and interested Treaty 8 First Nations representatives were brought together for this two-day workshop to:

- 1) provide an opportunity for SFM Network researchers to share their findings with, and to receive input and feedback from relevant Treaty 8 First Nations, and
- 2) explore the potential relevance of these projects to ongoing formal negotiations between Crown governments and the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta regarding “Treaty implementation” and “Treaty-based governance”, as the ongoing need for consultations between the Crown, industries undertaking resource development operations within Crown lands and Treaty First Nations.

SFM Network research and SOK projects with strong environmental/ecological policy/management dimensions relevant to the conduct of these negotiations and consultation processes potentially include:

- Dr. Glen Armstrong et al’s research on effective policy options for carbon credit trading, including an examination of First Nation’s rights of access to and authority over carbon resources;
- Dr. Shashi Kant’s research on valuation approaches to Aboriginal economies and traditional livelihoods.
- Dr. Vic Adamowicz’s research on the ecological and economic “tradeoffs” of conservation strategies for Woodland Caribou;
- Dr. Vic Adamowicz’s synthesis on natural capital and ecosystem service valuation as a tool for sustainable forest management;
- Dr. James Frideres et al’s research on barriers to the management of cumulative development effects within the Treaty 8 region of Canada;
- Dr. Dave Natcher et al’s research on a participatory approach to aboriginal tenure reform in Canada;
- Dr. Marian Weber’s research on Incentive policies for sustainable forest management in Canada, including the identification of opportunities for First

- Nations to use incentive programs to develop new “markets” and/or livelihoods from environmental services;
- Dr. Yolanda Wiersma’s synthesis on protected areas in sustainable forest management;
 - Dr. Stephen Wyatt et al’s synthesis on the harmonization of Aboriginal and industry interests in the forest sector; and
 - Dr. Ellen MacDonald synthesis on the ecological implications of altering the composition of mixed wood forests.

To this end, the SFM Network hosted discussions and presentations among representatives of Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta and a sub-set of the above researchers. Treaty 8 First Nations representatives used this workshop as an opportunity to inform themselves of research being undertaken by the SFMN that might be of relevance to their needs, while SFMN researchers used this workshop as an opportunity to engage First Nations and set a course for achieving Aboriginal input/knowledge commitments made in their proposals.

Record of Events:

Day One: October 11, 2007

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| 8:00 am | breakfast (served in meeting room) |
| 9:00 am | Prayer (Elder Joe Whitehead) |
| 9:15 am | Workshop opening and introductions (Marc Stevenson and Jim Webb) |
| 9:30 am | Researcher Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vic Adamowicz (Natural Capital and Ecosystem Service Valuation) • Marian Weber (Incentive policies for SFM) • Vic Adamowicz (Trade-off analyses for woodland caribou conservation) • Ann Murier (Protected areas and SFM) |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Researcher Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugo Asselin (Social consequences of altering mixed wood forests) • Jim Frideres, Monique Ross, and Brenda Parlee (Cumulative impacts in the Treaty 8 region) • Stephen Wyatt (Harmonization of Industry and Aboriginal Interests in SFM) |
| 5:00 pm | End of Day One |

(Note: The original Agenda was modified during the course of its execution to accommodate an open flow of discussion between Treaty 8 First Nations Representatives and SFMN researchers. During Day One, significant Aboriginal comment and input was received from Jim Webb (Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta), George Calliou (Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta), and Joe Whitehead (Woodland Cree).

Day Two: October 12, 2007

- 8:00 am breakfast (served in meeting room)
- 9:00 am Researchers Presentations
- Dave Natcher (Characteristics of Aboriginal Tenure)
 - Stephen Wyatt (Aboriginal/industry harmonization)
 - Shashi Kant (Economics of Aboriginal land-use)
- 11:30 Closing remarks from Treaty 8 First Nations
- Mel Beaver (T8FNs)
 - Ray Yellowknee (Bigstone Cree)
 - Jim Webb (T8FNs)
 - Caroline Badger (Driftpile First Nation)
 - Terry Giroux (Driftpile First Nation)
 - Hank Giroux (Driftpile First Nation)
 - Mike Beaver (Bigstone Cree First Nation)
 - Joe Whitehead (Woodland Cree)
 - Jolene Okemow (Sucker Creek First Nation)
- 12:00 pm Prayer (Elder Joe Whitehead)
Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Meeting room available for meetings among researchers and First Nations
5:00pm participants

**Treaty First Nations and Sustainable Forest Management Network Research
Workshop Participants List (n=27):**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Vic Adamowicz	University of Alberta
Hugo Asselin	Universite du Quebec Abitibi-Temiscamingue
Caroline Badger	Driftpile First Nation
Mel Beaver	Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
Mike Beaver	Bigstone Cree First Nation
Tara Bond	SFM Network
George Calliou	Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
Ken Cardinal	Sucker Creek First Nation
Jim Frideres	University of Calgary
Hank Giroux	Driftpile First Nation
Terry Giroux	Driftpile First Nation
Shashi Kant	University of Toronto
Ellen MacDonald	University of Alberta
Anne Munier	Memorial University
Lorraine Muskwa	Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
David Natcher	University of Saskatchewan
Jolene Okemow	Sucker Creek First Nation
Brenda Paralee	University of Alberta

Monique Passelac-Ross
Veronica Potes
Marc Stevenson
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