

Minutes: Northwest Data Sharing Network Partnership  
Steering Group  
July 30 2002, 2:00 pm – 4:30pm  
Pine Room, MSRM, Smithers, BC

**Present:** Don Morgan – MSRM Skeena Region, William Elliott – MSRM Skeena Region, Liz Saunders – MSRM Skeena Region, Jim McCormack - Houston Canfor, Barry Watson - Houston Canfor, .

**Absent:** Laura Bolster - MoF, Elaine Dawson – MSRM Victoria, Paul Schwarz – PIR Smithers, Karen Perkins – Babine Forest Products, Jaret van der Giessen – Houston Forest Products, Andy Fraser – L&M, Andy George, Francois Depey – Wet'suwet'en, Tom Olafson - West Fraser Mills, Stuart Sinclair – L&M, Nina

1. Review of May 22 action items:

- **SFM plan requirements** – FIA funding. <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/pubssfmp.htm> gives an overview of the SFM planning according to FIA.
- **Draft TAC and TOR** – Jim and Don to complete this week.
- **Communication with corporate** – MSRM done, Canfor – Dave Harrison.
- **Meet with MSRM corp in Victoria** – Don complete – see short term implementation options - attached.
- **Morice LRMP data on corp server** – Don and William in progress of loading.
- **IPA SFM requirements** – Indicator Detail sheet – end of August
- **Business case** – Barry will complete by Aug 2 and circulate to Jim and Don. See below
- **Draft Sharing Agreement** – Jim M. has made a start will be circulated.
- **FIA funding for governance** – yes
- **Gary Q.** comments on data sharing – circulated.

2. Data warehouse vs Data mart vs Operational Data Base – Barry W

- Data warehouses are by nature not operational and are standardized.
- Operational data bases are transactional. Forest management systems, such as GENUS is an operational data base.
- Data marts or data hubs are replicates of data warehouses. Push data to data mart so that operational data base performance is not affected.

3. Business Case - Barry

- Barry will forward to Don and Jim
- Short term business case – where are the savings, future cost avoidance.
- Long term economics – do licensees compete with one another?
- Collaboration works for shared interest – inventory, Timber Supply, SFM – mainly strategic.
- Can assume Timber Supply/Inventory off load and if not off loaded – what are the implications.
- Background info - <http://www.carleton.com.au/Understanding%20Data%20Warehousing%20Strategically.htm>

4. Funding

- DSN is fundable under FIA.

- IFPA has listed the DSN as a project – 200K over three years.
- GENUS has suggested \$2,400 per seat for use of their SDE/IMS system.

5. Governance

- Don will write a project description and schedule A. Will use Tim Thomas report for the project description.

6. Inventories

- Four classes of data – Interim/Presentation, Local, Local/Corporate and Corporate.
- Most of the IFPA data from McGregor would be interim, including the resultants since there is no meta. There would have to be more rigour before it could change class to a Local data set.