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Pest Management Task Group — Conference Call

November 28, 2002

Time: 10:00 to 11:40 AM

Attending

Robb Bennett, Ward Strong, Tim Lee, Patti Brown, David Reid, Barry Jaquish, Dan Gaudet, Chris Walsh, Don Summers, Dave Trotter, Jack Woods (Chair)

Action Items

Responsibility	Action
Jack	Discuss Task Group motions with ITAC and CTAC chairs and decide a. whether a vote of the TACs is needed, and b. how to take the recommendations forward to FGC

Motions Carried

MOVED (Reid, Trotter), that the Task Group will recommend the formation of a Pest Management Subprogram within the FGC business planning structure, and this subprogram will include both operational pest management activities and research pest management activities, and that the subprogram will be directed by a steering committee with one person representing each of the following constituencies:

- Coast pest management
- Interior pest management
- Coast industry orchards
- Interior industry orchards
- MoF orchards (coast and interior)
- University pest management research
- Forestry Canada (preferably at a management level)
- Nursery and seed pest management (one rep to be chosen from specialists in these areas)

CARRIED.

MOVED (Reid, Trotter), that, if accepted by the FGC, the Pest Management Steering Committee will develop a Business Plan that will identify and seek funding support from sources that include FGC directed FIA funds, Land-Based FIA funds, industry direct support, Forestry Canada support, and other possible support areas, and that Robb Bennett will lead the Pest Management Steering Committee in the initial development of the Business Plan. **CARRIED.**

Discussion (presented as brief points only):

- Robb Bennett presented an overview of orchard pest management needs and resource limitations.
 - Operational support through FGC directed funds is adequate
 - Research support is needed to maintain ability to meet operational pest management mandate.
- A business plan approach is needed to identify priorities, evaluate costs and benefits, and set out actions.
- the point was made that while this is needed it may not be a realistic expectation given current restraints and funding mechanisms.
- Support for Pest management from other sources is needed, as anything added to the FGC directed funds will be removed from another area of work. Other sources include FIA Land-Based, FII research, industry direct, Forestry Canada, and cooperative contributions from other agencies (such as US companies and government agencies).
- Multi-year and stable support is needed to develop needed research; the point was made that while this is needed it may not be a realistic expectation given current restraints and funding mechanisms.
- Pest management should be delivered under a separate subprogram with a steering committee, rather than part of another subprogram such as Extension; general agreement (see motion).
- Orchard, seed and seedling pest management linkages are needed.
- Motions from this subcommittee should be taken to the CTAC and ITAC, and presented to FGC by the TAC chairs (see motion).