

TGIRT-EIJB Lebel-sur-Quévillon
FMU 87-51 and 87-62

Minutes from the
TWENTIETH MEETING

Held remotely on December 7, 2021 by Microsoft Teams

APPROVED ON: JUNE 1ST, 2022

ATTENDING

Delegates:

Mr.	François Denis	-	Produits forestiers Résolu
Mr.	Guy Lafrenière	-	Mayor of Lebel-sur-Quévillon
Mr.	Luc Bossé	-	OBVAJ

Observers:

Mrs.	Johanne Morasse	-	EIJBRG, animator
Mrs.	Christine Morin	-	MFFP
Mr.	Éric Labelle	-	MFFP

Guests:

Mr.	Dany Hogues	-	MFFP
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TGIRT-EIJB LABEL-SUR-QUÉVILLON

TWENTIETH MEETING

1. Call to order, introductions

The meeting is called to order at 1:15 PM. The animator welcomes all participants and asks them to introduce themselves.

2. Reading and approval of the agenda

The animator reads the agenda.

On a motion by Luc Bossé, duly seconded by François Denis, it is unanimously agreed to approve the agenda as proposed.

3. Comments, follow-up and approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting

As indicated in the invitation email to the twentieth meeting of the Label-sur-Quévillon TGIRT-EIJB, the members were asked to read the minutes before the meeting and to make their comments at the item follow-up and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. The members agree to obtain the support of Lydia Pedneault by email for the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2021.

On a motion by Luc Bossé, duly seconded by Lydia Pedneault, by email, it is unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as proposed.

As a follow-up to the last meeting where it was asked to provide more explanations on the harmonisation measures in FMU 87-62 that mentioned the road corridors that were already protected, the MFFP representative explains that all the measures listed in the harmonisation registry are followed by the Joint working group (GTC), including the road corridors mentioned. He will forward the information to the panel to know if this registry is available to the public and if the panel members can consult it. Regarding the information on the riparian strips portrait in the FMUs of the Paix des Braves, they have been excluded from harvest since 2013. For FMU 87-51, the harvest is permitted in riparian strips until 2023 but it is possible that in the next PAFI (2023-2028) it will no longer be permitted. The OBVAJ representative will clarify his needs for information on the riparian strips to the MFFP and will provide a follow-up on his initiatives at the next panel meeting. He also mentions that he took part in a meeting with the MFFP and the MELCC regarding potential inventories of the meat of fish in lakes that were already the subject of toxicity analyses with some rather concerning results in some cases. The Chibougamau campus of the St-Félicien Cégep was also called upon for this project along with the forestry school of Amos. Everything was put into place by the latter to proceed with catching fish in Turgeon Lake in the spring of 2021. The MELCC would do the toxicity analyses on these samples in cooperation with the ministère de la Santé publique. However, they could not pursue this project due to the mobilisation of their laboratories in regards to the pandemic situation. The OBVAJ representative will resume the process in the spring of 2022 as soon as the new person in charge of this file is known at the MFFP. He will also send more information on the lakes targeted by this study in the Label-sur-Quévillon area to the representative of the Town of Label-sur-Quévillon in order to obtain, if possible, a resolution from the town regarding this initiative.

4. Follow-up on the issues

- **Maintaining or increasing the moose population:** The implementation of the “Mixed stand management strategy”, presented at the Label-sur-Quévillon TGIRT-EIJB on June 15, 2021, is a means to meet this

issue. This issue will remain on the grid until the panel members can have a follow-up from the MFFP to know if the Strategy succeeds in maintaining or increasing the moose population.

- **Conservation of wildlife habitats:** The MFFP, in cooperation with the Joint Working Group (GTC) was expecting to produce the “*Guidelines on wildlife habitats*” in 2021 in order to meet this issue. Changes made to the composition of this committee brought the postponement of the tabling of the document to December 2023. The person in charge of this file at the MFFP, Mrs. Sonia Légaré, will provide a follow-up on this issue at the next panel meetings. A report on water quality was produced by the organisation in charge of this issue, FaunENord, on ten lakes in the area of the Nibiischii wildlife reserve. This report reveals that the maximum disturbance threshold, i.e. 50% of the watershed, was never exceeded. The disturbance threshold of the ten lakes was between 5% and 15%. This leads us to conclude that there is no concern at this time regarding this issue at these locations. This report is available in the members section of the Lebel-sur-Quévillon TGIRT-EIJB website and will be emailed to all members.
- **Management of the road network:** In response to the request to ensure that the forests with a high conservation value (FHVC) and the High conservation values (HVC) established during the forest certification of Barrette-Chapais are considered in the PAFI of the LSQ TGIRT-EIJB, the MFFP representative explains that, through the agreement to share the roles and responsibilities established in 2013 between the MFFP and the Conseil de l'industrie forestière (CIFQ), the Ministry committed to follow the various certifications and to apply them in the forest planning. The BGA representative adds that there is usually no issues and, when there are particularities, they only have to contact the MFFP.
- **Harmonisation of the various users:** The MFFP representative will contact Eacom to add the email address of the Town of Lebel-sur-Quévillon to their mailing list of the forestry work schedule.

5. Presentation of amendments to the PAFIO 2018-2023

The MFFP representative presents on a map the main changes made to the PAFIO 2018-2023. The representative of the Town of Lebel-sur-Quévillon asks for more clarifications regarding the logging from Km 35 to Km 40 of road R5000. The MFFP representative explains that the MFFP is currently leading a study on the habitat quality of the marten in cooperation with the trapper of the lot at that location. Following this study, it is possible that other changes could be made at this location before the public consultation that will be held from January 24 to February 17, 2022. This area was also the subject of consultations by Hydro-Québec for the electrical connection to the Windfall mine. Since the proposed deforestation corridor in this project uses mainly the corridors of the existing multi-resources roads, the impacts on the resource are minimised. The areas covered by the deforestation of the right-of-way of the power line will be removed from the calculation of the forest potential for 202-2033. When the final path of the power line is submitted to the MFFP for a request to deforest the corridor, the LSQ TGIRT-EIJB will not be consulted since the permit applications for other purposes do not need to be the subject of consultations with the TGIRTs.

6. Schedule of SCF-CFL conferences

The animator presents the 2021-2022 schedule of 2021-2022 conferences. The members who wish to attend one of these presentations can do so using the link at the bottom of the page.

7. Presentation of the public consultation reports from June 2021

The MFFP representative indicates to the members the path to follow on the MFFP website to access the interactive maps of the PAFI. These allow users to enlarge images with a higher definition than the PDF maps available in the members section of the panel's website. He also adds that the MFFP has not received any comments regarding the publication on FMU 87-62. This one included mainly the construction of a forestry camp for Barrette Chapais. The MFFP representative will send the EIJB a map with the exact location of this camp.

8. Presentation of the public consultation on the Climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy

A representative of the MFFP gives a presentation on the Climate change forest management and development adaptation strategy. He explains that the main changes could have impacts on the forest potential, the composition of stands, the regeneration accidents after forest fires, the duration and seriousness of insect epidemics, the appearance of invasive exotic species, the wildlife habitat and the integrity of the infrastructures and multi-purpose roads. Thus, the Strategy aims to develop the knowledge on the effects of climate change with an eye on the adaptive risk management, to promote the adaptation measures that will mobilise the ministries and partners and to expose the action plan to adapt the forest management and development practices to the effects of climate change. The members are invited to consult the Strategy document on the MFFP website and to issue their comments on the form designed for this purpose, which must be filled within 30 minutes.

9. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2022

The animator presents the proposed schedule of meetings for 2022.

On a motion by Luc Bossé, duly seconded by Guy Lafrenière, it is unanimously agreed to approve the proposed schedule of meetings for 2022 as posted.

Teams invitations will be sent to the members so they can list it in their Outlook calendars.

10. Miscellaneous

- **Report from the ISO-FSC 87-51 audit**

The representative from Résolu provides a report on the ISO and FSC audits that took place in mid-November for the territory of FMU 87-51 and 84-51. The auditors were in the last year of a 5-year cycle that went well. Next year, Résolu will restart the process for to re-register in the ISO-FSC certification. They focused mainly on the operations of the Senneterre area but also on the area mentioned earlier in the meeting on road R5000. In all, there were 4 minor non-compliances for FSC and one minor non-compliance for ISO. Among the major changes made to the standard, there are the considerations of the woodland caribou habitat, but these do not affect the territory of the panel. However, the forests with a high conservation value (FHVC), affect the FMUs of the panel and more efforts must be deployed to meet the new requirements. The opinion of a maximum number of people and organisations is desired to ensure the acceptance of the forestry practices submitted for this certification. He mentions the excellent cooperation of the MFFP in the entire process to reach the targets indicated in these standards. The animator asks if it was possible to hold a register of the used oil deposits of the wood processing mill contractors. Too often, the EIJBRC finds dangerous waste such used oil containers in its waste containers of the rest areas located near forestry camps or along the road from the forest to the mill. While the mill managers state that they raise awareness on this issue with their contractors, they currently have no means to trace those who do not or rarely use the used oil deposits that are at their disposal at the mills. The Résolu representative will verify what can be done in the case of his business and will have more information on this subject at the next meeting.

- **Feedback on the presentation by Hydro-Québec on the electrification of Windfall**

The representative of the OBVAJ provides feedback on the consultation of Hydro-Québec regarding the establishment of a 100 km power line linking Lebel-sur-Quévillon and the Windfall mine. The representative of Résolu issued his concerns regarding the spread of phytocides as a chemical control of the vegetation in the corridor of the line which goes against the measures to follow in the forestry certification process. He adds that a large amount of mapping documentation of the various wetlands and bodies of water was considered in the analysis to minimise the impacts on the environment of this project.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 1 at 1:15 PM.

12. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 3:35 PM.

On a motion by Guy Lafrenière, duly seconded by François Denis, it is unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ACRONYMS

BGA:	Beneficiary of a supply guarantee
COMEV:	Evaluation committee (responsible for examining the preliminary information provided by the promoter of a project located in the territory covered by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) and located south of the 55 th parallel)
CRV:	Variable retention logging
FHVC:	Forest with a high conservation value
GIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management
CNG:	Cree Nation Government
EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MFFP:	Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs
PAFIT:	Tactical Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PAFIO:	Operational Plan for Integrated Forest Management
PFNL:	Non-wood forest product
PRAN:	Annual scheduling
PRAU:	Harvest permit to supply a mill
SÉPAQ:	Société des établissements de plein-air du Québec
TGIRT:	Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel
VNR:	Non harvested volumes
VO:	Value, objective
VOIC:	Value, objective, indicator, target