



**Nisqually River Council  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2011  
Nisqually Natural Resources Office**

**CAC Members Present:** *Mary Foster, Karelina Resnick, Bob & Marjorie Smith*

**Staff Present:** *Sara Scott*

**1. Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, & Agenda Approval**

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:07. The agenda and the November minutes were approved as presented.

**2. Community Advisory Committee**

No update.

**3. Forestry Conference Update**

Sara reported that the Nisqually Forestry Conference is scheduled for Friday February 25, from 9:30 am to noon, at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. Stakeholders will be brought to the table to discuss challenges within the regional forestry industry and help develop a framework for a Nisqually Forestry Summit later this year. The NRC Environmental Advisory Committee is spearheading this effort.

**4. CAC Structure Discussion**

There was discussion about the lack of significant participation in the CAC, especially since the development of the additional Advisory Committees.

Sara summarized a proposal from NRC staff and leadership to dissolve the existing Community, Environmental, and Economic Advisory Committees and support the development of ad-hoc committees or working groups as needed. The work of the Environmental Advisory Committee would be retained as it transitions into a "Nisqually Forestry Workgroup" or similar entity. CAC members indicated support for this adjustment and expressed no concerns beyond retaining the progress made by the EAC. It was suggested that the CAC look to the work of the Graham Community Action Team (GCAT) as a potential model for future efforts (the GCAT facilitates links and relationships between various community groups).

It was also suggested that if more people understood the benefits of participation in the CAC, its value within the governance structure of the NRC, and the opportunity to use this group as a forum to bring matters before the Council, they may be more inclined to participate. Sara is collecting a list of topics and presenters to incorporate into future CAC meetings – please let her know what you would like to see us highlight.

**5. Other Discussions**

Bob mentioned that he recently met a man who was born at Camp 7 on Bald Hill Road. McKenna Mill. He talked about the significant history of the Nisqually forestry industry and products. Many Nisqually trees were used in the rebuilding of San Francisco after the fire of 1906.

There was discussion about the ECOSEL auction that was part of the December NRC meeting, and the potential changes to Pack Forest in the future due to budget issues.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.