

What interests/concerns you?



Slippery Slope

Futures are pointing to a continued decline in crude oil prices, but most analysts agree traders are overshooting the downside.











The Carbon Cycle



Social License for Change

- Who believes that Climate Change over the past 100 years has been primarily anthropogenic?
- Who believes we have only a few decades to prevent environmental, social and economic chaos?
- Who is willing to see the cost of almost everything we buy increase to reflect its true cost?
- Who is willing to fundamentally change the way we live our lives?

Bioenergy Already Big in BC



Nyboer et al 2004



Competition for wood fibre

1.5 million M3/yr consumed & growing





28 Million M3/yr

consumed



Bioenergy - Bioproducts

- Thermal & Electrical Energy
- Transportation fuels
- Chemicals
- Neutraceuticals
- Pharmaceuticals
- High quality cellulose
- High Quality lignin









Chemical Markets

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Target Automotive Parts for Bio-Transformation – In Two





Di-Methyl Ether (wood→syngas → methanol→DME)



Gasified Wood Fuelled Trooper: (wood→ syngas)

FLEX FUEL: (E85)

FFVs experience no loss in performance when operating on E85. However, since a gallon of ethanol contains less energy than a gallon of gasoline, FFVs typically get about 20-30% fewer miles per gallon when fuelled with E85

Market Drivers

BC HYDRO'S ELECTRICITY GAP BC Hydro's Supply and Demand Outlook Forecasted Customer Demand Existing BC Hydro Supply Mid-range Demand Forecast Historical Customer Demand 85,000 85,000 We currently estimate that the electricity demand of BC Hydro customers 80,000 80,000 will grow between 25 and 45 percent over the next 20 years. 75,000 75,000 70,000 70,000 65,000 65,000 60,000 60.000 drop reflects planned phase-out of Burrard 55,000 55,000 50,000 50,000 **Historical Data Forecasted Data** 45,000 45,000 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025

Fiscal Year (year ending March 31) Energy (GW.h)

US Energy Policy

Figure 85. Cellulose ethanol production, 2005-2030 (billion gallons per year)

2020

2025

2015



20 billion gal from cellulose

2010



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2005

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Lower cost, reference energy price

2030

Biomass Markets Pellets



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Understanding True Costs

- Life Cycle Analysis:
 - Well to Wheel, Cradle to Grave
- Full Cost Accounting
 - What would happen to product prices if the manufacturer was responsible for recycling, climate change and pollution mitigation?
 - Packaging
 Food
 - Electronics
 - Automobiles

Clothes Fuels



BC Wood Pellet Plants - 2008



Economics & Trade Branch



Biomass Inventory

- Objective: to support investment decision making
- Assumption: existing data is not of sufficient accuracy nor currency to meet the objective.
- Treasury Board declined funding request

3 Pronged Approach to the Biomass Inventory Challenge

- Use the forest cover inventory to define the gross "insitu" biomass.
- Use a model of industry behaviour and consumption to predict mill and harvest residues and unutilized insitu biomass.
- Use a delivered biomass cost model to define supply side economics

All (British Columbia) Coniferous Sawlog Harvest Forecast vs AAC (Crown + Private)



Girvan and Hall 2008

Region 2 (Prince George North) Coniferous Sawlog Harvest Forecast vs AAC (Crown + Private)



Coniferous Sawlog Harvest Forecast

AAC Forecast (Crown + Private)

Girvan and Hall 2008

Region 2 (Prince George North) Potential Log Supply Vs Demand



Region 2 (Prince George) Chip Supply Vs Demand



Region 2 (Prince George) Hog Fuel Supply vs Demand



Girvan and Hall 2008

Region 2 (Prince George) Sawdust & Shavings Supply vs Demand



Girvan and Hall 2008

Region 2 (Prince George) Average Chip Cost Trends Years



Net Available Biomass Region (2) Prince George





Eight-year-old hybrid poplar (TxD) near Kilby, B.C. (Extension Note 47 BC Min. of Forests Thomas, Comeau, Brown, 2000)

Economics 101

- What will motivate customers to buy from you?
 - Better price
 - Better product
 - Better for the environment, the community, the family (Mom or dad work there)
 - Great marketing
 - Social Pressure
 - No alternatives

Economic Models Impact of fuel prices and piece size on delivered wood cost



Rate(\$/m3)



Forest Carbon

www.globalcarbonproject.org/news/ScienceHighl...

Acronyms and equivalents Forest Carbon

- Offset: carbon, sequestered due to actions that would not occur if a market for offsets did not exist.
- GHG Reduction: any action that has the net effect of reducing GHG release.
- I carbon offset unit = I tonne of CO₂e
- I credit = 1 carbon offset unit
 - Credits are issued under a Cap & Trade system to large emitters to encourage reduction of GHGs.
- I m3 pine = 210 kg carbon = .77 tonnes Co2e or 0.77 offset units.
- I tonne of carbon = 3.67 tonnes CO₂e
- CO₂e: Carbon dioxide equivalent
- PCT: Pacific Carbon Trust
- WCI: Western Climate Initiative

Forest Carbon Offsets on Crown Land

- Govt direction is to provide for third party sequestration and offset sales;
- Legal authority for this does not exist;
- PCT proceeding with a call this summer;
- Near term strategy:
 - Limit Crown land to that covered by a single forest tenure.
- Longer term:
 - New Legislation

Carbon Offset Demand

GHG REDUCTIONS:

- Western Climate Initiative
- BC Government (Pacific Carbon Trust)
- Voluntary Markets

Offset Market Requirements

- Common attributes to offset systems:
 - No Retroactivity
 - Incrementality / additionality
 - Validation and verification
 - Registry
 - Certified third party audits
 - Project approval by administrative body
 - Three independent players: administrator, buyer and seller

Crown Land Forest Offset Policy Challenges

- Conflicting land use objectives
- Conflicting rights
- Lack of good baseline data
- Risk associated with forest carbon
- What will be basis for awarding rights?
- Revenue objectives and system
- Obligations and;
- Enforcement.

Work currently underway

- Protocol development (lead: Tom Niemann, others: MFR, PCT, CAS, MoE)
- PCT Call documents lead PCT, others: Tom et al, Gosnell.
- Carbon Tenure Policy (lead: Gosnell)

One last poke....

- Its about social choice
- Economic fundamentals must not be ignored
- Beware of the snake oil salesman
- Drive change locally
- Integration is the key

Further Information

- Bioenergy Strategy <u>http://www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca/bioenergy/</u>
- BC Energy Plan <u>http://www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca/</u>
- Climate Action Plan <u>http://www.livesmartbc.ca/government/plan.html</u>
- Ensyn: <u>http://www.ottawacleantech.com/media_lib/cleantech_talent_presentations/Goodfel_low.pdf</u>
- Pacific Carbon Trust: <u>http://www.pacificcarbontrust.ca/</u>
- Western Climate Initiative: <u>http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/</u>