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Art in the Woodlot



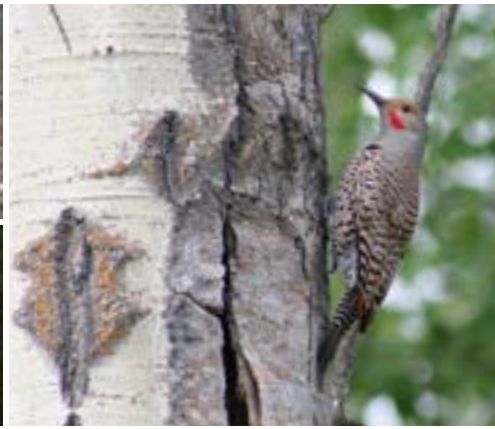
Photo by TheBirdsEye (Quadra Island publisher)

by Jerry Benner

Big Tree Woodlot operated by Jerry Benner and family on Quadra Island recently held an “Art in the Woodlot” opening where a painting by French artist Cecile Liénaux was unveiled to a public open house. The painting was produced as a scale drawing of the Woodlot with the woodlot roads portrayed as trails for hiking and biking. In addition throughout the painting are many of the resident wildlife, old-growth trees and mushroom foraging areas. The concept of the painting was intended to educate the public to the recreational opportunities throughout the entire Woodlot. After greeting many of the visitors I found as a surprise the most common question was

“can we walk on the Woodlot?” Therefore the open invitation not only helps educate but also encourage people to explore the management and operations that have taken place during the 19 years since the tenure was transferred from Small Business timber sales to a Woodlot Licence. On Quadra Island our 11 Licensees continue to develop and expand the social license that creates a viable relationship with the community and governing entities that provides environmental security for the community, individual families and First Nations that in turn contribute to the economic sustainability of the entire area.

More photos of this project on page 7. ♦



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Another summer, another record fire season

by Brian McNaughton

BC Wildfire Services reported that as of September 7th, approximately 1,335,651 hectares had burned in 2018 compared to 1,216,053 in 2017. Recent media reports said that the two-year total represents 4% of BC's forested land base and that more hectares have burned in the last two years than in the previous 25 years combined.

Woodlot Licences haven't been immune. 37 and 28 WLs were impacted in 2017 & 2018, respectively. That means 1 out of every 13 WLs in BC has been impacted by a wildfire in the last two years – many massively! Twenty WLs have had more than 500 hectares burned!

It's been interesting to observe how the media and public interest in wildfires has evolved this summer. From initially being focussed on forests burning and people being evacuated, now a great deal of attention being paid to the health effects of smoke on people and animals, medical problems associated with stress and anxiety, and the impacts on water quality. The impact of fires and smoke on the recreation and tourism industries is now being recognized and reported. Heck, there is even a realization that post wildfire conditions are causal to many of the slides that have been occurring this summer around Cache Creek and Clinton.

The other noticeable shift is that public concern isn't just coming out of rural BC anymore. People who reside in urban centers are now concerned. The smoke that blanketed the Lower Mainland this summer made a lot of people realize that wildfires are a provincial problem and the issues they cause are not confined to the area where the fire is burning.

This change in public attitude is starting to impact WLs. To give you a couple of examples. One licensee described to me how years ago the



Brian McNaughton,
General Manager

residents of a neighbouring subdivision didn't want to see any activities on his WL, so he designated the adjacent area as a wildlife tree patch. Today, the same residents are asking him what

he's going to do to get rid of all the fuel and protect their properties! Another licensee described how he agreed to leave a buffer alongside some recreation trails. Maintenance of the trails resulted in clippings and cuttings being left to accumulate; tossed to the side to rot away. What was previously considered to be minor amounts of harmless debris is now being seen as unacceptable accumulations that increase the risk of fire starting from a spark from an ATV or a discarded cigarette.

It's fair to say that almost everyone is interested in reducing fuels and preventing forest fires. Many WL licensees are going to have to consider what treatment, if any, they wish to carry out on their WL. Some of the treatments will involve timber harvesting, others will not. Some will represent sound silviculture with due consideration to future timber supply, while others will look to eliminate fire hazard as the sole objective. The key point to remember is that a WL licensee has to decide what's best for their WL given the circumstances and situation. They also need to be aware that not all prescriptions will be consistent with their approved WLP so amendments may be required. There may be implications to stocking standards, areas where harvesting was to be avoided, winter ranges, etc. In some cases, a fuel management prescription may require a separate authorization from the ministry to cut and destroy trees. In other words, make sure you understand all of the implications before agreeing

to and implementing a fuel management prescription. It's important for WL licensees to be part of the solution and practice good social licence, but it's also important to make informed decisions.

On a totally separate topic... there have been a couple of significant personnel changes with the Ministry of FLNRORD.

- John Allan has replaced Tim Sheldan as Deputy Minister. In addition to having been a deputy minister under the NDP government of the 1990's, John's background includes being the former head of the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) and BC Lumber Trade Council for many years.
- Madeline Maley, Executive Director, BC Wildfire Services has accepted an acting Assistant Deputy Minister position with Emergency Management BC. Ian Meier, Director – Wildfire Operations, BCWS will be acting in the Executive Directors position.

In other news, Kevin Kriese was appointed the new chair of the Forest Practices Board, replacing Tim Ryan. The Board remains active in carrying out audits and investigations. It just announced it would be auditing 5 WLs near Fort St. John this fall after having just released audit reports for 11 WLs in the Nadina Natural Resource District. Audit reports on WLs in recent years show certain trends with respect to meeting FRPA requirements; e.g. hazard assessments, road and bridge maintenance and everyone's favorite – RESULTS reporting. The Federation is working on a couple of things to help reverse those trends; notably creating a Forest Management Committee and providing licensees with tools to help them meet their obligations. You will be hearing more about this work in the future.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in Williams Lake. ♦

Managing Business to Benefit Woodlot Licensees

by Dean Daly

The WPDC Board members, and Coordinator Cathy McClary, have been busy through the summer managing the business of the Council on behalf of woodlot licensees and preparing for the upcoming AGM in Williams Lake. I thank you all very much for your continued commitments to the organization and all licensees!

I want to give special recognition to the many licensees and their families who have endured another devastating fire season this year. We hope that you have all been able to successfully safeguard your families, homes, businesses and livestock. While the stories of hardship are tough to bear, it is heartwarming to hear the stories of community and neighbourly support as folks pull together to do their best in a frightening event. We again wish you all the best in your efforts toward recovery!

Some highlights of recent WPDC work include the following:

The WPDC investment fund growth continues to perform reasonably well given market uncertainty and the conservative nature of the investment mix. While the WPDC March 31, 2018 financial statements confirm a lower than average 12 month fund return of 2.9%, the latest July 31, 2018 update shows an approximate return of 6.9% for the period August 2017 to July 2018 (July 2018 balance at \$3,196,138) reflecting a recent strengthening in market conditions. The investment fund has averaged 4.34% over the last 3 year period which is in line with the investment target. The Council continues to review this fund performance with our



Dean Daly
President

professional manager at TD on a monthly basis.

The WPDC completed a transition to consolidate our accounting and book keeping service provider. We believe we will benefit from cost and workload efficiencies with the

new arrangement. We appreciate the work that Tina Hesketh did during her term as book keeper.

Special recognition is warranted for the WPDC subcommittee working on implementing the new Extraordinary Project Proposal (EPP) policy. Chris Hawkins, Jerry Benner and Brent Petrick have put in many hours of extra volunteer work to get projects identified, through the policy review process and off the ground so that WPDC funding can benefit as many licensees as possible. By the time we meet at the AGM, the training initiative addressing interpretation of FRPA, the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation and the Woodlot Licence Plan should be completed in two locations (Golden and Dunster), and the roll out will continue across more communities. For new EPP initiatives, the vision continues to be that the FBCWA leads and manages these projects so that all work is coordinated to address our licensees' highest identified priorities. We will share more details about upcoming initiatives at the upcoming AGM.

In addition, significant work continues to be done in conjunction with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) to help the Cariboo Association organizing committee host the October 12-14,

2018 AGM. We look forward to enjoying the Cariboo hospitality, learning, and visiting local woodlots with you all at the 2018 AGM!

On behalf of the WPDC Directors, I would like to thank all woodlot licensees for their continued support. It continues to be a privilege to work on your behalf to steward the WPDC levy funds, and to help deliver programs which benefit and promote woodlots in BC. ♦

The FBCWA has several items that would make great gifts for Friends, Family, Contractors and others on your list. Items in stock include Screen-printed logo on T-shirts and Coffee Mugs, Embroidered FBCWA logo on golf shirts, oilskin ball caps and knitted toques. Order through the WPDC coordinator, Cathy McClary. ♦

Please note:

The opinions expressed in the Almanac do not necessarily reflect those of the Federation, the Council, or their members.



Tools for Stumpage Determination

by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF

Yes, Fall is here and along with the kids back in school comes a flurry of document updates. The stumpage world is not exempt from this annual ritual. Tools needed by woodlot licensees for Stumpage determination have been updated for the Interior. Read on and don't be afraid to throw me some questions if needed.

Interior Stumpage Rate Request Form

This form is needed for new license Cutting Permits and new Road Permit applications. The latest version is dated **March 2018**. It is important to use the most updated form and it is updated regularly. If you need a version of the latest form, let me know.

August 1 stumpage rate determinations complete.

Each year all active woodlot licensees that are not fully MPS appraised will have their stumpage rate redetermined using the rate in effect on August 1. These rates will be in the Table 6.2 produced in the latest version of the Interior Appraisal Manual (IAM) July 1, 2018.

Interior Small Volume Licences List Updated in IAM

From time to time the interior small volume license list is updated by Timber Pricing Branch. This list was updated July 1, 2018. It keeps only those woodlots with active MPS full



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Interior Timber Pricing
Coordinator

appraisals since July 1, 2012 and excludes licences where the AAC for the client in the TSA is above 50,782m³. If your license falls into this category and is

not found on list, please let me know.

I can forward you a copy of the list or it can be found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/interior-timber-pricing/interior-small-volume-table>

Waste assessments for Woodlots.

The Federation's Timber Pricing Committee remains committed to working on a new tool for Woodlot licensees to determine their woodlot waste. This project is still on going. The Provincial Waste Measurement and Procedures Manual is still due to be updated by April of 2019. Stay tuned for more information on this file.

MPS Appraisal Licensees – Updated Interior Engineering Cost Estimates Procedures

For those few still on full MPS appraisals it is worthy to note the updated Interior Engineering Cost Estimate Procedures. In 2017 a full updated version was completed and in 2018 minor updates have occurred. A great deal has changed in this manual over the years and the current version

is a good tool when completing a full appraisal. It can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/interior-timber-pricing/interior-ece>

Road Construction Equipment Productivity Guide.

I have had several questions related to machine productivity on a site. A tool created by the Prince George Forest Region (North area) is the North Area Productivity Estimating Guide. It is an older document but a useful tool to calculate the baseline for productivity of commonly used road construction equipment on forestry applications as applied in appraisals. It can be found at the weblink in the above paragraph or send me a quick email and I can send you the link.

Contact information for any questions, ideas or requests for future articles at Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca or 250-549-3089. If you do not have internet service and still would like to have a copy of any of the documents I list in my articles, please let me know and I can mail you a paper copy. ♦

Notice:

For more information on the Managed Forest Rate Summary for the 2019 Assessment Roll send email to managedforest@bcassessment.ca

Coastal Stumpage and Timber Pricing: Significant contributions to employment

By Ed Hughes

Coastal woodlot contributions are significant

The list of provincial Woodlots was updated (February 2018) which I have used to provide a summary of the number of Coastal woodlots, their AAC and area. The summary of Woodlots by forest District within the Coastal Forest Region is included in Table 1.



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Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

important Woodlot contribution is the number of jobs that are created from the 110 Coastal Woodlots.

Woodlot Licensees are local businesses who support good long-term stable employment and

business opportunities. The number of jobs (full time positions) that are

created through Coastal Woodlot Licenses is worth noting.

Using the BC forest sector employment coefficients sourced from *Community Forests*

– *Community*

Benefits: The economic contribution of Community Forests to rural BC communities (SIBAC June 2017) the employment numbers stand out, based on the 2018 combined AAC from Coastal Woodlots of 330,556m³/yr. For the direct jobs in forestry and logging it requires 8245 m³/yr. to create one year of employment. This equates to 40 direct jobs in the woods for the 110 coastal woodlots, which does not seem like a huge number. When the direct related and manufacturing jobs are added the number jumps substantially by 265 jobs. An additional 345 indirect

and induced jobs increase the total to 610 direct and indirect jobs supported by coastal woodlots.

The 5.5 jobs/woodlot from the 110 coastal woodlots is noteworthy. This is a significant contribution that is in addition to all the other benefits woodlots and small-scale forest management provide in coastal communities. Those 610 licensees and families, mill workers, service providers, mechanics, silviculture workers, and many others benefit and are all supported by Coastal Woodlots.

Market Pricing System Advisory Committee (MPSAC)

Note that as of July 18, 2018, the functions of Coastal Timber Pricing Advisory Committee (CTPAC) were combined with those of the MPS Technical Sub-Committee, downsizing the two committees to just one. The CTPAC roles and duties have now been rolled up into the MPS Technical Sub-committee, reducing the overlap of duties and representation from government and licensees.

The MPS Technical Sub-Committee has begun the annual process to meet the timeline required for updating the Coastal Appraisal Manual, by year end.

Coastal woodlots TAB rate projections for 2019/2020

The Coastal Appraisal Manual projected Section 7.2 (TAB) rates are

District	Total Woodlots	AAC	Ha	MAI M ³ /ha/yr.
Campbell River	39	138,833	22,967	6.05
Chilliwack	14	45,576	7,041	6.47
North Island	8	36,933	8,931	4.14
Haida	4	8,673	1,841	4.71
South Island	24	50,399	9,919	4.9
Sea to Sky	9	19,291	5,564	3.47
Sunshine	12	34,443	6,976	4.94
	110	330,556	62,864	5.26

There are 110 woodlots within the Coastal Forest region, within the 7 Forest Districts. These woodlots are scattered throughout the Coast in challenging locations, which were difficult or not possible to operate on using other forest tenure options.

Coastal Woodlot Licences contributed approximately \$968,529/year in stumpage (330,556m³/yr x \$2.98/m³) in 2018. In 2015, the contribution was approximately \$112,500 (250,000m³/yr x \$.45/m³) in stumpage. Stumpage has grown since 2015, but the more

based on 8 months of data and should be considered preliminary estimates only. These rates are provided by Western Forest Products as a planning tool for Coastal Woodlot Licensee's.

Projected TAB rates (January 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018)		
Species	North Coast	South Coast
Balsam	9.45	3.27
Hemlock	3.97	3.83
Cedar	8.14	6.59
Cypress	3.84	3.89
Fir	6.08	6.08
Spruce	3.93	6.39
Other	13.82	4.74

The rates for all species within the north and south zones are projected to increase. The smallest increase was for Hemlock at \$1.33/m³ and the largest was for Balsam at \$7.01/m³.

Flat Fee Waste Proposal:

The Flat Fee waste proposal is being reviewed in detail based on data provided by Timber Pricing branch. The data was just received in August so an update in the next Almanac will cover this in more detail.

New Appraisal Issues – Continuous communication

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio provides assistance to Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues I can be reached at 778-424-6129 or by email at ehughes2@shaw.ca. ♦

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The Grand Opening

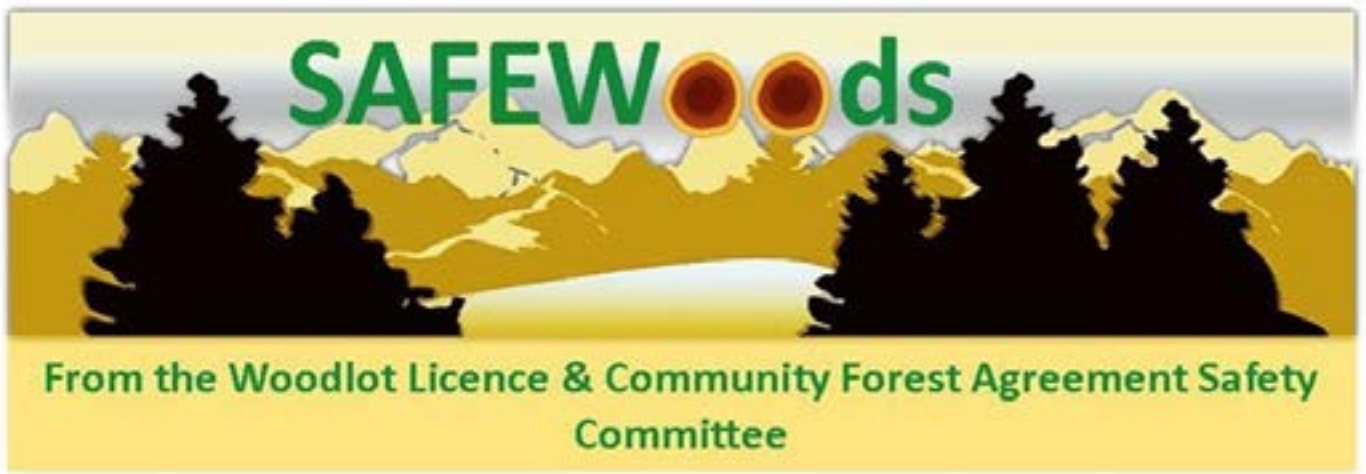


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FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licences and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products. The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy. BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. ♦



Trail use in British Columbia - Who is liable?

Trails in BC have a valuable role in our heritage, livelihoods and recreation. Users range from school kids, tourists, hikers, bikers and skiers to hunters and berry pickers.

Question: If one of those users is injured while using a trail that's on your woodlot or community forest, will the licence holder(s) be held liable?

To answer this question, there are three things to consider:

1. whether or not the trail is legally recognized (i.e. has status),
2. who is the “occupier” and
3. whether the occupier satisfied the required duty of care.

Determining whether or not the trail has “status”

Recreational trails can be established under section 56 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* or section 6 of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* or designated under the *Forest Act*. In addition, under section 57 of FRPA, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) may authorize a person to construct and/or maintain a trail.

Trails that have cultural significance because of established aboriginal use or use by early immigrants acquire

official status once they are designated as a heritage trail under the Heritage Conservation Act. Examples include the Grease Trail and the Hudson’s Bay Company Trail.

Trails that have been established, designated or authorized have status. Often, a maintenance agreement or management plan describes the terms and conditions of how the trail is to be maintained and used. For example, many mountain bike trails have been constructed under section 57 and they have status.

Trails that have not been established, designated or authorized by the Minister are “non-status trails”. There are plenty of mountain bike trails, hiking paths, ski routes and other trails that exist and are used by the public, but have no legal authorization or designation and therefore have no legal status.

TIP

Most trails that have legal status are mapped. Go to Recreation Sites and Trails in BC or iMapBC, or talk to a MFLNRORD Recreation Officer. Also, status trails are probably identified in your approved Woodlot Licence Plan or Forest Stewardship Plan.

How do you know who the occupier is?

The Occupiers Liability Act states an

“occupier” is a person who (a) is in physical possession of premises, or (b) has responsibility for, and control over, the condition of premises, the activities conducted on those premises and the persons allowed to enter those premises,

It is not necessary to own the land to be an occupier, and there may be more than one occupier of the same premises. For example, for a status trail crossing a woodlot or a community forest, the licensee and the trail maintenance agreement holder could both be occupiers.

Satisfying your duty of care

The occupier(s) owes a **duty of care** to ensure that any person will be reasonably safe in using the premises (i.e. trail). That duty is to: (a) not create a danger with intent to do harm to the person or damage their property, and (b) not act with reckless disregard to the safety of the person or the integrity of their property.

For example, a licensee who installs a deactivation ditch across a status trail but does not notify the trail maintenance agreement holder or erect signs to warn users would not be meeting their duty of care.

The occupier(s) is subject to the duty of care described above as long as the use is for recreational activity and the occupier(s) receives no payment

ADSS Project Based Learning Program

by Shawn Flynn

On June 16, 2018 we had a graduation ceremony for this year's grade 10 class of the ADSS Project Based Learning (PBL) program. This was the last class of students to participate in the current educational format. A new format may be developed in the future for the students of Port Alberni. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative over the years. ♦



The First Class 2008

or other consideration for the entry or activity. If the trail construction or maintenance agreement holder has specified rules or conditions for use, erected signs and/or collect fees for use, they have effectively "invited" users to those trails and owe users a higher duty of care. They may be exposed to greater liability if someone is injured using that trail.

Liability Summary

Doing your due diligence goes a long ways to limiting liability. A person who uses a status trail in a Woodlot or Community Forest licence area is deemed to have willingly assumed all risks. The Licensee may be considered an occupier but as long as they satisfy the necessary duty of care, they would typically not be liable for injuries sustained by people using trails on their licence area.

TIP

If you see or know about hazards along trails in your licence area, communicate them to the maintenance agreement holder and/or Recreation Officer. If your forestry operations could pose risks to trail users, ask that the trail be closed during active operations.

Recreation Sites and Trails in BC - <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/iMapBC> - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/geographic-data-services> ♦



1st classroom at airport 2008



Moving student-built tool shed to new school location 2018



The Last Class 2018



Foundation building of the Greenmax Institute of Common Sense and Logic School House 2009



Russel McBride helping build school house May 2009

MINISTRY OF FINANCE TAX INFORMATION

BC Logging Tax: Logging Tax Act

ISSUED: August 2018
Information Sheet 2018-003
gov.bc.ca/loggingtax

Logging tax applies to you if you're an individual or corporation that generated revenue from logging on private or Crown land in BC, even if your expenses are greater than the revenue you received. This includes cutting down and removing logs on your own property then having someone else harvest or haul away the timber for you.

Do I Have to File?

You must complete and file the **Logging Tax Return of Income (FIN 542S)** if you:

- sold or acquired logs or standing timber
- sold or acquired the right to cut, or hired someone to cut or harvest standing timber or both
- salvaged logs with a timber mark
- transferred ownership of the logs to someone else and you had income from those logs
- delivered logs for export or imported logs
- conducted any other logging operations listed at gov.bc.ca/loggingtax

However, if you processed BC logs into or produced primary or secondary forest products (lumber, shakes, shingles, poles, pulp, paper etc.), you must complete and file the **Logging Tax Return of Income for Processors (FIN 542P)** instead.

You must file a return even if you:

- incurred losses
- didn't have any profits from logging, or
- made trade and barter arrangements for the logging conducted

You can file online or print the paper returns at gov.bc.ca/loggingtax.

When Do I File?

To avoid penalties and interest, file your tax return within six months of the end of the taxation year in which the logging operations occurred.

For example, if you cut down and sold or removed trees in May 2018 and your tax year end is December 31, 2018, you have to file a return and pay the tax by June 30, 2019.

How Much Tax Do I Need to Pay?

Logging income is generally gross revenue from logging less related operating expenses. You don't need to pay logging tax if you don't have income from the logs but you

may still need to file.

If you had logging income, for each tax year, pay the lesser of the following amounts:

- 10% of your income from logging operations in BC
- 150% of the federal logging credit that would be allowable before political contributions and investment tax credits

For more details on how much tax you have to pay, go to gov.bc.ca/loggingtax.

When Do I Need to Pay?

If your logging tax for the previous tax year is less than \$2,000, you must pay your logging tax in full with your logging tax return.

If your logging tax for the previous tax year is \$2,000 or more, you must follow the instalment schedule. Insufficient instalments or late payments may incur interest. For more details on instalments, go to gov.bc.ca/loggingtax.

Claiming the Logging Tax Credit

The amount of logging tax you paid is usually fully deductible as a credit against your income taxes if you make a claim within the required time period. For information on how to claim the logging tax credit, contact the Canada Revenue Agency.

Need more info?

Income Taxation Branch

Online: gov.bc.ca/loggingtax

Victoria: 250 953-3082

Toll free in Canada: 1 877 387-3332

Email: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca

Canada Revenue Agency

Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>

Toll free in Canada: 1 800 959-8281

The information in this information sheet is for your convenience and guidance only. It's not a replacement for the legislation. ♦

Purpose of the WPDC

The primary purpose of the WPDC is to ensure that levy fees are spent on woodlot licensee priorities to benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout BC. Funds are collected through powers granted to Council under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. ♦



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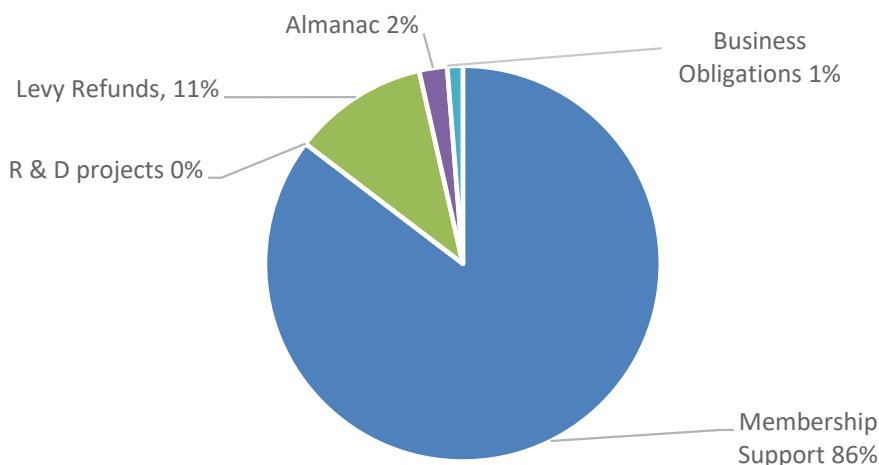
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Where your \$0.25 annual levy goes

The Woodlot Product Development Council has a responsibility to ensure funding originating from the woodlot levy is prudently managed and used only for work and activities consistent with the Purpose of the Council which are to: Promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products; educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC woodlots and small-scale forest management and initiate and support research programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry in the province. The pie chart shows a breakdown of where the levy is used. ♦



Welcome to **Lee Pond**

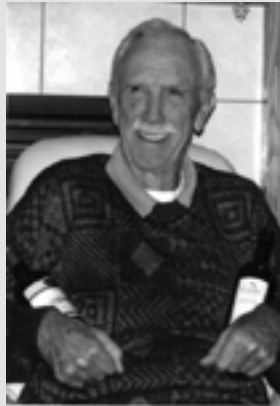
He is replacing Jerry Benner as the WPDC Director for the Coast. Lee is a 3rd generation forester. He purchased his woodlot near Campbell River in 2014. Come meet Lee at the Woodlot AGM in Williams Lake on October 12-14, 2018.

Please help us out! If you are transferring or selling your woodlot make sure the new licensees get their own copy of the Almanac by asking them to send their contact information to the WPDC Coordinator. Also if you wish to remain on the Almanac's mailing list let Cathy know. ♦

MEMBER Reflections

Joseph William Weldon

(Joe, Pop, Poppa Joe) Pop was born February 16th, 1931 in Clovis, California to Helen and Cecil Weldon, the third of four children. Pop grew up in the cattle industry and was always busy helping out his parents with the family chores... Driving cattle up into the alpine meadows of the Sierra Mountains for summer grazing, hauling supplies on packhorses, he truly led a wonderful upbringing. He once got sent home from school cause he still had cow shit on his shoes from early morning chores... Joe met Beverly on a blind date from a good friend Rose and they Married November 9th, 1956... They had a wonderful son Mark in 1958. He got the urge to move north and in 1963 purchased a farm and moved to Hixon, BC. They lived in a small cabin with wood heat and no running water or plumbing... What a shock that must have been... In 1965 they had a daughter, Joan... and started building the home that still stands today... Pop started working in the sawmill in Hixon and then when an opportunity came up he started working in the bush logging. Soon after he bought a D6 and started out on his own and soon formed a company "Weldon Logging Ltd". Pop was a hard worker and



went through some tough times but managed to come out in good shape. In his later years Pop acquired a woodlot in Strathnaver and spent many hours working there... I'm sure he had a name for every tree out there. Joe and Bev bought a cabin at Purden Lake and spent most summer weekends out there... Pop always had some project on the go... Pop loved spending winters in Arizona and loved Hiking the mountains with his good buddy Bailey... he climbed Flat Iron a few times and was really wanting to climb it once more when he turned 80 (this was a tough climb and I've seen people in their 30's that couldn't do it). He fell and injured his knee and was never able to do it again. Pop had 5 grandchildren... Farrell, Jenna, Joel, Mckayla, and Blake, 3 great-grandchildren... Madden, Cali, and little Jake... Pop loved them all. Joe was predeceased by his mother and father Helen and Cecil Weldon, brothers Robert and Richard, wife Beverly, and his four legged friend Bailey... He will be missed!!!!

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 20th, 2018 at 11:00am at the First Baptist Church, 483 Gillett St. Prince George, BC. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to "The Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation". ♦

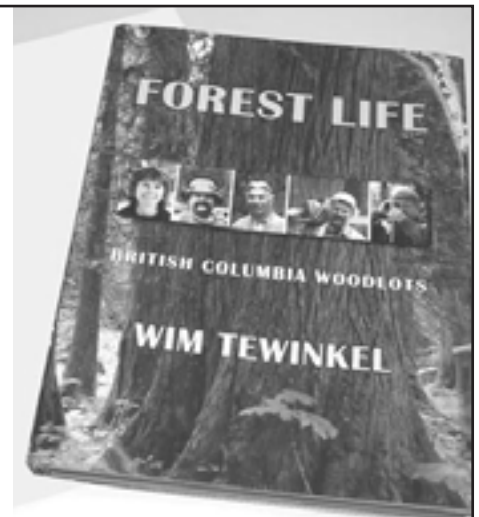
The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block. "Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer with us. If you'd like to submit an article or photo, contact Cathy McClary at cjmclary401@gmail.com.

"Forest Life" makes a great gift

Are you looking for a great gift idea? Look no further! Forest Life: British Columbia Woodlots by Wim Tewinkel showcases and celebrates BC's woodlots, woodlot licensees, and their families.

Through beautiful photos and a few words, this book captures the seasonal beauty of coastal and interior woodlots and portrays the landscapes and diversity of our forests as well as the stewardship of those who manage them.

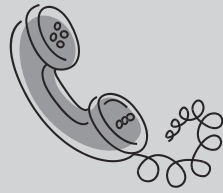
You can order it from www.woodlot.bc.ca for only \$39.95, or woodlot licensees can buy it from their woodlot associations for only \$20.00 ♦



Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals:

The Board of Directors for the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) is commencing a pilot initiative to allocate funds to Extraordinary Projects that are not included in the joint work plan with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA). Eligible proponents must be one of the following: Woodlot Licensee, Woodlot Association, WPDC Board of Directors or FBCWA Board of Directors. The total amount allotted is \$100,000. Applications will be received throughout the fiscal year. In the event of competing proposals, the Board will assign the highest priority to Provincial projects that benefit the most woodlot licensees, a medium priority for regional and a lower priority for association level projects. Application forms can be found on the website: www.woodlot.bc.ca

For more information, please contact WPDC Coordinator:
Cathy McClary
Email: cjmclary401@gmail.com
Phone: 250-961-0271 ♦



Telephone Support for using the Woodlot for Windows AAC program is available to all woodlot licensees or their representatives.
Contact Mike Bandstra
ph: 250-847-4822 fax: 888-273-0209
email: mbandstra@forsite.ca ♦

R & D Project Funding Available

The annual work plan has an allotment of \$5,000 for R & D Projects that will benefit woodlot licensees. If you have an idea for a project, submit a proposal to the Woodlot Product Development Council by January 31. Once submitted, proposals will trigger a discussion between the Council, Federation and proponent(s). The project proposal form can be found at: <http://www.woodlot.bc.ca/wpdc.html#projects>. ♦



Jon Seinen having fun at the elementary school in Houston. Every year the school dresses up with the kindergarten class. They are learning about the letter L. L is for lumberjack. So they asked Jon to show up and do a lumberjack / loggers sports demo with them.

Links of Interest

- Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca>
- The Working Forest newspaper offers an e-newsletter and a newspaper on small-scale forestry across Canada: www.workingforest.com ♦



BEC Revisions, New Default Standards: What Stocking Standards Apply?

by Tom Bradley

Biogeoclimatic (BEC) zones are being revised in locations around the province. In addition, several regions or districts are revising or creating regional or district default stocking standards. These initiatives can raise critical questions for a WL licensee, such as “What stocking standards apply to my planned harvest?” and “Do I have to amend my Woodlot Licence Plan?”

The answers are a bit complex, because “it depends.”

In all cases, except where new BEC zones have been defined, the stocking standards specified in your approved Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) are what legally apply to harvest areas on your WL.

Typical WLP stocking standards commitments include:

1) A commitment to follow the *Reference Guide for Forest Development Plan Stocking Standards, as amended from time to time, that are in place on the commencement date for the area*. This commitment was made in many WLPs because it was suggested in the WLP template (Nov. 2007). This text commits you to using the provincial default stocking standards, which can be obtained online by googling “provincial default stocking standards”.

And yes, the ‘forest development plan’ in the reference guide name is out of sync with the FRPA world. Be that as it may, the WLPPR refers to it by name, so the old-fashioned name is carved in regulatory stone.

The Reference Guide is updated

regularly. The ‘...amended from time to time...’ commits you to using the standards that are in effect on the date that timber harvesting, excluding road and landing construction, begins on the area. So, you need to check the reference guide before harvest to confirm the applicable standards. The standards applicable to harvests already commenced or completed do not change when the reference guide changes.

2) A commitment to follow the *Reference Guide for Forest Development Plan Stocking Standards* but the pertinent sections of the reference guide (including footnotes) have been cut and pasted into the WLP.

In this case, the applicable stocking standards only change when the WLP is amended to include or reference different standards.

3) A commitment to follow District Default Standards. The commitment could be “as amended from time to time”, or the District Standards could be cut and pasted and locked down until WLP amendment. It depends on the exact WLP text.

4) A commitment to woodlot specific stocking standards contained in the approved WLP. These standards apply until such time as the WLP is amended to include or reference other standards.

Bottom line is that you have to read your WLP to know what applies ... and it is more important than ever that you do so because of districts and/or regions revising or creating new stocking standards and new BEC classifications are coming out.

Now, what about when new BEC classifications are released? WLPPR addresses this directly, as the goal of the drafters was to ensure that our admin regime was robust throughout changes in biogeoclimatic mapping, and that WLPs did not need to be amended due to a BEC change.

WLPPR 8(5) stipulates: If a biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification was not identified or was incorrectly classified in subsection (1)(e) [i.e. the WLP map], the biological ecosystem classification is as described in the Ministry of Forests’ publication, “Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification Codes and Names”, as amended from time to time.

In other words, the “it is what it is on the ground.” When BEC zone mapping is revised, or when a forest professional identifies that the field observed BEC zone differs from the mapped BEC zone, the actual BEC zone is used.

For example, let’s say that your WL contains an ecological boundary between the IDFdm1 and IDFxh4 BEC subzones. A recent BEC mapping revision caused the boundary between them to shift, and a planned block that used to be in the IDFdm1 is now in the IDFxh4. Your pre-harvest assessment of BEC to site association level (required by WLPPR 33) agrees that the area to be harvested is indeed IDFxh4. Your WLP has committed to stocking standards that apply to the IDFxh4. You believe that your harvest operations and reforestation plan will meet the applicable stocking standards. You are free to go to work.

What if your professional pre-harvest

assessment says - “No, it is really still IDFdm1!”? Again, if your WLP contains or references stocking standards for the IDFdm1, and you believe you can meet those standards, you are free to go to work. Having a rationale on file explaining why the area is still classified as IDFdm1 would be a good management practice.

Do you have to amend your WLP map because the BEC subzone boundaries changed? No. There is no legal requirement to do so. You may choose to amend any outdated BEC zone linework on your WLP map at any time. Doing so is a minor amendment that does not require approval, per FRPA 20 and WLPPR 21. But there is no legal requirement to amend, as WLPPR 8(5) requires you to manage using the correct BEC information at all times, regardless of WLP content. FRPA 20(2) does require that you provide the district manager with a copy of any minor amendment as soon as practicable after it has been incorporated in the plan.

Now the final case: the BEC zone mapping changed, and your WL now contains a new BEC subzone that did not exist previously. WLPPR covers this too. WLPPR 8(5) stipulates that you must manage using the new BEC subzone. OK. But then you find that the suite of stocking standards committed to in your WLP do not contain any stocking standards for this

new BEC subzone. WLPPR 35 covers this:

35 (1) In subsection (2), the applicable stocking standards, regeneration date and free growing date are those specified for the applicable silvicultural system in

(a) the woodlot licence holder’s woodlot licence plan, or

(b) the Ministry of Forests’ publication, Reference Guide for Forest Development Plan Stocking Standards, as amended from time to time, if the stocking standards, regeneration date or free growing date are not specified in the holder’s woodlot licence plan.

If there are no applicable standards in the WLP, the regulation requires you to use standards from the Reference Guide for Forest Development Plan Stocking Standards.

Do you have to amend your WLP because a new BEC subzone occurs on your WL? Again, you may choose to do so, as a minor amendment that does not require approval, but there is no regulatory requirement to amend as WLPPR clearly establishes what BEC and stocking standards apply.

In closing, some summary points:

(1) Keeping your WLP map up to date with current BEC information is a good thing to do and strongly recommended, but it is not a

regulatory requirement. Timing and frequency of updates are a licensee’s choice.

(2) Preparing a preharvest map that shows the BEC classification to site series level and the stocking standards that apply to the area is a regulatory requirement (WLPPR 33). The stocking standards are generally referenced by Stocking Standards ID (SSID) number on the pre-harvest map.

(3) It is good business practice to print a paper copy of the applicable stocking standards, and file with the preharvest map in a safe filing location. This will be critical information at Free Growing survey time 1 or 2 decades in the future. Having proper documentation is important, especially if there are questions later on about which stocking standards applied to what area.

(4) It is good practice to carefully consider the applicable stocking standards before you harvest. Can you reasonably expect to meet them? If you see issues (such as with preferred and acceptable species, intertree distance, target stocking standards, or other), you may propose a more suitable standard as an amendment to your WLP under WLPPR 13 and 18. The proposed standards can apply to the entire WL, or to a specific harvest unit or area within the WL. ♦





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