



FBCWA Business Report & Updates

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Abbotsford, BC

AGM 2022



October 14 – 16, Abbotsford

Welcome to the FBCWA Business Report & Updates. I'm Mark Clark, President of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations.

Thank you

**Fraser Valley Woodlot Association
for hosting the 35th Annual Conference
& FBCWA AGM**



Host Committee

Kevin Webber
Matthew Brine
Jacquelin McNichol
Rick Biller
Ryan Biller
Jonathan Smyth
Cathy McClary

I'd like to start by thanking the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association for hosting this year's annual conference and in particular the organizing committee.,,
Chairperson Kevin Webber, Matthew Brine, Jacquelin McNichol, Rick Biller, Ryan Biller, Jonathan Smyth and Cathy McClary. Thank you very much!



FBCWA Business Report & Updates

AGENDA

- Minister's Awards
- Honorary Life Members
- Scholarship Recipients
- FBCWA Report
- Questions

Here's the agenda. We're going to start of by announcing the recipients of the Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management, followed by acknowledging some new life members of the Federation. Following that will be the announcement of this year's scholarship recipients, the FBCWA report and then questions.

**Minister's Awards for Innovation & Excellence in WL Management
2021 Recipients**

THANK YOU!

Minister Conroy	Geoff Klassen
Patrick Russell	Nancy Pezel
Brian Amies	Ainslie Jackman
Sara Grady	Brian McNaughton
Nominators	



Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests

The Minister of Forest's Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management have been in place since 2009. They acknowledged Woodlot Licensees who have demonstrated excellence in practicing basic and incremental reforestation, marketing and utilization, and who are good WL citizens.

There are 3 regional awards = north, south and coast with each recipient receiving a certificate and \$2,500. Of those three, a provincial recipient is selecte and they receive an additional \$2,500.

For 2021, there were 12 nominations – 4 from the coast, 3 from the north and 5 from the southern interior.

Before announcing the recipients, I would like to acknowledge and thank the people who worked on the Minister's awards – obviously Minister Conroy, Geoff Klassen, Patrick Russell, Nancy Pezel, Brian Amies, Ainslie Jackman, Sara Grady, Brian McNaughton and all the nominators.

**2021 Minister's Award
Coast Recipient**

C & H Forest Products Ltd.

Woodlot Licence #0043

Family WL – Herb Carter, son Cal,
and grandchildren Lee & Samantha

As a colleague stated...

*"They are the epitome of the
woodlot licence program."*

Basic & Incremental Forestry

- Small cutblocks (avg. 4.5 ha).
- Minimal roads. Built early, allow to settle.
- Quickly de-builds spur roads.
- Numerous wildlife trees and reserves OG for biodiversity.
- Exceeds visual quality guidelines.
- Minimal waste.
- Aggressive reforestation - replanting within one year of harvest.

Good WL Citizen

- Excellent working relationship with the Sts'ailes First Nation.
- Actively engages with neighbours.
- Conducts field tours.
- Addresses old growth and species at risk.
- Sets aside sensitive habitat for nesting eagles.

Sales, Marketing & Utilization

- Efficient harvesting
- Selective logging
- Right log to right market at right time.

**2021 Minister's Award
North Recipient**

Guyishton Woodlot Ltd.
- Cliff Manning
Woodlot Licence #1689

Basic & Incremental Forestry

- Fuel management.
- Modified stocking standards to reduce spacing and increase deciduous component.
- Innovation – Species diversity. Planted larch, experimented with planting Siberian larch, cedar, hemlock & D-fir.

Good Woodlot Citizen

- FBCWA President & Director for many years.
- Represented FBCWA on many committees.
- Active member of Nadina WL Association.

Sales Marketing & Utilization

- Harvesting and utilizing MPB killed timber for past 20 years.
- First to sell volume from the north side of Francois Lake to a newly opened mill on the banks of Ootsa Lake - a joint venture between the local community, the Cheslatta Carrier Nation and Carrier Lumber.

**2021 Minister's Award
South Recipient**

**McPherson Woodlot
Company
- Del Williams
Woodlot Licence #1834**

Basic & Incremental Forestry

- Savvy harvesting practices.
- Attentive to forest health.
- Excellent selective logging.

Sales Marketing & Utilization

- Exceptional marketing.
- Gets right log to the right mill.

Good Woodlot Citizen

- WL is made up of six (6) 50-100ha blocks scattered in and around Revelstoke
- Exceptional interaction with community stakeholders; notably recreationists including the Revelstoke Biking Club.
- One block is adjacent to a National Park – communicate with Feds.

2021 Minister's Award – **Provincial Recipient**

C & H Forest Products Ltd.

Woodlot Licence #0043

Herb Carter, son Cal, and grandchildren Lee & Samantha

Honorary Life Members



An Honorary Life Member is a person who through their deeds and actions has served the Federation with distinction and contributed significantly to the betterment of the Federation and the Woodlot Licence Program.

Peter Sanders



Al Waters



Len Bawtree



Wilf Chelle



Peter Kokoska



Dave Haley



Shawn Flynn



Rod Blake



This year I'm pleased to announce 4 new Honorary Life Members. We haven't had a face-to-face meeting for a few years, so we have a few Honorary Life Members to announce.



Honorary Life Member #9 MILES FULLER



Miles was the right man in the right place at a critical time. The FBCWA and WL program continue to enjoy the benefits of his years of work and perseverance.

- FBCWA Board of Directors for 16 years
- Notable accomplishments & contributions:
 - Negotiated tab rates
 - Forestry Revitalization Plan era (circa 2004) –
 - WL program expansion (100,000m³/year)
 - Top ups for undersized WLS
 - Averted WLS be auctioned to the highest bidder
 - Improved FBCWA relations with politicians
 - Raised WL profile and garnered public support (UBCM)
 - Helped FBCWA become an important and relevant voice within the BC forest sector.

- President: 2 years (2003-05)
- Vice President (8 years)
- Past President (1 year)
- Director (5 years)

HLM #9 – Miles Fuller

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



Honorary Life Member #10 CLIFF MANNING

- FBCWA President 2007 – 2009 (2 years); Director – 14 years.
- Finalized tab rates.
- Protected Extended Road Amortization Agreements.
- FBCWA rep on WL Joint Working Group from 2008 to 2017
- FBCWA rep on Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners from 2007 to 2017.
- Pushed for a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan that would allow WL owners to pay for basic obligations using pre-tax \$.
- Promoted environmental goods & services as an economic opportunity for WLs.
- BC Forest Safety Council ... WL Safety Program.
- Nadina WL Association – President & director for many years.



Cliff & Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range
2008 AGM – Kamloops, BC

The WL Program would not be what it is today without Cliff's contribution. Cliff did much of this while having to deal the catastrophic effects of the mountain pine beetle on his own WL.

HLM #10 – Cliff Manning

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



Honorary Life Member #11

LISA MARAK



Lisa & Chico

- FBCWA Secretary & Director – 16 years (2005 to 2021).
- SOWA President 2006 to 2011.
SOWA Director for many years.
- Chair, FBCWA Constitution & Bylaws Committee – led transition to the Societies Act
- FBCWA Strategic Plan
- Annual Reports
- Communications – UBCM tradeshows, Communicator, website, social media, Coffee Table Book, 25 RINGS, stewardship videos, Almanac articles & special OG edition, etc.
- Promoted WL education in BC schools



FBCWA Tradeshow Booth
Union of BC Municipalities Conference

READ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



Honorary Life Member #12

NANCY PEZEL



*"Nancy has been the glue that keeps the South Island Woodlot Association together and active."
John Gregson, SIWA President
August 8, 2022*

- FBCWA Director for 18 years – 2004 to 2022.
- FBCWA Treasurer for 14 years – 2008 to 2022.
- FBCWA Secretary from June 2021 to October 2021.
- Chaired the FBCWA Scholarship Committee from 2012 to 2022.
- FBCWA Administrator for the Forest Investment Account and Land Based Investment Program from 2008 to 2013.
- Member of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee during the transition to the new Societies Act. Instrumental in drafting the Federation's bylaws.
- Joint Budget & Work Plan Committee from 2013 to 2022.
- South Island Woodlot Association (SIWA) – Director and active.
Worth noting - Nancy is/was not a WL licensee!

HLM #12 Nancy Pezel. It is worth noting that Nancy put in all these years of volunteer service and was not a WL licensee.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



2022 Scholarship Recipients



Claire Livingston
\$2,000

- 18 years old
- Fort St. John, BC
- Daughter of Dion Livingston,
WLs #1502 & 0233
- 1st year UBC – Natural
Resource Conservation

Scholarship Committee

Nancy Pezel, Chair
Ed Hughes
Lisa Marak
Brian McNaughton



2022 Scholarship Recipients



Braden Flett
\$1,000

- Prince George, BC
- Son of Aaron Flett, WL#1480
- Graduated Grade 12 June 2022
- UNBC – Civil Engineering

Scholarship Committee

Nancy Pezel, Chair
Ed Hughes
Lisa Marak
Brian McNaughton



FBCWA Report

**Woodlot Associations’
2021/22
Member Representatives**



Boundary	Tyler Hodgkinson
Bulkley	Doug Hobenshield
Cariboo	Gord Chipman / Hugh Flinton
Columbia	Brian Amies
Fraser Valley	Kevin Webber
Kamloops & District	Norm Fennell
Kispiox	Jim Allen
Nadina	Jon Seinen
North Island	Wolfram Wollenheit
Peace River	Jeff Beale
Prince George	Mark Clark
Quesnel	John Massier
Robson-Canoe	Norm Lorenz
Sea to Sky	Rick Jaccard
Shuswap-Okanagan	Don Whyte
South Island	John Gregson
Stuart Nechako	Peet Vahi
West Kootenay	Tom Bradley

Congratulations to the Minister Award recipients, new honorary life members and scholarship recipients.

Moving on with the Federation’s report, I would like to acknowledge the Woodlot Associations, and their 2021/22 membership representatives. Currently, there are 18 active WL Associations, and I would like to thank the people listed on this slide who served as member representatives to the Federation over the past year.

I also want to recognize that there are some areas in the province without an active Association, and this is something that the Federation intends to address in the next year.

2021/22 FBCWA Board of Directors

President	Mark Clark	Prince George
Vice President	Tyler Hodgkinson	Boundary
Treasurer	Nancy Pezel	North Island
Secretary	Jerry Benner	North Island
Director	Coleen MacLean-Marlow	North Island
Director	Brian Amies	Columbia
Director	Don Whyte	Shuswap Okanagan
Director	Rick Walters	Cariboo

Nancy, Brian, Coleen, & Don's terms expiring, and Jerry has advised he will not be fulfilling the 2nd year of his term.

5 director vacancies to be filled at tomorrow's AGM.

If you are interested and willing to let your name stand for election, please let Tyler Hodgkinson and/or Jerry Benner (FBCWA Nominating Committee) know.

You do not have to be a Woodlot Licensee to be a director!

I would like to acknowledge my fellow directors. These folks deserve your thanks. They volunteer their time to ensure the Federation runs smoothly and addresses the needs of WL licensees across the province.

There will be elections tomorrow at the Annual General Meeting. There are 5 vacancies. If you are interested in letting your name stand for election, please let either Tyler Hodgkinson or Jerry Benner know. You do not have to be a Woodlot Licensee to be a director.



2021/22 FBCWA Contractors

General Manager	Brian McNaughton
Communications	Lisa Marak
E-Business & W4W	Tom Bradley
Timber Pricing – Coast	Ed Hughes
Timber Pricing – Interior	Debbie Zandbelt
Admin Support	Karen Forge
LBI / FFT / FESBC	Mike Simpson
Bookkeeper	Heidi Denney

And I would like to thank the Federation's contractors – without whom much of what the Federation does, wouldn't get done! READ LIST.

2021/22 Committees

Minister's Practices Advisory Committee	Brian McNaughton
FRPA Industry Team (regs & practice requirements)	Brian McNaughton
Old Growth Secretariat Forestry Sector	Brian McNaughton
WL Joint Working Group	Mark Clark, Tyler Hodgkinson, Brian Amies, Kevin Webber, Tom Bradley, Brian McNaughton
RESULTS	Tom Bradley, Brian McNaughton
Operational Issues Forums – South, North & Coast	Brian McNaughton
MPS Steering Committees	Ed Hughes (coast) Debbie Zandbelt (interior)
BCFSC – FBCWA – BCCFA Safety Committee	Gary Hanson, Ken Dodd, Rick Walters
Governance – Joint Task Force	Mark Clark, Tyler Hodgkinson, Rick Walters
Bylaws	Nancy Pezel, Rick Walters
Joint Budget & Work Plan	Mark Clark, Nancy Pezel

The Federation relies on a number of key committees as the means to represent your interests. Many of you will be familiar with the names of these committees – but there are two new ones this year.

The FRPA Industry Team consists of licensee leaders working with Ministry staff, mainly from the Office of the Chief Forester, to address new FRPA regulations and practice requirements as per Bill 23, Forest Statutes Amendment Act (2021).

Thank you to all those who serve on these committees. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.



Woodlot Licence Program – Statistics

Year	# WLs	AAC (m3/year)			HECTARES		
		Sch A	Sch B	Total	Sch A	Sch B	Total
2019	859	87,205	1,448,487	1,535,692	60,615	532,317	592,932
2022	843	75,615	1,357,160	1,432,775	53,346	525,562	577,908
Change	16	11,590	91,327	102,917	7,269	6,755	15,024

AAC reductions due to

- Fewer WLs
- Private land removal
- Combining 2 WLs
- MPB
- Wildfires
- Constraints

% of WLs with Sch A (private land)

2019 - 48%

2022 - 40%

This slide shows the statistics for the WL Licence Program as of August of this year. 2019 has been added to show what’s been happening over the past 3 years. Currently there are 843 WLs throughout BC, down 16 from 2019. We also see declines in AAC and hectares.

CLICK – the AAC reductions are due to fewer WLs, private land being removed, the impacts of mountain pine beetles and wildfires, as well as constraints to the timber harvesting land base such as species at risk.

CLICK - With respect to private land, it is interesting to note that the 40% of WLs still have private land included, but that is down 8% in the last 3 years.



FBCWA Business

- Significant changes to BC's forest sector underway.
- FBCWA agenda dominated by changing government direction and various associated initiatives.

A copy of this presentation will be available at www.woodlot.bc.ca.

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As we all know, BC's forest sector is undergoing significant changes. Many would say un-precedented changes. And its fair to say that the Federation's agenda in the past year has been dominated with trying to engage with government and representing Woodlot Licensees' interests.



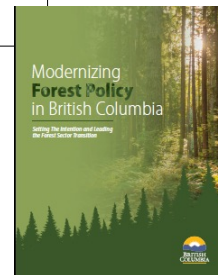
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- Transitioning from high-volume to high-value production
- Interior Forest Sector Renewal
- Coast Forest Sector Revitalization
- Cultural Heritage Act Transformation Project
- Species at Risk

Ministerial Mandate Letter

Premier Horgan to
Minister Conroy
February 25, 2022

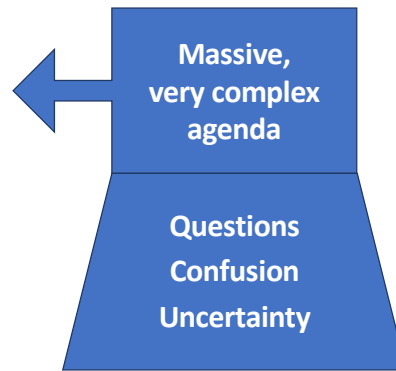


Here's a list of key government initiatives. It is in no way a complete list. READ LIST. These initiatives primarily come out of the Premier's mandate letter to the Minister of Forests, Katrine Conroy and the Modernizing Forest Policy in BC document. There are mandates in the mandate letters to other ministers such as Environment or Lands, Water & Resource Sustainability that relate to forestry, so they also have to be considered.



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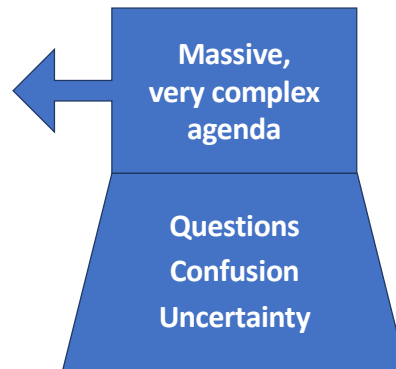


The list of initiatives is large and creates a very complex agenda. They are all inter-related. You can't just sit down and address one initiative without considering the implications to 2 or 3 others.



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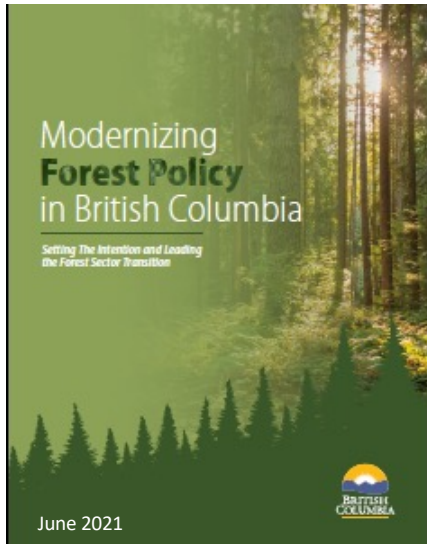


I'm not going to go over and report out on every initiative. Instead, I'm going to focus on 5 key initiatives of high importance to woodlot licensees and the WL Program.

- Modernizing Forest Policy - Policy Intentions
- Indigenous reconciliation
- UNDRIP
- Old Growth
- FRPA Improvements



FBCWA Business



Guiding Principles

1. Increasing Forest Sector Participation
2. Enhancing Stewardship and Sustainability
3. Strengthening the Social Contract

Desired Outcomes

- > Resource Sustainability
- > Industry Competitiveness
- > Indigenous Reconciliation
- > Community Support
- > Social Licence

The Modernizing Forest Policy document was released in June 2021. The 3 guiding principles of the policy reforms are

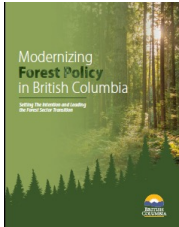
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The outcomes that government expects to achieve are resource sustainability, industry competitiveness, indigenous reconciliation, community support, and social licence.



Policy Intentions

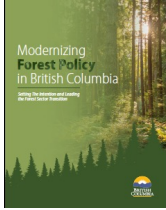


- Tab Rates - Revising area-based tenure-specific pricing policy
- Strengthening C&E
- Supporting silviculture management and innovative investments
- Providing clarity on compensation
- Committing to implementing further deferrals of old growth forests
- Continuing to improve FRPA
- Re-integrating prescribed and cultural fire into forest management
- Creating future tenure opportunities
- Reviewing the cut control process
- Improving accountability in tenure management
- Increasing discretion in authorizing activities
- Modernizing tenure replaceability conditions
- BCTS provincial allocation
- Indigenous Nations participation
- Increased community participation
- Creating flexibility when forest licences need to be reduced
- Revising tenure disposition considerations
- Enhancing revenue oversight for log exports
- Evolving BCTS policy for maximum sales restrictions
- Advancing apportionment
- Increasing fibre access for value-added domestic manufacturers
- Promoting the use of wood and mass timber
- Protecting good jobs

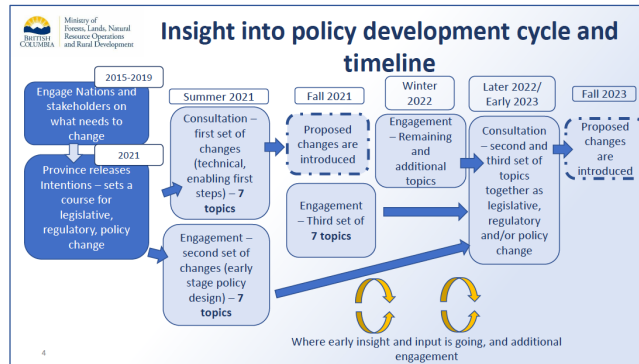
The document contains a myriad of wide-ranging policy intentions. Some of very broad such as protecting good jobs while others are quite specific – strengthening C&E. The policy intentions state what is to be done – but not the how! The how is very important to WLS. We know one size doesn't fit all. So, whatever the policy, it has to be examined closely and considered in context of what's good for Woodlot Licences and the Woodlot Licence Program, as well as what's deliverable by Woodlot licensees.



FBCWA Business



- Some MFP policy intentions are behind the proposed timeline.
- Revising area-based tenure-specific pricing policy (harmonizing tab rates) - Status quo. Nothing new to report.
- MoF has retained a project coordinator.
- Expect to see renewed engagement and progress this winter.



This slide shows how the policy development was to proceed. Some of the MFP policy intentions are behind the proposed timeline. Understandable...

- Many initiatives / massive workload
- Ministry re-organization - MoF & MLWRS

No doubt, of particular interest to WL licensees, is that there is nothing new to report on the 'harmonizing tab rates' intention.

The Ministry has recently hired a MFP project coordinator so we can expect more active engagement on a number of these policies.



Indigenous Reconciliation & UNDRIP

- Court decisions: e.g., Blueberry First Nation – 2 WLs directly affected.
- Treaties: e.g., K'omoks First Nation – 3 WLs directly impacted (potentially).
- Province's stated intent to double the amount of replaceable tenure held by First Nations.

Recent *Forest Act* amendment allows the Province to designate crown land in a WL as a 'Special Purpose Area' for a First Nations purpose.

- **Does government support the WL Program?**
- **Will WL Schedule B land only be considered for treaty or as a Special Purpose Area as a last resort?**
- **What is 'fair' compensation?**
- **Replacement area or replacement WL rather than \$?**

Next, I would like to talk about Indigenous Reconciliation and UNDRIP. I'm going to address it in two parts. The first part involves court decisions, treaties and the province's stated intent to double the amount of replaceable volume held by First Nations – and that fact that we know the Forest Act was changed to allow the province to designate crown land in a WL as a 'Special Purpose Area' for a First Nations purpose.

This raises questions that need to be asked at the political level. Such as, to what extent does government support the WL program? Are WLs on the front line or should Schedule B land only be considered in a treaty settlement or special purpose area as a last resort? Revisions to the Forest Act changed the compensation provisions? Will compensation be fair? Will it reflect fair market value for the tenure? And what about finding replacement areas rather than accepting cash compensation. Is that an option?



Indigenous Reconciliation & UNDRIP cont'd.

- UNDRIP – legalizes consultation
- OG deferrals subject to FN decisions
- MoF – letter of expectations
- FNs - Forest Management/Harvesting Guidelines
- Many WL licensees are unsure about the legal and licence obligations, e.g., AOAs, AIAs, CHR assessments, \$/m³ payable to FNs, etc.
- Current state of affairs are affecting
 - Plan approvals
 - Permit (road & cutting) approvals
 - WL transfers
 - Private land dispositions
 - Etc.

FBCWA is seeking clarity & consistency

Not easy to achieve - 200+ First Nations and 23 Natural Resource Districts.

WLs need to build solid working relationships with neighboring First Nations.

Part 2 has to do with operational realities. UNDRIP is still being implemented. We know the province has a legal duty to consult. We also know that the Province conveyed the right to First Nations to decide about old growth deferrals. Some districts are issuing letters of expectation and some First Nations send out Forest Management and Harvesting Guidelines that they state must be followed within their traditional territory.

The result - Many WL licensees are unsure about the requirements, including legal and licence obligations, to get permits and plans approved, a WL transferred, or private land removed. There are delays and a great deal of uncertainty.

There are 200+ First Nations and 23 districts, so it's likely there is no one process or answer. Nevertheless, the Federation is seeking clarity and consistency for WL licensees and helping WLs figure out how to build solid working relationships with neighboring First Nations.



Old Growth

- Minister Conroy exempted WLs from Big-Tree OG
 - only rare & ancient apply to WLs
- Field Verification Guidelines released
 - focused on harvest areas
 - methodology - major licensee oriented
 - introduced need to identify replacement areas if R & A identified by OG TAP is shown to not exist.
 - WLs 'making do'
- Bulletin (Sept 2022) - Managing Priority Old Growth within Woodlot Licences with a One Cutting Permit.
- 1-year into a 2-year exercise – expect it to be extended.
- There are the other OG recommendations yet to be implemented.
- Harvesting deferral is voluntary unless Part 13 Order is in place

FBCWA now a member of the Old Growth Secretariat Forestry Sector Team.

Better able to:

- keep informed, and
- address WL issues & concerns

The Old Growth Technical Panel released its report a year ago – in October 2021. Since then, much has transpired. I'm not going to get into details, but rather summarize where things are at:

1. In April 2022, Minister Conroy exempted WLs from big tree old growth. That meant only rare and ancient applied to WLs.
2. The Field Verification Guidelines came out in July 2022. They were primarily focused on harvest areas and provided methodology suitable for major licensees. The guidelines were not particularly aligned to WLs so districts and WLs have 'had to figure it out themselves.'
3. In Sept, MoF released a bulletin entitled "Managing Priority Old Growth within Woodlot Licences with a One Cutting Permit."

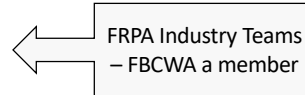
We are 1 year into what was originally announced as a 2-year process. It's going to take longer than that – especially when you factor in government's commitment to address all 14 of the Merkel / Gorley old growth recommendations.

In the meantime, deferring harvesting is voluntary unless there is Part 13 order in place.



FRPA Improvements

- Bill 23 - Forest Statutes Amendment Act (2021)
- Forest Landscape Plans (FLP), Forest Operational Maps/Plans (FOM/FOP) – do not apply to WLs
- Regulatory changes and practice requirements (will apply to WLs)
 - Wildfire management – objective, WUIs, results or strategies applicable to harvest areas
 - Stocking Standards
 - Section 108 – relief from obligations or funding
 - Practice requirements for roads, natural range barriers, recreation, visual quality, and invasive plants.



As most of you are likely aware, improving FRPA has been on the docket for about 3 years – since 2019. Bill 23 was passed in 2021 – and that outlined many of the changes to FRPA. But it also required that regulations be based to enact many of those changes.

Reaffirm that Forest Landscape Plans (FLP), Forest Operational Maps/Plans (FOM/FOP) – do not apply to WLs

However, many of the regulatory changes and practice requirements being worked on WILL apply to WLs. Due to confidentiality, I can't get into details, but what I can tell you is that wildfire management, stocking standards, Section 108 – relief from obligations or funding, and practice requirements for roads, natural range barriers, recreation, visual quality, and invasive plants are all being worked on. PAC set up FRPA industry teams to deal with each of these files ...and the Federation is a member of each team!

Also, PAC is working on trying to figure out how to address climate change, ecosystem health, and UNDRIP requirements in FRPA. I mention that because more than likely the outcome will likely apply to WLs; probably via amendments to the Act

or the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation. For example, the content requirements for a Woodlot Licence Plan may change.



FBCWA Business

Update on FBCWA Projects

- Financial Record Keeping
- Waste Surveys (interior)
- Deciduous on MPB logged blocks
- W4W Improvements
- Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project
- Association Projects



Financial Record Keeping

- Legal (*Forest Act*) requirement to keep accurate records and report information when requested by the minister.
- Guidelines & spreadsheet available at: <https://woodlot.bc.ca/financial-record-keeping/>

- Volume of timber harvested,
- Nature and extent of silviculture carried out, and
- Costs of each of the following:
 - timber harvesting,
 - transporting, by any means, harvested timber,
 - constructing and maintaining logging roads and bridges,
 - forest management administration, and
 - silviculture carried out.



Waste Assessment Full Surveys - interior

- Data from full surveys for the past year will be compiled and reviewed this fall/winter.
- FBCWA (Debbie) and Timber Pricing Branch collaborating.
- See if there is an appreciable difference between waste on WLs vs major licensees.
- Is there a better (less expensive, less bureaucratic but acceptably accurate) alternative?



FBCWA Business

Deciduous – MPB – Free Growing

- Deciduous (mainly aspen) precluding free growing from being met on Mountain Pine Beetle logged areas
- NSR and/or NFG (not free growing)
- Stands are 15 to 20 years old
- Limited treatment options
- WL JWG – working with Broadleaf Working Group to develop options.



W4W Improvements

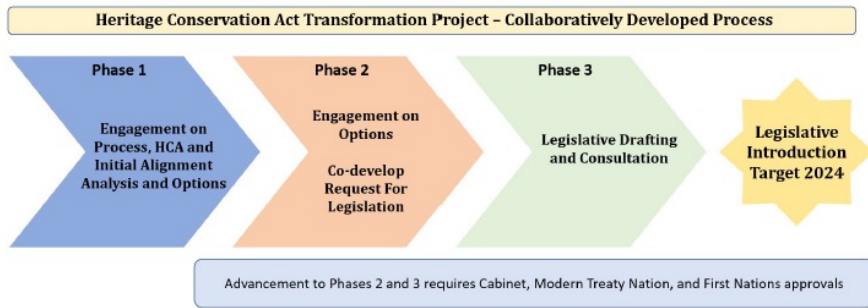
- Technical aspects of the project have been worked out and agreed on with MoF
 - Working on a Memorandum of Understanding with MoF
- Variable harvest rates over time (punctuated by experiences with catastrophic losses)
 - Enhanced usability of custom yield tables (e.g. old growth, wildlife habitats, mixed-wood management, carbon capture, etc.)
 - Add multiple 'reforest to' options to model complex multi-pass silviculture regimes
 - Add built in support for group selection harvesting
 - Add ability to use multivariable constraints and directly assigned numeric constraints
 - Improved harvest order scheduling
 - Add visual display of where the model chose to harvest



Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project

- Reform the *Heritage Conservation Act* to align with the United Nation's declaration, including shared decision-making and the protection of First Nations cultural, spiritual, and heritage sites and objects.
- HCATP has been launched to reform the HCA to ensure consistency with the UN Declaration.

← Commitment in the
UND RIP Action Plan





Government Program Funding for your Woodlot Licence

What is eligible ... constraints

Eligible:

Non-obligatory activities on your woodlot licence according to
Silviculture Funding Criteria 2019/20 - 2024/25

- ❖ Current Reforestation
- ❖ Timber Supply Mitigation
- ❖ Different priorities according to geographic area

Constraints:

- ❖ Schedule B land only
- ❖ Lots of government standards to follow
- ❖ Chunk of work has to be tendered
- ❖ Cost guidelines to follow



Current Reforestation

- Aims to reforest areas not being addressed by harvesting/licensee obligation
- Key opportunities: fire-killed stands, beetle-killed stands, any other damage that isn't economical to harvest and incur silviculture
- Target for 23/24 would be wildfire-impacted areas from 2021 or prior
- Can provide funds over several years for:
 - Surveys – what survived, is natural regeneration occurring, etc.
 - Prescriptions, layout – if treatment needed for site prep, planting
 - Site prep, knock-down
 - Sowing – i.e., sowing in fall 2023 for spring 2025 plant
 - Planting – i.e., planting in 2025



Timber Supply Mitigation

- FBCWA constantly pushing for a broader range of activities to be funded
- Limited range of activities currently funded Can provide funds over several years for:
 - Surveys – what survived, is natural regeneration occurring, etc.
 - Prescriptions, layout – if treatment needed for site prep, planting
 - Site prep, knock-down
 - Sowing – i.e., sowing in fall 2023 for spring 2025 plant
 - Planting – i.e., planting in 2025



Process & timeline to propose projects and request funding

- Mike Simpson is coordinating WL requests for Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) funding
- Email Mike mf_simpson@outlook.com with the following by Nov 15, 2022
 - WL #, forest district, Timber Supply area
 - Description of your project – area (ha), what you’re proposing to do, site history
 - Map – kmz or shape file ideally, or a pdf/jpg image
 - Proposed costs
- Mike collates all woodlot licence requests for funding, submits to MOF by Nov 30, 2022
- MOF deliberates and makes a funding decision in March 2023



FBCWA Business

Association Projects

(formerly Association Building)

Approved Projects

- Wildlife Signs – Boundary WL Assn
- Cedar cone picking – Kispiox WL Assn
- Waste Assessment Workshop – Shuswap-Okanagan WL Assn
- Commercial Thinning Implementation Guide for WL Licensees in the SBS Zone – Prince George WL Assn
- Minister Award nominations - FBCWA

Potential Projects

- Waste Assessment Workshop – Columbia WL Assn in conjunction with neighboring WL Associations
- FN Engagement Guidelines – PG WL Assn
- Custom Venting Forecasts – Bulkley WL Assn

Providing Woodlot Associations with the support necessary to develop and deliver projects of importance to their members.



FBCWA Business

Province-wide WL Licensee Virtual Meetings

- June 16 & 21 – FBCWA held 2 province-wide virtual meetings for WL licensees
- 100+ attendees
- Allows direct line of communications
- Stay tuned – more being planned



FBCWA Business



- Represent WL interests
- Support positive changes for WLs & the WL Program
- Seek answers to questions, clarity and certainty of tenure and obligations
- Minimize impacts to WL licensees
- Avoid unintended consequences

So, in summary, the Federation continues to

- Represent WL interests
- Support positive changes for WLs & the WL Program
- Seek answers to questions, and get clarity and certainty with respect to the tenure and obligations
- Minimize impacts to WL licensees
- Avoid unintended consequences

I would also add, if there is a topic that you are interested in, please approach me, one of the directors or the appropriate contractor. There are also lots of ministry staff in attendance, so feel free to approach them as well.



Questions

- FBCWA Directors
- FBCWA Contractors
- MoF personnel
- Dave Haley – carbon credits on private land

If you have questions about any of the topics covered under this update, or questions about anything else the Federation is working on OR you think should be working on, please approach me, FBCWA Directors, or Federation contractors. There are quite a few ministry personnel present so feel free to talk to them. And if you have questions about carbon credits on private land, I suggest you track down Dave Haley.

Thank you for your attention and enjoy the rest of the conference.