

# THE FEDERATION OF BC WOODLOT ASSOCIATIONS



THE WOODLOT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### Survey results: Timber pricing still #1 priority

Each year, we send out a Woodlot Licensee Levy Questionnaire so you can tell us what's important to you and how you'd like to see levy dollars spent. The levy is the \$0.25 per cubic metre of allowable annual cut on the Crown portion of each woodlot license.

It is collected by the BC Ministry of Forests and Range along with the annual rent and transferred to Council four times a year. Levy funds cannot be used to lobby the government.

# What happens to returned questionnaires?

The questionnaire is the first step in the budget planning process. All answers are compiled along with any additional comments, identifying priorities for the upcoming year's budget.

A summary of the responses was presented to the Federation Directors when they met early in March to establish the budget and work plan. This year, 166 licensees responded to the questionnaire. This is a 20% response rate, down from last year's 31%. A sincere "thank you" to everyone who responded!

#### For more information

This article presents a summary of your responses. For more details on survey responses, contact Cathy McClary.

#### Part A: Demographics

Who submitted surveys:

- 19% of Coastal licensees
- 18% of Northern Interior licensees
- 22% of Southern Interior licensees.

The majority of respondents (88%) use their licences to supplement their income; 50% do their own woodlot administration, and 44% share the work with a contractor.

91% of respondents were male, and the majority of respondents (67%) were aged 40-59, and most have been a licensee for at least ten years.

# Part B: Mountain pine beetle (MPB) impact

65% of respondents from the Northern and Southern Interior said that their woodlots were affected by the MPB, and they reported that

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#### Message from the President of the FBCWA

## No one said change would be easy

by Brent Petrick

It was with great disappointment that I received the Deputy Minister's call on Dec 22, 2006, which in effect stalled the Minister's promise of implementing the WARRT principles and expansion outlined in the Minister's letter to the FBCWA on Dec 12, 2006.

The MoFR has dodged a political bullet by implementing a BSP regime that allows many northern licensees to operate in current market conditions. However, this is very reactionary, short-term thinking and may in fact create as many

problems as it solves.

The FBCWA Executive still backs the Minster's letter on Dec 12 as a step to correct many administrative and market issues while retaining a revenue-neutral stumpage position for the crown in the Interior woodlot program. There remains work to do on the coast to find a middle ground that achieves the objectives of the Minister and FBCWA.

No one said that change would be easy, and I can attest to many sleepless hours wondering what is the best course of action. I commend everyone who works and volunteers for the woodlot cause.

These are difficult frustrat-

ing times for everyone. We have consistently provided logical discussion and kept the objectives of the Executive and Directors in mind as we weave our way through the vortex called WARRT and FRPA Implementation.

We stand committed to the principles of WARRT as approved by the Minister and reaffirmed in his Dec 12 letter.

We will not and cannot accept less! ◆

### Message from the President of the WPDC

## Review may lead to fresh perspectives

by Paul Galliazzo

The current project among the directors is to review the document that led to the formation of the Woodlot Product Development Council almost 10 years ago.

The Final Development Plan for the British Columbia Woodlot Product Development Council was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the *Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act* (FFIDA) and was subject to the approval of the Minister of Agriculture at the time.

The development plan document laid out the reasons for forming a Council and specified the operating procedures including, such items as numbers of directors and a goal of regional representation. There were some initial budget projections based on the "state of the woodlot program" at the time.

It is interesting to look at the initial revenue projections from the

25 cent levy, given that they were based on "normal" harvest levels. Our current fund of close to 1.5 million dollars, created by the Pine Beetle epidemic, was never imagined.

For the past few years we have focused on process related refinements to make the Council run as smoothly and effectively as possible. We felt it was time to have a look at the basic direction that is being taken by Council.

The intent is not to look for wholesale change, but to consider whether some adjustment might be necessary. My philosophy as President has been to try to avoid duplicating the mandates of the Federation committees, while keeping in mind that Council represents all licensees, whether or not they are affiliated with the Woodlot Federation.

This will continue to guide my approach to the review. We have a

new group of directors with some fresh per-

spectives . . . we will see what they have say.

This review process is just starting and there is no fixed timeline in place as yet. There will be some useful information to consider arising from the strategic planning process that the Federation has just completed. You will be hearing from us as we progress.

As a final word, I would like to say that I have been impressed and frankly, amazed by the level of effort put in by a key bunch of individuals in the Federation (led by President Brent) to try to make the tabular rates and administrative streamlining initiative work.

Thanks a lot, folks! ♦





by Brian McNaughton

Achieving fair stumpage rates reflective of actual log prices has long been a priority of the Federation. Year after year the WPDC/FBCWA questionnaire has identified "achieving a fair stumpage system" as the Federation's #1 priority.

The culmination of countless hours of hard work appeared imminent, at least for interior WLs, when a letter dated December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was received from the Minister of Forests and Range stating that interior WLs would be shifting to tabular rates effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

However, in late December 2006, the Ministry of Forests and Range advised the Federation that they were "standing down" on interior tabular rates for the time being and further discussions were necessary. The MOFR did acknowledge the need to address urgent beetle issues (mountain pine, spruce and fir).

A short-term blanket salvage permit option for WLs within an emergency bark-beetle management unit was implemented on January 12<sup>th</sup>, with stumpage rates of 35% of table 6.1 rates in the Interior Appraisal Manual.

This option was implemented to address WLs in the direst of circumstances due to active beetle attack, rapidly declining dead wood quality, limited harvesting season, etc. Much of the dead timber was not going to last through another summer! This arrangement expires on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Despite the Federation's best

# General Manager's report The saga of tabular rates

efforts, no agreement regarding tabular rates could be reached for the coast. However, the Minister's letter of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> did leave the door open to re-visit coast tab rates sometime in the future if coast associations and WL licensees decide to do so.

Tabular stumpage rates or some other form of timber pricing is imperative to achieving many of the most significant WARRT savings; i.e. one CP over an entire WL, elimination of cruise plans and cruising, no more appraisal submissions, etc. The Federation has not lost sight of the ultimate goals – fair and affordable stumpage rates and much more efficient and cost-effective administration.

Obviously, the situation with tabular rates has not turned out the way the Federation anticipated or had hoped; at least not yet!

Discussions with the MOFR are planned for late January.

#### **Woodlot Licence Plans**

An Order-in-Council approved on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 extended the expiry date for WL FDPs set to expire on December 31, 2006 or sometime in 2007 until December 31, 2007. No action or application is required by a licensee to effect this extension. It was done automatically by the change to the regulation.

Those licensees whose plans now expire on Dec. 31, 2007 or shortly thereafter are encouraged to get their Woodlot Licence Plan drafted, submitted to, and approved by the MOFR as soon as possible. At last count there were approximately 500 WLPs that will have to be approved by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

We're told that districts are

aware of this looming huge workload and will adjust resources accordingly.

However, it's in a licensees' best interest to get their WLP submitted ASAP. FYI, there is no legal option available to have these FDPs extended again!

This does not affect FDPs with expiry dates beyond December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. These plans can run to term unless a licensee decides to replace it with a Woodlot Licence Plan. ◆

# Jerry Benner serves on BC Forest Safety Council

Thanks to Jerry Benner of Quadra Island for volunteering to be the FBCWA representative on the Fallers Certification Advisory Committee under the BC Forest Safety Council.

Jerry is a certified faller who has been falling trees since 1975. ◆

### Please note:

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



# Interior blanket salvage permit rates: Update for woodlot licensees

by Dean Daly

The Ministry of Forests and Range has implemented a revised IAM Amendment #18 which provides for licensees to appraise interior Blanket Salvage Permits for bark-beetle-killed timber using a modified tabular rate until April 15, 2007.

In addition to clarifying that the BSPs allow for harvest of up to 5000 m3 or 15 ha per opening, the MOFR has determined that all BSPs will be reappraised as of January 12, 2007 to a rate which is 35% of the Table 6-1 stumpage rates for each of the specific species and forest zones.

The FBCWA raised several significant concerns regarding the MOFR revised Amendment #18, including

- 1. The potential for appeal by licensees whose BSP rates were lower than the amendment rates.
- 2. Compensation process for licensees who started harvest operations between December 21, 2006 and January 1, 2007, anticipating tabular rates as outlined in the original Amendment 18 (December 21, 2006 letter from the Minister which notified licensees of the original Amendment 18 tabular rates effective January 1, 2007).
- 3. The need for a long-term solution for small-scale tenure tabular stumpage rates which fairly reflects log markets and the lack of economies of scale associated with woodlot administration, planning, and operating costs.

The FBCWA believes that the MOFR is committed to addressing



the issues we raised. The final version of Amendment 18, although helpful in the short term for many licensees whose woodlot timber has been killed by beetles, is not a suitable long-term solution for woodlot timber pricing.

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# Purpose of the Woodlot Product Development Council

The primary purpose of the WPDC is to ensure that levy fees are spent on woodlot licensee priorities that will benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout BC.

Funds are collected through the powers granted to the Council under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. •



### Reminder to all woodlot licensees

Annual reports are due April 30<sup>th</sup> and must be submitted electronically to the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Most licensees should be able to fill out the form themselves. However, spatial information (maps) must be submitted in XML format, so a service provider will likely be necessary.

In order to minimize the cost of a service provider, it is recommended licensees provide as much information as possible and avoid using the service provider to do research, look for information, or create data.

For your information, the Ministry of Forests and Range is responsible for entering Woodlot data submitted last year or years previous. ◆



### Coastal timber pricing portfolio: An "interesting time"

by John Marlow

It has been an interesting

fall / winter in the world of timber pricing here on the coast.

This was one of the busiest times in regard to Ministry of Forests negotiations, licensee communications, and brainstorming on timber pricing methodologies; all in regard to moving towards the much-anticipated tabular timber appraisal methodology. Ironically, in the end, there are essentially no changes to timber pricing on the coast, due to concerns with Article 17 of the Softwood Lumber Agreement with the US.

As of the end of 2006, the Ministry of Forests' proposed tabular system on the coast was essentially a system where coast licensees would pay 67% of the major licensee rates updated annually. This relatively high percentage (compared to 27% in the interior) was based on the fact that major licensees on the coast are paying relatively low stumpage rates at present, such that the woodlot rates (typically similar year to year) are a high percentage of the major rates. This 67% rate was generally not accepted by woodlot licensees on the coast

The Minister of Forests sent a letter to the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (December 12, 2006) advising that the interior would go tabular on January 1, 2007, and that the coast would stay on MPS, but that the Minister was willing to work further towards a tabular system on the coast.

On December 22 we received word that tabular appraisals would not be implemented on the coast or in the interior due to concerns with the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

In addition to the cancellation of

the tabular system, Amendment 16 (draft) of the CAM was rescinded and drafted to extend the Second Growth Coniferous Timber Adjustment until the end of 2007.

Again, due to the Softwood Lumber Agreement, the adjustment is reduced to \$1.84 from \$3.67, because that was the status of that allowance when the SLA was signed.

This confusing series of communications has had serious repercussions for interior licensees in pine beetle areas, and the Federation and the Ministry of Forests are working towards short-term solutions to these issues first.

It is hoped that discussions with senior MOF staff and Revenue Branch will commence shortly in regard to other timber pricing options on the coast (as well as other WARRT issues, such as program expansion).

# Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee (CTPAC) / MPS Technical Subcommittee

The Federation continues to participate on both these committees and a new Coast Appraisal Manual is expected to be released in March or April. Several policy changes will (may) be implemented in the new manual including 1) Cut Bank Height Method for road costing (currently in place) and 2) Call Grade / Net Factoring (CGNF) cruising (a revised method of timber cruising).

#### **Stump Removal**

Inclusion of a Specified Operations Allowance for stump removal has been discussed for some time now and the Federation (FBCWA) has requested that this allowance be included in the new manual. Although there has been little disagreement amongst committee members that this cost should be allowed, the recent tabular rate con-

flict with the Softwood Lumber Agreement causes some concern over the willingness of the Ministry of Forests to implement other cost allowances in appraisals.

#### **Appraisal Forecasting**

As we will continue with timber appraisals on the coast, stumpage rates will continued to be based on Vancouver Log Market prices, with 3-month average prices updated monthly. Note that with the decrease in the Second Growth Adjustment Factor, second growth appraisals will all increase (relatively) by \$1.83.

**Disclaimer**: The following estimates are based on current available Vancouver log market sales ending in Nov, 2006, as well as future predicted log trends.

- The three-month average Fd log prices have remained relatively stable over the last quarter, with current increased demand for Fd. Corresponding Fd stumpage rates will also remain stable for the next month, with minor increases expected in the next quarter.
- Cw prices had risen substantially over the last year (\$40.00 increase). Prices have been stable over the last month and drastic increases are not expected. As demand for Cw is still high, stumpage rates are expected to be stable or rise marginally over the next quarter
- Hemlock prices (grade H, I, J) continue to be stable and are expected to continue in the near future, although there is at present increased demand for Hw.

If there are stumpage issues that should be discussed at the CTPAC meetings or if clarification of issues is required, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:jmarlow@oberon.ark.com">jmarlow@oberon.ark.com</a> or at (250)285-2544 (Rockview Resources Limited). ◆

# Federation of BC Woodlot Associations 20<sup>th</sup> and

# Woodlot Product Development Council 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference



The **South Island Woodlot Association** is pleased to be hosting the **2007 Annual General Meetings** of the **Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations** and the **Woodlot Product Development Council.** 

Date: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Location: Port Alberni, B.C.

The proposed theme of the AGM is **Steaming into the Future: Ride the Woodlot Train** 

Discussions, workshops and tour topics may include:

- The evolution of the woodlot licence program and forest management, from the first farm woodlots to the new woodlot licences of the future.
- The changing issues of today affecting woodlot licensees and private forest landowners, such as species at risk, First Nations perspectives, fire protection, forest safety, and recreational use.
- The emerging issues that will affect woodlot licensees and private forest landowners of the future, such as climate change and carbon sequestration.

The highlight of the event will be a trip through the Alberni Valley to the McLean Mill National Historic Site on a train pulled by a completely restored 1929 ex-logging locomotive. The fully operational steam-powered sawmill is the only one in Canada.

All woodlot licensees, private forest landowners and interested parties are welcome.

For registration, contact Cathy McClary at the Woodlot Product Development Council:

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### **Update on non-timber forest products (NTFP)**

Update prepared by the Ministry of Forests and Range for the 2006 - 2007 Estimates Debate.

- The value of NTFPs to the rural economy and their significance to First Nations is becoming increasingly recognized.
- In 1997 the NTFP sector was valued at \$600M per year, with over 30,000 British Columbians earning all or part of their living from the sector.
- Over 200 species are harvested for sale, with mushrooms and floral greenery the largest "crops". Other products include wild foods such as berries, teas, herbs, honey and syrups, medicinal and landscaping plants, and arts and craft products.
- There is increasing interest in the potential of the wild harvested nutraceutical (healthenhancing plants) and bioproducts sub-sectors, particularly in MPB affected areas.
- Currently most NTFP harvesting is not regulated.
- Some First Nations claim that their traditional aboriginal rights include the right to haryest non-timber resources.

- Agreements in principle associated with treaties assign First Nations the rights to manage NTFPs.
- The province has granted NTFP harvesting rights through Community Forest tenures and a First Nations treaty (Nisga'a).
- Government proposes to move ahead cautiously on the development of policy regarding NTFPs, to avoid disrupting existing small businesses and to respect the new relationship with First Nations.
- Government is cooperating with the Center for Non Timber Resources (CNTR) at Royal Roads University on numerous initiatives and is funding research on policy options and commercialization of NTFPs.
- The CNTR has been a key agency in the province for several years. They have led numerous studies and needs assessments, hosted international events, delivered training sessions, and advised on policy. MoFR has supported and funded the Center for several years.

- In 2006, MLA Kevin Krueger, Chair of the Caucus Committee on Natural Resources and the Economy asked the CNTR to brief him on why the province should invest in non timber forest resources and suggest a course of action. The CNTR recommended that the existing interagency NTFP committee develop a draft provincial NTFP strategy.
- The Ministry of Forests and Range contributed \$30K to CNTR in 06/07 to work with the interagency NTFP committee to facilitate the development of a provincial NTFP strategy. This group is beginning the establishment of pilot studies to evaluate alternative management models for NTFPs. These include various forms of tenure including Community Forests, private lands, First Nations partnerships etc.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands granted the CNTR \$50K in March 2006 to facilitate the commercialization of non timber forest products with agroforestry potential. ◆



Farmers, rural landowners, woodlot managers, or anyone interested in a new small business opportunity or small-scale food production, are invited to participate in this unique training opportunity.

### Learn how to tap birch and make syrup: Two-day training event in Quesnel in April

A one-day workshop, followed by a second day of production demonstration and training will provide participants with

- An overview and on farm demonstration of birch tapping and sap collection;
- An overview and on farm demonstration of birch syrup processing from the raw sap;
- Information on relevant processing, food safety and labeling regulations; and,
- Information and training on markets and marketing.

Additional workshop details and registration forms will be available through the Agroforestry Initiative website (www.woodlot.bc.ca/agroforestry/).

Due to the 'hands-on' nature of this training, registration will be capped.

For more information, or to reserve a space in the workshop, please contact the Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation at (250) 992–3522 or email them at

mail@quesnelcorp.com •

# Food and forestry: A winning combination

By Ed Morrice, CNC Forestry Instructor

On February 1, the Canadian Institute of Forestry, with the support of Ed Morrice and Stacy Dingman from the College of New Caledonia's Forest Resource Technology program, sponsored an Employment Networking/Chili Competition at the soccer Field House in Prince George.

Fourteen different employers from across northern BC were present and met with approximately 30 current and former CNC students.

It was an opportunity to make connections and to learn about the (limited) supply of and (considerable) demand for skilled forest practitioners.

Students also voted for the best employer-made chili, with Forsite taking the prize! ◆

### **Links of interest**

- Coast MPS parameters: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/timberp/parameters/coast/index.htm">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/timberp/parameters/coast/index.htm</a>
- One- and three-month Coast and Interior log market reports: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca.hva/timberp/amv.htm">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca.hva/timberp/amv.htm</a>
- Woodlot Association of Alberta: <u>www.woodlot.org</u> •

# Forestry employers are competing for employees — Don't miss the deadline for \$500 FBCWA scholarship!

If you or someone you know would like \$500 towards a post-secondary education, consider applying for the special FBCWA scholarship award (see page 12 and 13 of this issue).

"Forestry employers are competing for students," says Ed Morrice, a forestry instructor at the College of New Caledonia (CNC), which offers a diploma in forest resource technology. "There's a

definite shortage of qualified employees. Whether they go to work immediately as forest technologists, or continue to a forestry degree, graduates can be assured of a rewarding career where they'll be in demand."

But don't wait too long to apply for the scholarship — the deadline is April 25, 2007.◆

### **Forest Investment Account update**

By Carmen Wheatley

This fiscal is the final year of the agreement between the Ministry of Forests and Range (MOFR) and the Federation to administer the FIA Small Tenures Program. Since 2002, the program has made funding available for eligible land base activities on Crown land under Woodlot Licence and Community Forest Agreement tenures.

The MOFR will consolidate the Small Tenures Program with the Landbased Investment Program in 2007/08 under one administration agreement. Woodlot Licenses and Community Forest tenures will now have separate funding envelopes, and both programs will work under the umbrella of a new administrator, Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

The Federation will be the Recipient on behalf of all Woodlot

Licencees. The present Lead Woodlot Association model will remain in place, and the Federation will continue to provide support to associations but will have a pared-down administrative role.

It is anticipated that the FIA Landbased Investment Program (LBIP) should have funding available for Woodlot Licences for the next three years at approximately the same levels.

As part of this change to the LBIP, a planning process was initiated to facilitate the development of workplans over this 3-year period.

In 2004, all Lead Associations prepared a Small Tenures Investment Rationale (STIR). These STIRs are now being reviewed, and updated, and Lead Associations will be assessing potential FIA opportunities for woodlots. Now called Woodlot Investment Rationales;

these documents will provide the context and focus for future FIA Landbased investments.

All woodlot licensees were contacted in February to provide input into this process. This input is presently being incorporated into the new Woodlot Investment Rationales, which will then be rolled up into a Provincial document.

We appreciate hearing the views of licensees and look forward to ongoing opportunities for the delivery of pertinent projects on the ground. Thank you to those Licensees who provided input and feedback into the planning process.

If you have questions or would like more information on the changes to FIA programming, please contact Carmen Wheatley, Contract Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:cawheatley@telus.net">cawheatley@telus.net</a> or tel: 250.964.8776 ♦

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more than 75% of their mature pine had been killed by the beetles.

More than half (53%) believed that their woodlots could **not** remain viable. If more respondents from the Northern Interior had returned questionnaires, this number would probably have been even higher.

To make woodlots viable, 72% selected more area as a solution. Others required financial assistance to rehabilitate stands (45%), increased AAC (41%), and AAC outside the woodlot (34%).

#### Part C: FBCWA

93% of respondents belong to a woodlot association (up from 91% last year), and 72% "always" or "usually" attend meetings/events.

94% of respondents are reasonably informed of Federation activities (up from 85% last year), with 89% citing the *Almanac* as their primary source of information.

Other sources of information were e-mails from local association directors (72%), and talking to other licensees (68%).

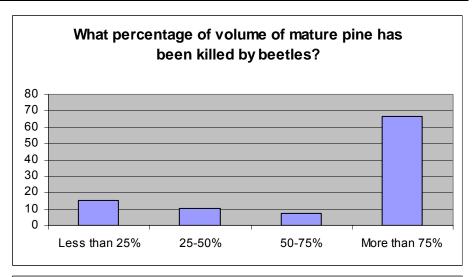
We also asked for your input on a recent series of ads promoting the woodlot licence program. The vast majority did not hear the radio ads or see the forestry supplement and FBCWA ad in the *Vancouver Sun*.

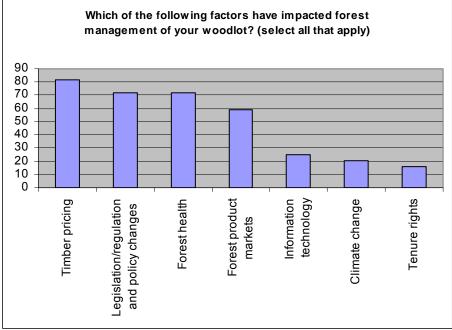
However, 53% thought this type of advertising was beneficial in promoting the program.

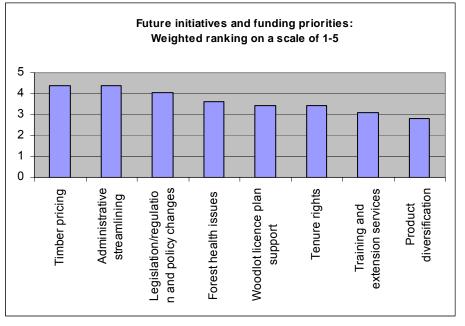
# Part D: FBCWA Vision and Strategic Plan

The FBCWA proposed a new Vision Statement: "The FBCWA promotes the economic and social interests of small-scale forest management in British Columbia. The FBCWA's mission is for all its members to practice exemplary forest and natural resource management in an economically viable, socially responsible, and administratively efficient manner."

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### Coastal woodlot gets a taste of winter logging



Dave Clarke and his partners in the Blue Mountain Woodlot near Abbotsford (W0038) had a rare taste of winter logging during November's big coastal snowstorm.

The photos show logging operations on the woodlot at minus 5° C in about two feet of snow.

"The conditions felt more like interior logging," said Dave, who's also President of the Fraser Valley Woodlot Association. ♦



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96% of respondents supported this statement.

The draft Strategic Plan presented 11 goals. The top three priorities were

- To advocate for a reasonable timber pricing model which takes into consideration our small scale and that we are log producers.
- 2. To strengthen small-scale forestry so it remains economically viable in all economies.
- To advocate for administrative efficiency in government policy and regulations and the appreciation of policy and regulations which govern woodlot licenses and private woodlands.

# Part E: Future Initiatives and Funding Priorities

We asked you to rank possible initiatives that could be funded by Council. The final ranking was as follows, with the top two priorities unchanged from last year:

- 1. Timber pricing
- 2. Administrative streamlining
- 3. Legislation/regulation and policy changes
- 4. Forest health issues
- 5. Woodlot licence plan support
- 6. Tenure rights
- 7. Training and extension services
- 8. Product diversification

#### "Last chance" section

This was an opportunity for you to say in your own words how the levy should be spent. "Freedom to Manage" was one of the most popular responses. "Freedom to Manage is #1!" said one respondent.

#### **Next steps**

A summary of questionnaire responses was presented to the Federation Directors when they met early in March to establish the budget and work plan.

Your responses and comments will help to identify budget priorities for the upcoming year. ◆

# George Benwell wins vest

Congratulations to George Benwell, W0322, on winning the fleece vest in the questionnaire early bird draw!

When notified of his win, he exclaimed, "No kidding! There is some justification for seniors! Thank you very much!"

Council thanks all those who responded to the questionnaire.

Unfortunately the mailing of the questionnaire was delayed pending an announcement on the tabular rates.

Therefore, many licensees did not receive their questionnaires in time to enter the early bird draw.

Next year Council will give everyone who completes the questionnaire an opportunity to win a fleece vest. •



### Scholarship Award Information and Application Form

#### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- 1. Applications for this award must be received prior to April 25, 2007. Late applications will not be considered.
- 2. Applicants must be direct family member of a woodlot licensee or private land owner who is a member of the local Woodlot Association and/or the FBCWA.
- 3. Applicants must be planning to attend a post secondary institution within 24 months of the application deadline.
- 4. Preference will be given to students entering a forestry-related program. Students entering other areas of study are welcome to apply, knowing there is preference for forestry related study.
- 5. The award of \$500.00 will be payable, on receipt by the FBCWA of documentation confirming registration into the institution for post secondary education. This generally occurs in mid September.
- 6. Essays and photos from applicants, particularly the successful applicant, may be printed in the Almanac.
- 7. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
- 8. The Award Committee of the Federation of B. C. Woodlot Associations will be empowered to:
  - a) grant this award at its discretion;
  - b) withhold this award in any year if there are no eligible applicants, or for any reason deemed good or advisable.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please complete the application form and attach:

- 1. a letter describing the reasons which you feel qualify you for this award. Your letter should also include a detailed description of your experience in forestry, particularly on woodlots. Your letter may include information about your various interests and extra curricular activities.
- 2. a one page (approximately 500-700 word) type-written essay titled "What is the History of the Woodlot Program in British Columbia and Why are Woodlots Important Today"
- 3. two letters of reference from previous or current teachers or employers,
- 4. a copy of your *most recent* report card, and
- 5. a recent photo of yourself.

Return to: Federation or B.C. Woodlot Associations

Attention: Mrs. Kathy Mayes, Treasurer

2772 Ridgeview Drive,

Prince George, British Columbia

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Applications must be received by April 25, 2007



## **Scholarship Award Application Form**

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Educational Information:
Currently enrolled in:
Post-secondary School you plan to attend:
Program you will be registered in for 2007/2008:
Relationship to Woodlot Licensee or to private land owner for Woodlot # (ie; daughter of Joe Smith, Woodlot #2345):
Woodlot Licensee/Private Land Owner to whom you are a direct family member, has been a member of which woodlot association and for how many years?
Please include information on volunteer work, extracurricular activities, membership in schoo and community organizations, sports, interests, hobbies, etc., as well as employment information. (You may use another sheet if you need more room or if it's more convenient for you)

#### Lost in their woodlots



In our efforts to maintain an accurate mailing database, occasionally we need help finding some of our woodlot licensees. If anyone knows the current mailing address for any of the woodlots listed, please contact Cathy McClary by phone: 1-888-925-9995, fax: (250) 962-9199 or email: cimcclary@shaw.ca

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- Schoenberger W1914
- Watson W1915
- Bergen W1922
- Churchill W1925
- Jukes 1926
- Tsleil-Waututh Nation W1929

### We want to hear from you!

Letters to the editor are an important way for licensees to raise issues or concerns.
Licensees are encouraged to express their opinions about Federation or Council business and small-scale forestry issues.

# What concerns you may also concern others!

Keep letters to 200 words or less, and please include your name and WL number. Send letters to Cathy McClary, Box 10033, Prince George, BC

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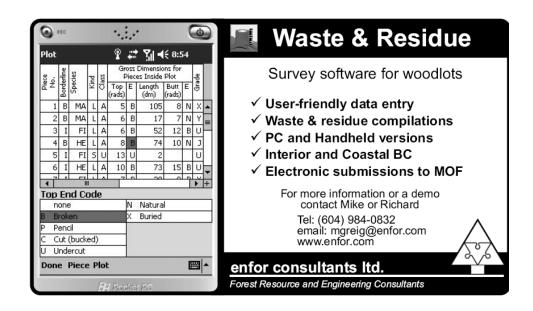
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