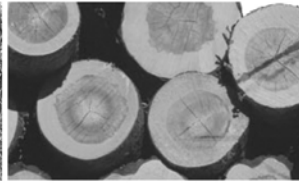




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Alex Hartford: Creating a Legacy of Collaborative Forestry

By Sara Grady

Alex Hartford came to Quadra Island in 1970 and, in his words, “soon became fascinated by the second growth forest.” What started as a fascination has evolved into a rewarding and productive career as a forester and advocate for the Woodlot program. Since receiving the first license ever issued for the Campbell River Forest District in 1987, Alex’s service to the industry has been characterised by passion, curiosity, and a healthy respect for the community with which he shares this precious natural resource.

Small wonder he was chosen alongside two other licensees to receive honours at last year’s AGM in Quesnel. Minister of Forests, Range & Mines, Pat Bell, selected Alex and two of his colleagues, Rod Blake and Anne Davidson, to receive the inaugural “Minister’s Award of Excellence for Woodlot Management” in recognition of the legacies they have created within the program. While Alex joked that he received the honour by virtue of “being old”, it’s clear that his contribution to the industry is significant, and offers the promise of



continued growth and advancement of this sector as a whole.

The Coastal forestry sector has seen some rocky times, and no doubt woodlot licensees suffered whiplash from the clashes between environmentalists, government and big industry. It was in the shadow of conflicts over regions like the Haida Gwaii that licensees

up and down BC’s coast had to function; earning and keeping the trust of the local residents while trying to make a living off their timber would be an exercise in diplomacy. When Alex received his license in ‘87, he was met with some resistance from the community, and with good cause. The landscape had already been radically altered by the clear-cut culture of big business decades beforehand and, while forestry had sparked healthy economic growth, it had left the community scarred and suspicious.

Those who understood the program would know that licensees were mandated to be stewards of the land they managed. Educating those who didn’t know that conservation and sustainability resided

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One Cutting Permit

By Brian McNaughton



Brian McNaughton,
General Manager

Good news travels fast so I expect most have heard that 1 Cutting Permit (1 CP) over a Woodlot Licence area has been approved for implementation province-wide. The combination of 10-year, automatic renewing Woodlot Licence Plans, tabular stumpage rates and now 1 Cutting Permit likely make Woodlot Licences the most administratively streamlined of all forest tenures.

1 CP offers efficiencies for both licensees and government, while creating much needed flexibility for licensees to respond to market opportunities and management issues such as blow-down or pest infestations. A licensee must ensure there is AAC available and that operations are carried out in accordance with the approved Woodlot Licence Plan. Also, the requirement for a licensee to notify the district office before commencing operations (S. 74 of the Woodlot Licence Planning & Practices Regulation) still applies.

To help with implementation, guidance documents have been distributed to all Woodlot Associations and the Ministries of Forests, Mines & Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Licensees interested in pursuing 1 CP are encouraged to read these documents; not only to determine if they are eligible for 1 CP (i.e. a WL must have an approved Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) with adequate First Nations consultation to be eligible for 1 CP) but also to understand the obligations and responsibilities that accompany 1 CP. Questions regarding 1 CP should be directed to your local district

office or myself. The Joint Working Group, which was instrumental in getting 1 CP approved, is actively monitoring its implementation and available to answer questions or deal with issues as they arise.

Private Land Withdrawal

In a letter dated February 9, 2011, Minister Bell confirmed that Cabinet's decision regarding private land withdrawals has been delayed. Cabinet's agenda was interrupted by Gordon Campbell's decision to step down and subsequent leadership race has interrupted Cabinet's agenda. The Minister was unable to indicate when to expect a decision. The Federation appreciates the importance of this topic to many licensees and will continue to push for a favorable outcome as soon as possible. In fact, while the Liberal leadership race was going on, the Federation took the opportunity to brief some of the Cabinet members as to the need for an affirmative decision.

BRIDGES

"Bridges" - the wood marketing project that the Federation is participating in - is well underway. Sessions have been scheduled in various locations throughout the province. The purpose of the sessions is to gather information from wood buyers and sellers that will be used to create an interactive buyer-seller database. The plan is for this database to become the marketing hub for small tenure holders such as woodlot licences and community forests. This is a one-year project with a completion date of December 31, 2011.

Government Reorganization

The reorganization of the so-called

dirt ministries, including creation of the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, continues. Very little information has been forthcoming from government. The Federation has requested, and expects to receive, an update on the reorganization during its directors meeting on March 11 and 12th. Any new information will be distributed ASAP.

For licensees trying to operate, get plans approved or otherwise conduct WL business with government in midst of the reorganization ... the best advice I have heard is to contact the person with whom you have worked in the past. Either they will be in the same job and able to help you OR they should be able to direct you to the new person who can!

Other priorities being worked on include the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, Professional Reliance, a policy that would 'correct' serious overcut carry forward situations and allow licensees to operate again, and meeting WL Program expansion targets. These, and other topics, will be discussed and prioritized at the March 11 & 12 directors' meeting. ♦

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. ♦

Looking Towards 2011:

What the coming year looks like

by John Marlow, RPF

So today, March 1, the updated tabular rate table for the Woodlot Program and the Community Forest program are due for release. The 2011 stumpage rates are provided below, and there is very little change from 2010. Continued favorable stumpage rates combined with a general improvement in log prices hopefully will provide for opportunities for viable forest management operations in 2011.



John Marlow,
Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Lumber Agreement considerations, etc ... the relevant information to relay to Woodlot Licensees is that the new equation, as drafted, will result in increased stumpage rates on the coast.

Detailed analysis completed by industry predicts a stumpage increase in the magnitude of \$10.00/m³ simply as a result of the new equation. In

addition to the new equation, log prices also appear to be on the rise which will result in further stumpage rate increases. As the Woodlot Licence

to new CP's only, the increased stumpage impact in 2012 will be less severe with a predicted 2013 rate increase. Understandably, industry is advocating for a "bleed-in" approach to the new equation as opposed to the "cold turkey" approach.

Licensees with Extended Road Amortization Agreements –

In light of the current historic low stumpage rates, the issue of licensees with Extended Road Amortization Agreements applying for new CP's has arisen in regards to the fact that Woodlot MPS stumpage rates are generally \$0.25 without including ERAA costs. Ministry of Forests Revenue Branch has provided a clear interpretation of section 7.2.1 of the CAM (Woodlot Licences with Cutting Authorities under MPS) such that licensees who have Extended Road Amortization Agreements (ERAA's) have the option of applying for a tabular rate Cutting Permit. The MPS appraisal methodology will only be used when the licensee attaches the ERAA to the appraisal submission. Applying for a tabular cutting authority will not limit the ability of that licensee to apply for an MPS permit at a later date with an ERAA attached.

With the inception of the "1CP" option for Woodlot Licensees, there are no 2 distinct Cutting Permit types for Woodlot Licence Cutting Permits: 1) 1CP, and 2) Block Specific tabular Cutting Permit. For licensees that

2011 Tabular Rate Table (Table 7.2 CAM)

Species	Zone	
	Northern Coast	Southern Coast
Balsam	0.25	0.34
Hemlock	0.35	0.29
Cedar	0.53	0.75
Cypress	0.69	0.65
Fir	0.25	0.53
Spruce	0.25	0.25
Other	0.46	0.46

I continue to participate with the Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee (CTPAC) and the MPS Technical Subcommittee. There have been no meetings of CTPAC during the last 3 months as the MPS Technical Subcommittee has been very active (CTPAC deals with Coast Appraisal Manual (CAM) issues, MPS Technical Subcommittee deals with the creation of the new stumpage equation).

MPS Technical Subcommittee

– Although the MPS Technical subcommittee deals with the detailed statistical analysis and BC Timber Sale bid activity, as well as Softwood

Program, through the construction of the tabular rate table, is buffered from dramatic stumpage increases, an increase of \$10.00/m³ for major licensees will result in a rate increase of approximately \$3.00 in the 2012 table.

The impact of increased rates is also highly dependent on the methodology regarding the implementation of the new equation. Should rates be re-appraised "cold turkey" where all CP's are reappraised as of the date of the release of the new equation, the impact will be felt in the 2012 table. Should the new equation be applied

■ Interior timber pricing

Coordinator Report:

Whats happening in stumpage

by *Blain Arnett*



Blain Arnett,
Interior Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Winter logging is underway on the woodlot. We are managing to harvest some very small beetle killed pine that is being made into lumber to be shipped to China for use in concrete forms and other low grade applications. Thanks to progress made into the Chinese markets by BC lumber producers and Minister Bell we are able to log this winter.

The best stumpage appraisal factor in our favour right now is the fact our stumpage under the Tab Rate permit is fixed until July 31, 2011. This is the first time we have not had to worry about having some decked wood not hauled due to break-up conditions. We can haul any decked wood in the summer before the stumpage rate changes. Under the old system it was a real panic to get all the hauling done prior to break-up or be faced with a significant stumpage change that could be very costly. Woodlot managers need price certainty when logging as we are not able to absorb unknown costs (unknown profits are okay).

There have been some important appraisal policy interpretations for woodlots with an extended road amortization agreement (ERAA). Woodlots with an ERAA must use the MPS system, all other woodlot permits are under the Tab Rates. Those of you with an ERAA have an option to have a Tab Rate permit and maintain the right to use your ERAA with the MPS permit at a later date. This is a new policy interpretation,

please give me or Brian McNaughton a call for more details.

Some of the current rates from Table 6-2 effective November 1, 2010 are (\$/m3):

North Central: 0.52 Fir, 0.66 Pine, 0.89 Spruce
North East : 0.71 Pine, 0.98

Spruce

North West : 0.30 Cedar, 1.59 Pine, 1.31 Spruce
South East : 1.37 Cedar, 0.90 Fir, 1.27 Pine, 1.38 Spruce
South West : 2.32 Cedar, 1.01 Fir, 0.95 Pine, 1.14 Spruce

The above rates are as of November 1, 2010 (there have been no rate changes since then). The rates in Table 6-2 do change during the year when the table is updated to allow for new appraisal data; expect the next update with new rates in May. The rate applied to a **new** cutting permit will use the rates from the table at the time of permit approval. Once your permit has a rate it is fixed until July 31, 2011. All **existing** Tab Rate permits will have the stumpage rate redetermined on August 1, 2011 using the latest rates in Table 6-2; the stumpage is then fixed until July 31, 2012.

Please feel free to forward any comments, phone calls and emails of your concerns or issues. I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or at greggcreek@shaw.ca and remember loyalty to your logging contractor can pay off as he can quite often sell wood into a market that you did not know about. ♦

do not have Extended Road Amortization Agreements and therefore only have the Tabular appraisal option, the '1CP' system is available. Where a licensee has an ERAA but chooses to apply for a tabular CP while rates are low is advised to apply for a 'block specific' tabular CP where blocks are identified in the exhibit A but the tabular rate applies.

Road Permit Rates – Since the inception of the Tabular Stumpage Rate system, there has been confusion as to when Road Permit rates are appraised using the Tabular System (again, only for licensees who continue with MPS appraisals due to ERAAs). This has been clarified in a recent CAM amendment (pending Minister signature). Once CAM amendment #9 is approved by the Minister, Woodlot Licence Road Permit rates will be appraised using the tabular system once the licensees applies for the first Tabular CP.

Woodlot appraisals continue to be very simple and can be issued in an expedited manner. Generally, technical issues outlined in this article apply to only those Woodlot Licensees with Extended Road Amortization Agreements. If there is any confusion I can be reached at any time to provide additional clarification. ♦

at the heart of the Woodlot mandate is one of the legacies Alex has created. Case in point: in the 90s he and a fellow licensee were a part of the “Forest Resource Committee” – a roundtable panel comprised of representatives from special interest groups such as the Sierra Club, provincial forestry, as well as experts in silviculture. It was in this forum that the priorities of each group were shared, weighed and managed; compromises were an essential ingredient as stakeholders worked to balance economic, social and environmental objectives.

The program has expanded on Quadra Island, with nine licensees now working together on this diverse landscape. Their properties play host to a broad network of recreational trails and wildlife, and they strive to balance harvesting practices with aesthetic and environmental imperatives. They aim to accommodate groups like the Quadra Island Trails Committee to ensure maximum public access and enjoyment while securing perpetual revenue from timber.

Alex knows that the success the program has enjoyed in his region is due in large part to the collaborative nature of forestry in this district. While he and his fellow woodlotters have managed to maintain strong relationships with community partners and groups dedicated to conservation, they have also forged strong bonds with their regulatory

partners at Forest Services. Because the Woodlot program is a marriage of private and public interests, transparency and understanding are paramount to continued health and progress.

Underpinning Alex’s practices – ultimately, those of the Woodlot program as a whole – is the firm belief that cultivating and harvesting woodlots in small parcels is the most effective means of managing timber over a long time frame. By partitioning land in 60-90 hectare parcels, Alex is able to experiment with silviculture and harvesting techniques: when methods fail, the damage is limited to a small area; when they succeed a template exists for wider implementation. Woodlotters manage their properties for life, as it were, and our understanding of silviculture evolves on a continual basis, so the opportunity to “test drive” some theories on a micro-scale can have macro-benefits. Perhaps, as the Woodlot program continues to expand and flourish, larger operations will be inspired to consider de-industrializing their timber production, as well.

The manner in which Alex and his colleagues conduct their practice exemplifies the spirit of the Woodlot program. Effective stewardship of this precious Crown resource requires vision, patience and passion, and that is certainly evidenced by the mindful practices on Quadra, and throughout the province. ♦

Council Directorship Vacancies

The Woodlot Product Development Council is comprised of seven woodlot licensee directors representing the Northern Interior, Southern Interior, Coastal Forest Region and the Peace. The positions are staggered so that vacancies come up every year. The Council currently has a vacancy in the Southern Forest Region and the Peace position will need to be filled in the fall. Directors are required to participate in the planning and carrying out of the Council mandate and to lead in the delivery of key projects. Council hosts ~10 teleconferences and two meetings per year. Meetings are held in March and at the AGM in the fall. Directors are compensated for travel expenses and the AGM registration fee. If you are interested in joining Council please contact any of the Directors or the WPDC Coordinator, Cathy McClary. ♦

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Year of Forests

Celebrating Global Stewardship

The United Nations has declared 2011 the “Year of Forests” – a year to celebrate the important role our forests play worldwide, and to acknowledge the vital link between our collective actions and the health and longevity of our woodlands. “Forest 2011” will throw a spotlight on issues surrounding sustainable management, conservation and utilisation of global forests and should prompt a dialogue about practices that can be adopted to protect and enhance this valuable resource.

One of the resounding themes when discussing the future health of the world’s forests is the need to transfer ownership of small parcels

into the hands of families or private stakeholders. It’s been demonstrated that when individuals are responsible for the well-being of woodlands – both socially and economically – the resource is managed more effectively and generates greater revenue and stability. Where have we seen this kind of success? Well, in Sweden, where over half of their productive forests are managed by private interests who are governed by federal guidelines. Their practices encourage a balance of yield, multi-use and biodiversity and they possess more productive timber now than they have in the last 100 years.

Where else? Right here in British Columbia.

Since its inception in 1979, the Woodlot Licence program – unique to the forestry sector worldwide - has entrusted provincial Crown land to a diverse and dedicated group of foresters who manage this publicly-owned resource under strict guidelines. The result: one of the most progressive and innovative methods of simultaneously protecting our forests and creating jobs, and revenue. BC is an industry leader in sustainable forestry and as the world celebrates the Year of Forests, be sure to enjoy the rich diversity of the province’s forests. ♦



Woodlot Licensees are invited to apply for the Minister’s Awards of Excellence for Woodlot Management associated with site productivity gains, improved utilization and administrative streamlining. A woodlot licensee may be nominated by a woodlot association, another licensee, an individual, Ministry staff or the Federation. Annually one woodlot licensee from the Coast, Southern and Northern Interior Regions will be recognized and awarded \$2500.00. The application deadline is December 31. For more information: www.woodlot.bc.ca (Min Award) ♦

Please note:

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



Telephone Support for using the Woodlot for Windows AAC program is available to all woodlot licensees or their representatives. Contact Mike Bandstra
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Wreck

By Rod Krimmer,
Big Lake Ranch, BC

“Sam, Duke.” Four big black ears swivelled back to catch the click of my tongue as I urged the two Percheron geldings out onto the frozen ground. “Step up now.” The air had warmed a bit and then refrozen so there was a glaze on the road but the compact crust along the edge provided sufficient traction for the giant unshod hooves. They were full brothers, two years apart, young enough to still be lively but old enough to know their job.

There were a half dozen stray logs up behind the house, leftovers from a truck that went to town weeks earlier. This seemed like a good opportunity to exercise the team and add to my firewood deck. The boys loved to pull and I needed the practice myself. The hitch was a heavy steel double-tree with a hook to grab the choke chain that I wrapped around one end of the



log. The traces from the collars were a little short but adequate when under load. “Back up boys. Back now.” I slipped the grab hook over a link in the chain and we eased the log up the roadside to the deck. On the way back I unhooked all but one of the four traces to allow the double-tree to clang along behind, well out of the way of their hooves.

“Back up now.” This time to the next log off the road beside the house. “Back.” Fully hitched again, holding the double-tree in one hand

and the lines in the other I manoeuvred them into position. “Back some more.” They were a little nervous backing off the edge of the road. The choke chain was right there. I just couldn’t quite reach it, and then, the big steel contraption slipped from my fingers and slammed into the back of Sam’s feet. He danced forward and it hit Duke’s feet. They both looked startled and lurched ahead up onto the slippery

road. “Wo boys, wo.” I held the lines tight and tried to rein them in but I had no footing on the ice. “Wo.” They stepped out down the road with the iron hitch banging away at their heels.

I couldn’t keep up. I was going to fall. I had to let the lines go and watch as my two charges barrelled down the driveway, tails high, lines flying and that piece of iron still hitting them in the back of the legs. I was stunned. Surely they’ll make the turn at the gate before the cross fence and trot

NOTICES:

- 2011 SISCO Winter Workshop: April 4-6 in Naramata BC. Contact aaa@netidea.com
- Community Discussion meetings for the BRIDGES project will take place in the following locations: Cranbrook April 5, Nelson April 7, Prince George April 12, Burns Lake April 13, Fort St. John April 14, 2011. For more info contact: rhoni@rwbusinesssolutions.com
- BC Community Forest Association Conference and AGM in 100 Mile House on June 9-11, 2011. For more information contact: smulkey@bccfa.ca
- Capital Gains & Woodlot Licences: If you are thinking of transferring or selling your woodlot licence, be aware that the transaction may trigger a capital gain that must be reported to Revenue Canada. The Federation recommends you consult a qualified accountant or tax expert who can assess your situation and advise you accordingly.

harmlessly back to the barn. But they were still picking up speed. Now at a full gallop side by side, Duke's hooves started to lose traction on the ice as the big horse struggled to keep his legs under him. They missed the turn and slammed full-on into the rail cross fence, splinters and spiked boards exploding into the air. And now, still hitched together they found themselves on either side of the wire fence running along the roadside. Fully spooked, they pounded down both sides of the fenceline in a tangle of wire and posts to the next gate where they veered right, off through the field.

I was in a daze. My beautiful big precious horses. How could I have let this happen? They could not possibly survive this without serious injury. And I already had one horse tragedy on my conscience. Way back, when I was just a boy, I led my bay mare saddlehorse to certain death across a rotten old cattleguard. Babe had trusted me although she baulked at first, and then fell through to snap her leg just below the knee. Everyone knows what happens to a horse with a broken leg and I never forgave myself, although everyone else seemed to. I was presumed innocent, in that childish way, born of ignorance and laziness.

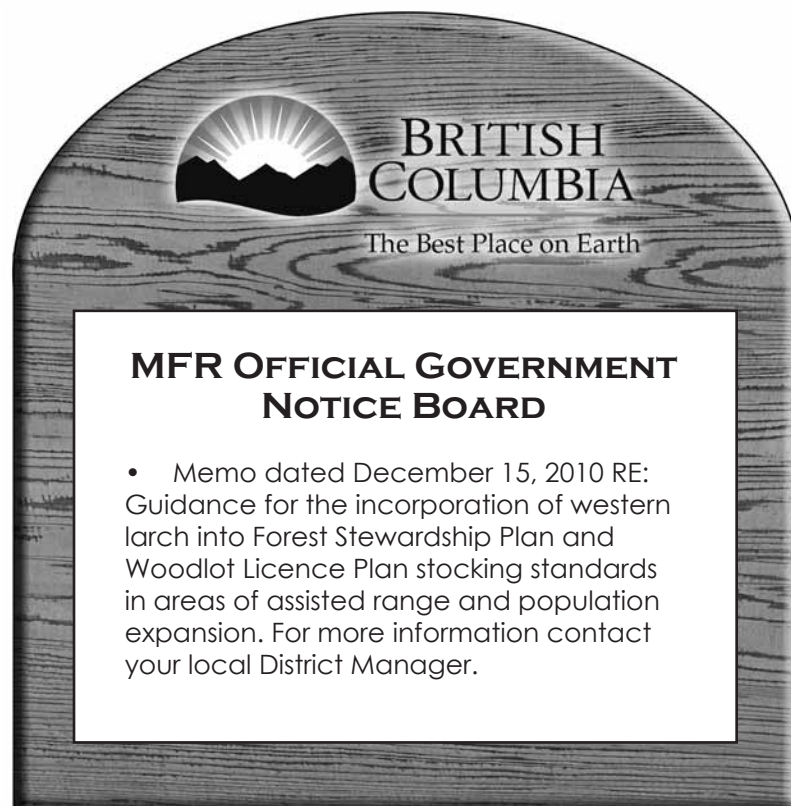
And now again.

Rooted to the spot I watched as Sam and Duke raced along the treeline towards my south boundary. And then, to my left, away over by the road, fence posts inexplicably started disassociating themselves from the ground and tumbling off behind the boys in an otherworldly domino effect. I couldn't see the high-tensile fencing wire from where I stood but a strand of it was apparently tangled in the double-tree and even pulling a mile of smooth-wire fence wasn't going to slow them down.

The hedgerow along the south fenceline offered no opening so they veered hard left in a perfect tandem circus act and seemed to pick up even more speed as they headed east over open ground. In about a quarter mile they would come upon another wooden gate where the road again met up with the fence. I braced for the worst as they approached it flat out. At the very last second they locked their legs out in front of them and skidded to a halt, turned, and stood looking back at me from a distance, panting

hard but, still, at last. They seemed to ask, "What are you doing way back there?"

I started walking casually, almost nonchalant, but secretly dreading what I might find. At least they were still standing. If horses can look sheepish, that's what they were. Just standing, waiting to go back to work. The harness intact. A little blood on the snow from a cut on Duke's hoof already crusting over. I spoke soothingly to them. Apologized for my ignorance. Told them how beautiful and strong they were. Rubbed their sweaty bodies all over looking for more injuries. Finding none, greatly relieved, I unhitched the tangled fence they had dragged halfway across the property, picked up the lines and, with a click of the tongue, went back to work. ♦

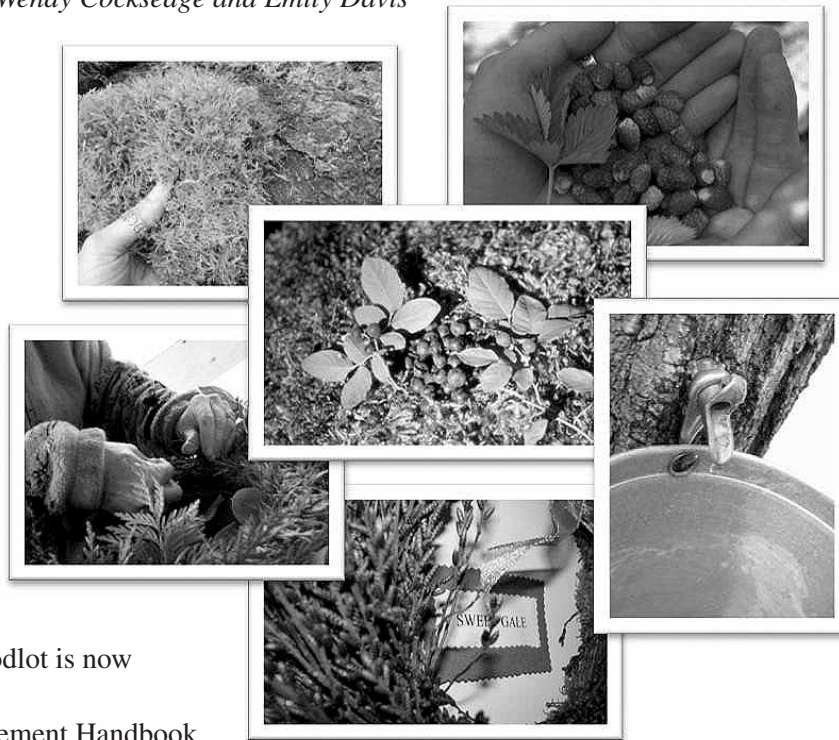


The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block. "Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer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

Opportunities for non timber forest products in woodlots

By Evelyn Hamilton, Wendy Cocksedge and Emily Davis

Wondering if managing for non-timber forest products (NTFPs) is an option you should consider for your woodlot? A new guidebook designed to help small woodland managers evaluate constraints and opportunities associated with managing for non-timber forest products on their woodlot is now available.



The Land Management Handbook entitled “Non-timber Forest Product Development in British Columbia’s Community Forests and Small Woodlands: Constraints and Potential Solutions” (LMH 67)³ by Emily Jane Davis was recently co-published by the Ministry of Forests and Range and the Centre for Livelihoods and Ecology at Royal Roads University. The publication presents the results of a 2007 survey designed to identify constraints and possible solutions related to management of NTFPs such as mushrooms, berries and floral greenery on small holdings.

Potential constraints identified included: lack of awareness and/or clarity regarding cultural resource values and Aboriginal rights and title with respect to NTFPs; lack of clarity with respect to regulations; uncertainty regarding liability and insurance; limited capacity for initiating NTFP development projects; ecological resource constraints and access

limitations; limited development of markets for some specific products, and; lack of awareness of new information and sources of assistance – including sources of financial aid.

The guidebook provides suggestions and resources for addressing these potential constraints, including links to sources of expertise and information to help increase skills, links to public sector funding sources, information on the NTFP industry sector, and a snapshot of some NTFP initiatives currently underway in British Columbia. The guidebook also provides procedures for making initial assessments of resource availability and market demand. More in-depth information on assessing opportunities can be found in the British Columbia Community Forest Association publication, “A Guide to the Assessment of Non-timber Forest Products” (www.bccfa.ca/index.php?option=com_

[k2&view=item&id=91:a-guide-to-the-assessment-of-non-timber-forest-products](http://www.bccfa.ca/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=91:a-guide-to-the-assessment-of-non-timber-forest-products)).

The Land Management Handbook 67 is one of a series of compatible management guides. This guide, and others, may be found in the Ministry of Forests Library and also on the Centre for Livelihoods and Ecology website at www.royalroads.ca/cle.

We would like to thank the WPDC for the funding they provided which enabled publication of LMH 67.

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Prime Minister Harper presented with Forest Capital Gift Basket

CRD Gift Basket Highlights Cariboo Chilcotin Forest Industry Diversity

Cariboo Chilcotin – On February 2, 2011, MPs Cathy McLeod (Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo) and Dick Harris (Cariboo-Prince George) presented the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada with a gift basket from the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) commemorating the region's 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada designation. Under the Strong Roots, Green Shoots slogan, the CRD continues to promote all aspects of the forest industry and its economic diversification “The Cariboo Regional District was named the 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada by the Canadian Forestry Association: not for its high concentration of mills and logging operations, but for its plan for action – finding new opportunities in forestry through diversification,” stated CRD Chair, Al Richmond and Forest Capital Committee member. “Our two year Forest Capital program supports the development and promotion of four key non-traditional forest industries; non-timber forest products, value-added wood products, bio-



energy, eco-tourism and agriculture.” “It gave me great pleasure to present the gift basket from the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors to the Prime Minister,” said Cathy McLeod. “It was truly symbolic of the region and its work to diversify the forest industry.” MP Dick Harris stated “This was an excellent way to show the Prime Minister the spirit, the creativeness and entrepreneurship that makes the Cariboo Regional District so important to Canada.” The offering from the Cariboo Regional District was presented to Prime Minister Harper as a symbol of diversification within the forest industry which is also creating new opportunities through human ingenuity and innovation. The gift basket included items donated by

each of the electoral area and municipal directors representing industry from their respective areas. These included:

- Birch Syrup
- Forest Life – a book published by the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations
- Items made from pine beetle-kill wood
- bowl
- lazy-susan
- napkin holder
- picture frame
- USB Port with a wood casing
- Honey
- Canadian Natural Spa Oils
- Wood Christmas ornament
- Various promotional items from throughout the region
- Picture of a local logger sports athlete
- Promotional materials from the Likely-Xat'sull Community Forest ♦



FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licenses 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. ♦



FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WOODLOT ASSOCIATIONS

Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations Scholarship Award Information and Application Form

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Applications for this award must be received on or before April 29, 2011. Late applications will not be considered.
2. Applicants must be a direct family member of a woodlot licensee or private land owner who is a member of the local Woodlot Association and/or the FBCWA. In cases where the woodlot is not owned by an individual, one applicant per woodlot is eligible to apply in any given year.
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 in grade 12 and recent high school graduates.
5. 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.
6. The award of \$1,000.00 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.
7. Essays and photos from applicants, particularly the successful applicant, may be printed in the Almanac.
8. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
9. 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 "As timber supplies in woodlots affected by the mountain pine beetle decline, how will woodlot businesses survive?" This is an open ended topic so you can decide how to approach it.
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 of B.C. Woodlot Associations
Attention: Nancy Pezel, Treasurer
173 W. Hoylake Road,
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia
V9K 1K3

Or send it digitally to islandswest@shaw.ca with a subject heading of FBCWA Scholarship Application

Applications must be received by April 29, 2011



FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WOODLOT ASSOCIATIONS

Scholarship Award Application Form

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Information:

Currently enrolled in: _____

Post Secondary School you plan to attend: _____

Program you will be registered in for 2011-12: _____

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 the which woodlot association and for how many years?

Extra-Curricular activities:

Please include information on volunteer work, extra curricular activities, membership in school 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)

FBCWA 2011/12 Priorities¹

<u>HIGH</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LOW</u>
Safety	e-FM	Tax reforms
Economic Recovery - marketing - Bridges - FSC RONA - Blanket certification for WLs - bioenergy	Revise Vision & Strategy to reflect FBCWA & WPDC working together	Incorporate incr silv into WLPPR
Private Land Withdrawal	Woodworkers Lien Act	Provincial Trails Strategy
One Cutting Permit	Undercut carry forward	Harmonized Sales Tax
Stumpage - Tab Rates - Annual Rent - Negotiate reduced ERAA amounts then write off balance against tab rates - stand-as-a-whole & land rent)	Catastrophic Events - Memo - s. 108	WL Surrender
WL Program - Expansion - WLs to young people - WL surrender – Sch B into ComFor - WL canceled or surrender – re-advertise - WL sub-dividing - AAC purchase - WLs selling BCTS AAC (Whistler Comfor model)	MFR Communications with WL licensees	Resource Road Act - Forest Road Process Improvement Project
Educate WL licensees on risks & responsibilities that come with freedom to manage (e.g. 1 CP)	Agro-forestry Initiative	Migratory Birds Convention Act
Professional Reliance	Rewarding volunteer efforts	Commercial Forest Reserves
Marketing (FSC & RONA)	Private land (non Sch. A) fire protection	Waste & Residue
Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation	Repl. WL document	Aboriginal Recognition & Reconciliation Act
Land Based Investment Program - & other program funding	Group Health/Affinity - CILA	Receiving Licences
AAC support - TIPSYP & VDYP	Carbon Credits/Protocols	Silviculture Discussion Paper
Seek FFT & other program funding	Fire Prevention/protection	
Capital gains wrt WL sales & transfers – Almanac notice		

¹ As determined by the directors on March 12, 2011 at the Kamloops directors meeting

Enclosed with this Almanac is a card that entitles FBCWA members to a 10% discount on items at any Mark's Work Warehouse. The card is valid until February 29, 2012."

Premier Christy Clark announces cabinet

VICTORIA – Premier Christy Clark today announced a new, smaller cabinet focused on putting families first, creating jobs and changing the way British Columbians engage with their government.

“Our new cabinet will reflect the priorities of British Columbians and put families at the centre of all our decision-making,” said Premier Clark. “Together, we will focus on creating jobs and building a strong economy because that is the single most important thing we can do to support families and ensure we can invest in critical services like health and education. This is a team that will work hard to ensure that prosperity and opportunity extend to every region of our province.”

The new cabinet is made up of 17 ministers plus the premier, reduced from the previous total of 24. This includes the new Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, which will bring together many of the functions in government focused on job creation under a single ministry. As well, three new cabinet committees reflect the priorities of government – the Committee on Families First; the Committee on Jobs and Economic Growth; and the Committee on Open Government and Engagement.

Responsibility for colleges and universities has been recombined under the Ministry of Advanced Education; responsibility for mining has been returned to the Ministry of Energy and Mines; Labour and Citizen Services have been combined; and Forests and Lands has been combined with Natural Resource Operations.

The new cabinet appointed and sworn into office by the Lieutenant-Governor in a ceremony today is:

- Premier – Hon. Christy Clark
- Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance – Hon. Kevin Falcon
- Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation – Hon. Mary Polak



- Minister of Advanced Education – Hon. Naomi Yamamoto
- Minister of Agriculture – Hon. Don McRae
- Attorney General – Hon. Barry Penner
- Minister of Children and Family Development – Hon. Mary McNeil
- Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Hon. Ida Chong
- Minister of Education – Hon. George Abbott
- Minister of Energy and Mines (minister responsible for Housing) – Hon. Rich Coleman
- Minister of Environment – Hon. Terry Lake
- Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Hon. Steve Thomson
- Minister of Health – Hon. Michael de Jong
- Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation – Hon. Pat Bell
- Minister of Labour, Citizens’ Services and Open Government – Hon. Stephanie Cadieux
- Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Hon. Shirley Bond
- Minister of Social Development (minister responsible for multiculturalism) – Hon. Harry Bloy
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Hon. Blair Lekstrom

Additionally, 10 MLAs have been

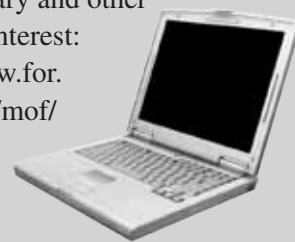
named as parliamentary secretaries, and will work with ministers to focus on key initiatives of government.

Rich Coleman will serve as the Government House Leader and Terry Lake will be the deputy Government House Leader. Ben Stewart will be the Government whip.

“We want British Columbians to have the opportunity to be more engaged with government decision-making,” said Premier Clark. “We will work with citizens to find solutions to problems, set priorities openly and explain why we make the decisions we do. British Columbia is starting from a position of strength. It is up to us to build on this strength for the betterment of families across our province.” ♦

Links of Interest

- 1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/logreports.htm>
- For daily scans of news from BC, Canada, the US and around the world focusing on Forestry, Forest Products & Business, Climate Change, Carbon & Bioenergy and Wood products and Green Building http://www.treefrogcreative.ca/Daily_Forestry_News.html
- Forest Industry Snapshot Feb 2011: The forest industry snapshot includes a selection of monthly stats, with some analytical commentary and other items of interest: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/reports/snapshots>





FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WOODLOT ASSOCIATIONS

FBCWA/WPDC 2011/12 Work Plan

Portfolio	Activity item	Budget \$	Contact	Comments
FBCWA BUSINESS		\$141,100		
	FBCWA Accounting	\$2,000		Review of FBCWA books done every 4 years
	FBCWA Exec Travel	6,500	Nancy Pezel	For President & Executive travel/expenses not associated with committees.
	Teleconference Port line charges	4,500	Mark Clark	15 conference calls/year with Telus
	FBCWA/WPDC Insurance	3,100	Nancy Pezel	For directors insurance not covered by LBIP
	FBCWA Directors Expenses	12,000	Mark Clark/Nancy Pezel	Expenses are based on 1 director from each association to attend the directors budget meeting in Feb/March. Local woodlot associations are expected to pay for their directors to attend the AGM.
	GM Professional Fees	90,000	Mark Clark	Professional fees based on 15 days/month x \$500/day
	GM Expenses and Disbursements	15,000	Mark Clark	Expenses of \$12,500 & Disbursements of \$2,500
	Support Contracts	8,000	Mark Clark	Contracts for e-business (\$6,000), LBIP/FBCWA Communication (\$1,000) and Non-committed Misc (\$1,000) at the discretion of the Exec.
TIMBER PRICING		\$34,000	Dean Daly/ Miles Fuller	
INTERIOR		\$17,000		
	Interior Professional Fees	15,000	Miles Fuller	Professional fees based on 2.5 days/month x \$500/day
	Interior Consulting Expenses	2,000	Miles Fuller	Expenses for FBCWA travel (flights, accommodation, mileage, meals, taxis) and office supplies.
COAST		17,000		
	Coastal Professional Fees	15,000	Miles Fuller	Professional fees based on 2.5 days/month x \$500/day
	Coastal Consulting Expenses	2,000	Miles Fuller	Expenses for FBCWA travel (flights, accommodation, mileage, meals, taxis) and office supplies.
WOODLOT AAC SUPPORT		\$4,500	Mike Bandstra	Woodlot for Windows program telephone support.
NATIONAL / EXTERNAL AFFAIRS		\$1,500	Cliff Manning	
	CFWO dues	1,500		Annual dues
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS		\$39,000	Lisa Marak	
	Profiles & Expenses	3,000	Lisa Marak	Profiles for 1 area of province
	Woodlot Connector	5,000	Lisa Marak	Design, writing & distribution of 6 electronic issues
	Promotional Materials	3,000	Lisa Marak	Education DVD/Carabineers/bookmarks, etc.
	Coffe Table Book	2,000	Lisa Marak	Storage & Distribution
	Education Program	1,000	Lisa Marak	Updates, materials and promotion
	Trade Show Banner	500	Lisa Marak	For new banner related to products in 2011/12.
	Trade Shows	3,000	Lisa Marak	Registration Fees & Expenses
	Communications Coordinator Fees	16,000	Lisa Marak	Fees to complete communication activities 4 days/month x \$320/day + expenses
	Shipping & postage	500	Lisa Marak	
	Special Projects	2,000	Lisa Marak	Funding to cover special events & projects
	Website maintenance	3,000	Cathy McClary	Fees related to updates & maintenance of website.

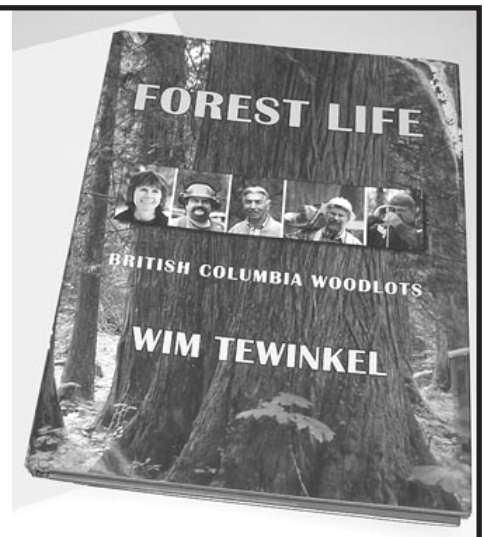
Portfolio	Activity item	Budget \$	Contact	Comments
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		\$12,000		
	AGM Coordinator Fees	8,000	Mark Clark	To assist AGM committee
	AGM Travel Expenses	4,000	Nancy Pezel	For FBCWA Executive Directors and/or smaller associations who request financial help prior to their directors' attending the AGM.
SAFETY		\$1,000	Shawn Flynn	Travel & expenses for representing the FBCWA on Forest Safety Council
STRATEGIC PLANNING		\$500	Lisa Marak	5 Year review of the Strategic Plan due 2011/12
FBCWA BASE BUDGET		\$233,600		
FBCWA CONTINGENCY RESERVE (10%)		\$23,360		To cover initiatives approved by the FBCWA exec (eg. Stumpage, Tenure Rights, Oil & Gas, BRIDGES, Marketing, Agroforestry, etc.)
FBCWA TOTAL		\$256,960		
WOODLOT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL				
	Directors' Expenses	18,000	Mike Larock	Includes 2 Council meetings per year, AGM registration, teleconferences for 7 Directors.
	Accountant	5,000	Steven Wright	Professional fees for annual review of accounts and monthly bookkeeping updates.
	Coordinator Professional fees	40,000	Mike Larock	Professional fees based on 10.4 days/month x \$320/day
	Coordinator Expenses	3,500	Mike Larock	Expenses includes travel, communication expenses and office supplies.
	Questionnaire	600	Wilf Chelle	For the production & mailing of 825 questionnaires. No funding was allotted for phone surveys
	Annual Report	2,000	Ken Pedersen	Production and distribution of joint annual report by request to licensees and 100 copies to AGM.
	Woodland Almanac	14,000	Ken Pedersen	Expenses for the production and distribution of 1250 copies, 4 times a year to be offset by Almanac ad revenue estimated at 15% of direct costs.
	Woodlot Calendar	0	Cathy McClary	Supply on hand of generic calendars ordered by licensees.
	Woodlot Stewardship Recognition Program	4,500	Chris Elden	Costs to recognize woodlot licensees such as video profiles, AGM registrations, local events.
WPDC TOTAL		\$87,600		
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS		\$25,000	Mike Larock / David Zirnheld	\$15,000 for submitted projects and \$10,000 for Research/Business Plan initiatives.
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$369,560		

“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 ♦



2011 Woodlot Licensee Levy Questionnaire

Results from the 2011 woodlot licensee levy questionnaire were presented to the FBCWA/WPDC Directors at their budget meeting in March. As a woodlot licensee the questionnaire is your opportunity to provide direct input on where the levy will be spent. It is considered the first step in the budget planning process. The questionnaire was mailed to 832 licensees. This year we heard back from 125 woodlot licensees which is a 15% response rate and is down ~5% from previous years. The questionnaire provides information on the demographics of you and your licence, determines your level of participation in the FBCWA, seeks your opinions on the management of the levy fund and obtains a weighted ranking of your priority activities that could be funded by Council.

For the first time we asked you about the Schedule A land linked to your woodlot. Less than 10% of the respondents did not have any Schedule A land included in the licence and 40.5% had more than 100 hectares included. Close to 60% noted that they are very interested and deem it extremely important to remove their Schedule A land from the licence. The primary reasons cited for wanting to remove the Schedule A land was to make it easier to sell or transfer the woodlot (43.4%) and for estate planning (42.5%). You obviously had an opinion on these questions as 15 licensees added additional comments.

Primarily in the last five years, licensees generated income by selling logs (77.7%), through timber processing (milling) at 11.6% and log house building (9.9%). Sadly due to poor economic times or previous mountain pine beetle devastation, 16.5% did not generate any income

over the past 5 years.

Quite often the comments that you as licensees include with your answers capture the situation better than the standard survey responses.

When asked if professional reliance will promote innovation and better management on woodlots, 42 licensees took the time to share their thoughts in addition to the Yes or No response. Both the FBCWA and the WPDC executive have access to these comments and will be reviewing them over the coming months.

It is encouraging to see that licensees support their local woodlot associations with 86.8% noting that they belong and 40% usually attend meetings. The Woodland Almanac is the preferred choice of how to receive FBCWA/WPDC information as noted by 91% of the respondents.

The WPDC executive appreciates your input when deciding how to manage the levy fund. The WPDC funds are collected under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. The Council works closely with the FBCWA to spend the levy on four main areas including Member Support & communications, Timber Pricing, Streamlining Administration and Relationship Building. The Council invests a portion of the levy for future expenses. Currently the portfolio is managed by a professional manager and is based on a mandate to achieve 80% low and 20% moderate risk investments. The Council is exploring



**Quesnel Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Community Spirit Award presented to the Quesnel Woodlot Association (Paul Galliazzo, QWA president, Mayor Mary Sjordstrom, and John Massier QWA Past President)
Photo credit: Quesnel Chamber of Commerce**

new initiatives and has received the support of 67.8% of the respondents to continue along this path.

Each year the last section of the questionnaire asks the licensee to assign a priority ranking for several initiatives underway or being considered for funding by the FBCWA and the WPDC. For 2011 the top 5 priorities are:

1. Maintain a timber pricing process that recognized uniqueness
2. Reduce Admin and planning requirements
3. Make the e-FM user friendly
4. Initiate a “group structure” certification process for forest products to keep costs neutral or low for licensees.
5. Explore options of Economic Recovery.

Thank you to the 125 licensees who took the time to respond to the questionnaire. For the other 707 licensees, we'd still like to hear from you. Contact the FBCWA or the WPDC executive or respond to the 2012 questionnaire arriving in your mailbox later this year. The approved work plan and FBCWA priorities for 2011 can be found on page 14 of this issue of the Almanac. ♦

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BY EMAIL

To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers

From: Dana Hayden
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands

Steve Carr
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Natural Resource Operations



Re: One Cutting Permit over a Woodlot Licence

On January 22, 2010, the Operations Leadership Team of the former Ministry of Forests and Range endorsed moving forward with a one Cutting Permit (CP) over a Woodlot Licence (WL) concept. The concept was perfected in a test environment and then implemented on the ground over this past year in three pilot forest districts (Campbell River, Quesnel, and Peace). The feedback from the pilots has been positive from both the woodlot licensees participating and ministry staff. As a result of these efforts, the implementation of one cutting permit over the woodlot is now available to be utilised across the province.

To be clear, the one CP concept over the WL is ONLY available for woodlot licences that meet the following three criteria:

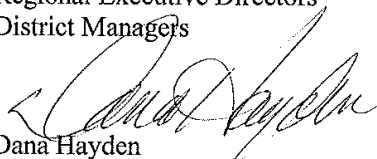
- There is an approved Woodlot Licence Plan in place,
- The Cutting Permit being applied for is on tabular rates, and
- The District Manager is satisfied that adequate First Nations consultation for the area has occurred

The attached documents (business map, process document, route card, notice to commence template and concept overview) should provide you with the tools to implement the concept.

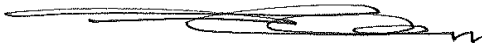
This is the result of collaborative work between the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and MFML and MNRO staff. We would like to thank all those who participated in making this happen.

If you require further information or clarification, please call Ron Greschner, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 828-4435

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District Managers



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