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Regulation Amendment Clarifying Approval of Forest Development Plans Covering Community Watershed Areas

Background

Sections 41(6) and 41(7) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* (Code) require that a forest development plan (FDP) or amendment that contains community watershed areas receive approval of both the district manager and the designated environment official.

The intent of this section was to ensure community watershed portions of FDPs receive joint ministry review and approval. However, as the Code is presently written, both the community watershed and non-community watershed portions of the FDP require joint review and approval.

Amendment

On September 15 1995, an Order In Council was approved amending the Operational Planning Regulation to address this problem.

The amendment temporarily suspends sections 41(6) and 41(7) of the Code and replaces them with a new provision requiring joint approval of only the community watershed portion of the FDP. This is clearly a housekeeping amendment to correct an error in the legislation. The ministry will attempt to permanently correct the error through a legislative amendment in the Spring 1996 legislative session.

Amendments to the Code and regulations are necessary to remedy transitional difficulties during code implementation, and are authorized under section 221 of the Code. Amendments are retroactive and are repealed June 15, 1996.

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