



Reference: 248286

June 19, 2019

Dear Mill Representative:

Re: 2018 Annual Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities Survey (Mill List Survey)

I am writing to encourage you to respond to the 2018 Mill List Survey. This annual survey is a key source of information for government in understanding industry trends, and in assessing policy options.

Conditions faced by industry in 2019 are extremely challenging. Declining timber supply, exacerbated by the record-setting fire seasons of the past two years has led to many mills being forced to curtail or even close.

Please take the time to fill in this survey for 2018 to ensure that government has the most accurate information possible as it works to ensure that BC maintains a competitive, high-value forest industry that creates jobs and produces economic stability and benefits for First Nations and communities around the province.

In addition to helping decision makers understand the status of fibre utilization, and inform policy change discussions, the survey results are also used in B.C.'s response on trade issues (e.g. Softwood lumber).

The Mill List Survey collects operational information on primary timber processing facilities across the province. A great portion of the data you provide in this survey is protected from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Only the company name, mill location, and an estimate of annual production capacity, will be published. The other data will be aggregated with other facilities to provide provincial or regional information on the log and residual use. Company-specific information will not be released without your prior consent.

Based on the survey responses, the Ministry issues an annual report called "Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities in British Columbia", also known as the B.C. Mill List report. The report is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/forest-industry-economics/fibre-mill-information>.

This survey will be sent to you electronically. We would appreciate your completing and returning the survey by the requested response date.

If you are not the appropriate person to fill out the survey, please forward it to the proper contact. Should you have any questions, please contact Jiali (Julie) Leng at (778) 974-2403 or Anshul Dhankher at (778) 698-5438 or you can contact them by email at mill.survey@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jim Schafthuisen".

Jim Schafthuisen

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