



Communiqué contents – June 2009 update

This Communiqué contains an update of recent activities in the development and usage of the FSP Tracking System. Highlights include:

- Information on the upcoming release of version 1.4,
- A report on the training program, and
- A discussion on usage statistics.

As well, this Communiqué will highlight an important shift in where the FSP Tracking System lies in the system development life cycle. It is past the initial development and into a place where we focus on maintenance and subtle improvement.

Changes made to the FSP Tracking System

Release 1.3 was implemented in September 2008 and was followed by several maintenance releases described in Communiqué 7. Since then, release 1.4 has been developed and contains the following significant changes:

- Incorporation of a new FSP status code for amendments not requiring approval (*In Effect* or *INE*). This is to reflect the nature of amendments not requiring approval.
- Inclusion of a transitional FSP check box on the FSP300 screen.
- Deletion of amendment history when an amendment is deleted. Before, it would remain visible on the FSP800 screen.
- Provision of ability for the DDM or Administrator to modify the FSP Term and expiry date fields when an FSP is in "submit" status
- Modification of the FSP500 screen to allow adding and searching stocking standards from the top of the screen (instead of repetitive scrolling to the bottom for these frequent activities)
- Modification of the FSP600 screen to display the amendment number that the spatial data is associated with.
- Modification of the FSP800 to allow sorting of amendments.

Release 1.4 will be implemented in late July 2009. Upgrades to MapView have been completed concurrently and include the following changes:

- MapView was updated to include the Spatial Amendment Number that the FDU spatial came from, and will only display the spatial in the Approved layer from amendments where the FDU spatial data was changed.
- MapView will now display FDU's and Identified Areas in approved, submitted, and draft views.
- Several improvements to the query functions have been made including:
 - Updating the "identify queries" to show the amendment number of the geometry.
 - Updating the "identify queries" to show all clients and licences included in the new views.
 - Updating the previous view to only show whether or not the particular amendment had a geometry change. The flag will be part of the previous view (see section 4.5).



- Adding a query to MapView that will allow a user to determine what FDUs were in place at a particular date. The user should optionally be able to isolate a single FDU for the query.
- Creating a link from MapView to allow a user to navigate to a specific record in the FSP Tracking System. The FSP tracking system will need to expose the appropriate URL.
- Enhancing MapView to "zoom to" and highlight the specific FDU so it is clear to the user which FDU they queried.

Future Changes

Periodic maintenance releases will continue, but no major changes or additions to the FSP Tracking System are planned for this fiscal year. Suggestions for improvements or new features will continue to be collected for possible inclusion in future releases.

Training Activities

Two major FSPTS training initiatives have been completed:

- MFR district contact training; and
- FSPTS training for compliance and enforcement (C&E).

The goal of the MFR district contact training was to train at least one contact in each forest district in using the FSP Tracking System including loading, amending, reviewing, and searching FSP's. This district contact would then be available for training licensees and other staff. A 1.5 day training course was provided in 6 locations throughout BC with 50 personnel attending. Several districts have since gone on to provide formal training to licensees and other staff.

The goal of the C&E training was to provide personnel with the ability to use the FSPTS in support of inspection activities. A half day course was provided in the same 6 locations, and 69 personnel attended.

Administrative Guide to FSP's (AGFSP)

This manual has two volumes, *Preparation and Approval of an FSP* and *Working Under an Approved FSP*. New versions of these volumes will be available soon at this location:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/AGFSP/index.htm>.

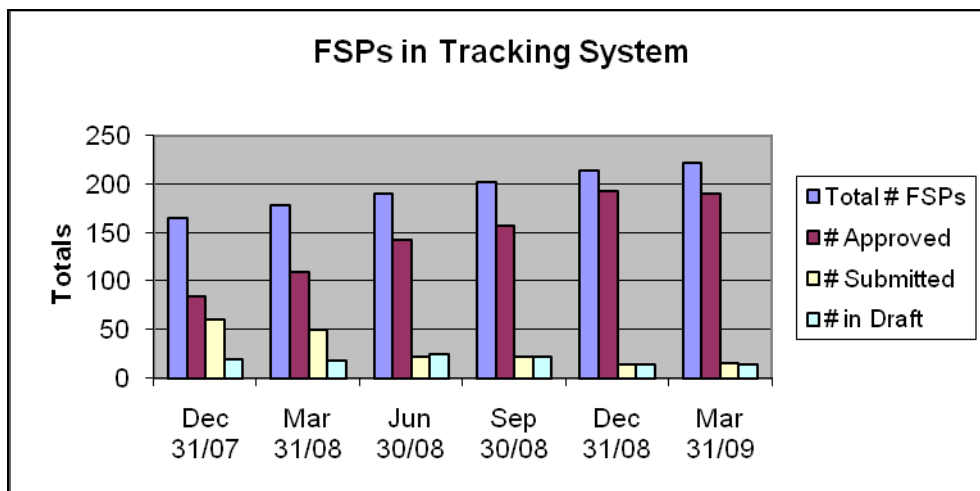
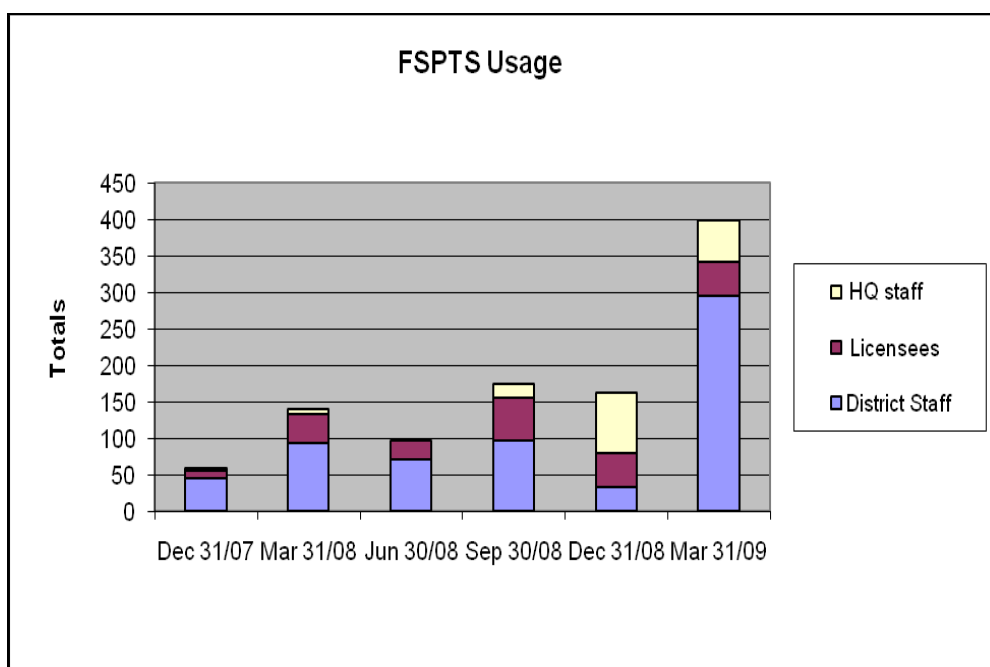
The new versions have been updated to include utilization of the FSP Tracking System.

Application Usage

System usage increased considerably in the run-up to March 31, 2009 as FSPTS users took advantage of the available service providers to input data. As of March 31, 2009, there were 222 FSP's in the system with over 90% approved.

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Reference Materials for Geomatics Users

Information for geomatics staff uploading spatial data is available on the FSP Tracking System website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/fsp/qrc.htm>.

Other News and Information

The new business lead for the FSP tracking system is Del Williams (Del.Williams@gov.bc.ca; 250-356-9361).