



Communiqué Contents—*FRPA* Section 197 Election for Stocking Standards

This communiqué provides interim guidance on the process for specifying, in the FSP Tracking System, that *FRPA* stocking standards apply to Forest Practice Code (FPC) blocks under *FRPA* section 197. This functionality, first announced in Communiqué number 6, will be fully available once the changes to the RESULTS application are implemented—at which time further information will be provided. The Provincial *FRPA* Implementation Team (PFIT) is also planning on drafting a *FRPA* bulletin containing guidance on how an FSP may specify how *FRPA* stocking standards be applied to FPC blocks under *FRPA* section 197.

Identification of *FRPA* S. 197 Elections for Stocking Standards

In release 1.3 of the FSP Tracking System, users can indicate that they are making an election under *FRPA* section 197 to specify which blocks approved under the FPC legislation will be managed with *FRPA* stocking standards under their FSP. NOTE: *FRPA* stocking standards may be applied to a standards unit within a block without being applied to the entire block.

Users can indicate this election through a check box on the FSP 300 Information screen.

FSP (Forest Stewardship Plan)

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FSP300 - Information

Org Unit(s): _____ Status: _____ View Amendment:

FSP ID: _____ FSP Name: _____ FSP Expiry Date: _____

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District(s):

- DAB - Arrow Boundary Forest District
- DCC - Central Cariboo Forest District
- DCH - Chilcotin Forest District
- DCI - Chilliwack Forest District
- DCO - Columbia Forest District
- DCR - Campbell River Forest District
- DCS - Cascades Forest District
- DFN - Fort Nelson Forest District
- DHW - Headwaters Forest District
- DJA - Fort St. James Forest District

Agreement Holder: (Client # or Acronym) _____ Client Name: _____ Agreement (licence): _____

FSP Number: _____ FSP Effective Date (YYYY-MM-DD): _____ FSP Term: 5 yr _____ mo FSP Expiry Date (YYYY-MM-DD): _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Transitional FSP: ☐ FRPA 197 Election: ☐

This information will be used by the RESULTS application to determine if *FRPA* stocking standards can be applied to a standards unit (SU) under an FPC obligation (*FRPA* section 197). If so, RESULTS will apply the stocking standards defined under the FSP to FPC/FDP openings without further approvals being required.



Interim Guidance for Identifying *FRPA* S. 197 Elections for Stocking Standards

Licensees/BCTS

If a licensee/BCTS has a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP), or amendment, that specifies blocks that will have *FRPA* stocking standards applied under *FRPA* section 197, they should select the check box on the FSP 300 Information screen (*FRPA* S. 197 election). This check box should be selected if the FSP or amendment describes either:

- the FPC blocks, and standard units, to which *FRPA* standards under the FSP will apply; or
- the process that will be used to specify how *FRPA* stocking standards will be applied to blocks with FPC obligations.

The selection of the check box can be done on the original FSP or in an amendment not requiring approval. Once the check box is selected, it indicates the section 197 election applies to the FSP and all amendments. The check box does not need to be reset on future amendments.

Until the RESULTS application is enhanced in the next few months, licensees/BCTS must continue with the current process for stocking standards amendments in RESULTS. The amendment process involves licensees/BCTS initiating and submitting a major amendment (requiring approval) in RESULTS to specify that *FRPA* stocking standards apply to old FDP openings under *FRPA* Section 197. The amendment requests the addition of the Stocking Standard ID from the approved FSP with the section 197 election, to the standards units on the opening.

When the next release of RESULTS is implemented, this amendment process will change. Licensees/BCTS will be able to specify that *FRPA* stocking standards be applied to FDP¹ openings, located within a Forest Development Unit (FDU) of an approved FSP, by submitting a minor amendment (not requiring approval) as long as the *FRPA* stocking standards are in an approved FSP that has the *FRPA* 197 Indicator checked. They will be able to use RESULTS to enter the stocking standard ID from their approved FSP into each SU within an opening they wish to manage using *FRPA* standards. The *FRPA* 197 amendments will get recorded in RESULTS history as a 197 Election so they can be tracked and reported on. More information on this process will be provided as part of the implementation of the next RESULTS release.

Districts (MFR)

Districts should ensure they have setup the notification functionality within the FSP Tracking System so they will automatically be notified when a FSP, or amendment not requiring approval, is submitted.

As part of the District's regular review process for monitoring amendments not requiring approval, the District can confirm the blocks elected as section 197 areas are within the boundaries of an FDU in an approved FSP.

¹ FDP openings are not limited to the most current FDP but include openings managed under a Silviculture prescription or preharvest silviculture prescription



Until the next release of RESULTS is implemented, districts should continue to review and approve/reject amendments submitted by licensees/BCTS to specify blocks that are to be managed under *FRPA* Section 197.

More Information

Additional information on the details of processing *FRPA* section 197 blocks in the FSP Tracking System and the RESULTS application will be communicated when finalized. Users should ensure they have subscribed to the FSPTS bulletin to automatically be notified when this information is available.

Subscriptions to the FSPTS bulletin can be done on the Information Management Group's website at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pscripts/his/apb/profile.asp>.

In addition, the *FRPA* bulletin containing guidance on section 197 elections will be available on the PFIT website at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/FRPA_implementation/Bulletins.htm. Users are encouraged to check this website on a regular basis to obtain this bulletin when it is released.