

FSP Tracking System Newsletter

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1. Purpose of this Newsletter

This newsletter is meant to be a quick and informal means of communications to FSPTS users. Other forms of communications include our website and the more formal Communiqués. Newsletters will be sent out when needed rather than on a schedule. Please share any relevant information in this newsletter with government and industry practitioners in your area. Feedback, comments, and suggestions for content are appreciated (send to Del.Williams@gov.bc.ca). If you want to be removed from the list, let me know.

2. Can you enter Stocking Standards in RESULTS instead of FSPTS?

The RESULTS system still provides the capability to enter stocking standards because there are some instances where licensees do not have Forest Stewardship Plans (for example, Woodlot Licenses). This capability has led some users to mistakenly assume that it is acceptable for FSP holders to put stocking standards in via RESULTS. This is not the case. FSP holders must always enter stocking standards through the FSP Tracking System. FSP holders entering stocking standards through RESULTS can lead to expensive data fixes and can undermine data integrity.

3. FSP Extensions in FSPTS

We have completed a *Business Requirements Document* for adapting the FSPTS to accept FSP extensions. The next step is the *Detailed Design Specification* followed by the actual programming. If we get funding next Fiscal Year, the earliest we could expect the extension capability to be up-and-running would be autumn or early winter 2010. There will obviously be FSP's requiring extensions before this time, so **here is how to handle FSP extensions in the meantime:**

- 1) Process the extension on paper only – do not use the FSPTS
- 2) Send the following information to Del.Williams@gov.bc.ca:
 - FSP number
 - Request date
 - Approval date
 - Term or new expiry date
 - Attachments (i.e. request letter and DDM reply letter)
- 3) This office (Resource Tenures Branch) will:
 - Manually update the FSPTS with new expiry dates

- Maintain a ledger of all FSP Extensions
- Update the FSPTS with the remaining extension data when the full extension capability is available.

Amendments required to facilitate an extension must still be made in the FSPTS. The FSPTS will remain fully functional and subsequent amendments can be made normally.

Some of you will already have used the amendment process to extend FSP's. This was the advice that was available until now in the AGFSP (<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/AGFSP/index.htm>) and from other sources. However, the data clean-up work will be minimized by following the above procedure for all new extensions.

Further information on extensions (but not including advice on the FSPTS) will be available soon in a new FRPA General Bulletin entitled "An Overview of FSP Extensions". This will be available at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/FRPA_implementation/Bulletins.htm

4. FSP Spatial Data

We often are asked where information on uploading spatial data can be found. This is available on the FSPTS website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/fsp/qrc.htm>.

5. Working in FSPTS with multiple browser windows open

We have learned that strange things can happen if you have more than one browser window open in the FSPTS. For those of you who like to multitask – it can be convenient to have a couple of FSP's open at once. Unfortunately, there appears to be a glitch in Microsoft Internet Explorer that can cause data from one window to unpredictably populate another FSPTS window. So, best to work with only one FSPTS window open at a time! One user had to review dozens of stocking standards after inadvertently discovering this problem.

6. FSPTS Admin Support Contract

Many of you have had help from Joanne Pickford in this, or previous years. Joanne has been, and continues to be, an integral part of the success of the FSPTS. Joanne's contract for this year will expire on March 31. If you have any last minute support requirements, get them in quick! Joanne is available at bijopick@telus.net or 604.936.2821.

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