

RESULTS - Live Meeting

Operational Issue Forum “top 10”/Question and Answer

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Communication

All communication related to the RESULTS application including training, business documentation, application communiqué etc. is delivered to users through RESULTS District and Regional contacts as well as RESULTS Timber Sales Office contacts which are instructed to pass the information on to licensees and consultants within their respective districts/organizations. Distributions also occur through application bulletins which any user may signed up for on the RESULTS website at the following URL: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pscripts/his/apb/profile.asp>.

A session on RESULTS Reports is scheduled for March 29, 2010 for session details and registration please visit: <https://www106.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002144422/PublicEvents.aspx>

For those who could not attend the previously delivered sessions on February 18th and 26th and wish to access the material, recordings are available at:

<https://www106.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002144422/Registration.aspx?pageName=z69jsk3ll3b4w8mr&FromPublicUrl=1>

The 10th session recording will also be posted

(<https://www106.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002144422/Registration.aspx?pageName=nmc512rkq6trhw6s&FromPublicUrl=1>) as well as any other RESULTS training delivered via Live Meeting.

Systems Interactions: FSPTS versus RESULTS

All FSP specific information is stored in the FSP tracker, the only information that carries over to RESULTS are the FSP administrative information (FSP id) and FSP stocking standards and both are displayed only. Thus, any changes to those fields must be done in the FSP tracker, they can't be changed in RESULTS, although FSP id and SSIDs are randomly generated by the system. Please note that the FSPTS application does not have functionalities to enable the adjudication of stocking standards and SU updates. These functions are carried out in the RESULTS application and as such, there is no opening specific information in FSP Tracking System, opening related information and details resides in the RESULTS application.

To determine whether an opening or cutblock is managed under the FPC or under FRPA, the following guidance applies:

- If there is a FSP ID assigned to an opening in RESULTS, the opening is managed under FRPA;

- If there is no FSP ID assigned, but there is a Stocking Standard ID assigned, the opening is managed as a Site Plan under a transition FDP (Forest Practices Code);
- If there is no FSP ID assigned, no Stocking Standard ID assigned, the opening is managed as a silviculture prescription under the FPC.

While these fields should provide a clear indication of whether a block (SU) is Code or FRPA, there is no “canned” reports currently available to pull this information out for an administrative unit. If needed, an “ad hoc” report can be requested from the RESULTS Data Custodian (Caroline MacLeod), or the Business Application Support Services Group (BASS – FORHISP.apphelp@gov.bc.ca). Please note that the RDD012 report allows for the extraction of stocking standards information from RESULTS but does not have any association at the opening and standard unit level. It only displays approved stocking standards for a given FSP and it also displays FDP stocking standards.

MFR is currently developing an FSP view which will pull the FDU (Forest Development Unit) data and FSP id from the FSPTS application and opening, standard units and associated stocking standards from RESULTS. We have no ETA for delivery as it is pending funding for development. In the meantime, users with geomatic expertise may use the RESULTS business views on the LRDW and overlay with the FDU layer to pull the necessary information from the database.

Management of Stocking Standards

1. It is possible to upload Stocking Standards via ESF in XML format into FSPTS or RESULTS. Please note that all FSP stocking standard MUST be submitted via the FSPTS. Stocking standards associated with FDP or WLP (Woodlots) – standards regime id - are still submitted and approved through the RESULTS application. For government funded programs (FFT, FIA) and for openings still managed as a silviculture prescription under the FPC, stocking standards are adjudicated at the site level via major amendment on a block by block basis. Please note that openings managed under government funded programs, those using defaults stocking standards, may be authorized to use FDP and FSP regime ids. These standards can only be updated by using another approved regime id. If no suitable regime id can be found for a given site then a new regime must be submitted to the district for approval. These submissions should be vetted through the program administrators and HQ.

Also, all stocking standards – regime ids – must be entered into the system by the client. The PDF file often provided with an FSP submission has no loading capability. All standards must be loaded online or via ESF. All FSP stocking standards MUST be entered into the FSPTS.

2. New FDP Stocking standards may be created and applied to standard units in RESULTS even if the FDP has expired. Recognizing that openings under the code will continue to be managed until FG, and that it is not always practical, or desirable to bring the outstanding obligations to be managed under FRPA, licensees may propose new FDP stocking standards in RESULTS.

For more information, please view FRPA Bulletin Number 12:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/FRPA_implementation/Documentation/115482%20Memo.pdf

3. A new proposed and approved FDP SSID can be applied to as many openings/SUs as applicable assuming that it was approved for such use. Some SSIDs are only intended to be used by a single SU, while others are more wide reaching. You would have to review the standard itself to see how it can be applied and also look for specific language under the additional standards that allows for variations of a standard. These variations are completed via approved variation in the RESULTS application. An example of an approved variation would be Fdc is an acceptable species for a given BEC unit but based on specific site conditions and/or circumstances such as “Fdc may be preferred on south-facing slopes”, for that same BEC variant. A user would then initiate an approved variation at the standard unit level and update Fdc from acceptable to preferred based on the condition being met

FTA and RESULTS – Business and Application Linkages

FTA is the application used to apply for cutting authority for harvesting of timber and road building. FTA is administered by the MFR and the extent of licensees interaction with FTA is to submit XML/GML file formats via the ESF (Electronic Submission Framework).

Administrative information such as License (file id), CP, cutblock and timbermark are used as a “Key” for identification of cutblocks when reporting to RESULTS. The Key must be identical for the link to be made between the two applications. Issues have occurred over time, an example is where a zero has been added or left out of a specific field, such as Block 01 versus 1, or a “-” (dash) versus a “_” (underscore). When this happens, RESULTS is unable to authenticate the tenure information and the submission fails the tenure validation rule. There are ways for BCeID users (IDIR have access to FTA) to view the “tombstone” information derived from FTA application using the RESULTS application:

The steps to access the FTA tombstone information and confirm that a cutblock exist in FTA are as follow:

- Logon to RESULTS and in the opening menu select “opening inquiry” this will allow you to navigate to the RESULTS 301 Opening Inquiry screen. Then select the Multi Tenure tab (second from the left) – RESULTS 305 Multi tenure screen;
- At the bottom of the screen, there is an ellipsis symbol (... below the Timber Mark field), this is the search button in RESULTS;
- A number of fields can be used to sort information. What is displayed in RESULTS is the information that is in FTA for a given tenure (file id, CP, cutblock or timbermark). This functionality allows you to see the admin information as it is found in FTA and displays what cutblocks are in the FTA system. The results of the search may be printed by right clicking on the screen and choosing the print option. Alternatively, the search results can be copied and pasted in MS Excel or MS Word and printed from there.

For the submission of openings into RESULTS that are under silviculture obligations and that don’t have a corresponding tenure in FTA (frequent with woodlot tenures), the proper tenure information should be entered into FTA first. Older cutblocks that were not captured during FTA data cleanup may be entered in FTA without spatial. Any districts that are allowing for non-tenured openings to be reported

to RESULTS should not continue doing so as it will create data integrity as well as C & E issues in the future.

RESULTS feeding information into FTA

A disturbance activity reporting to RESULTS requires harvest start and completion dates as well as disturbance area. This information also populates FTA cutblock detail screen which can be access by MFR IDIR account only. Further, when the disturbance complete box is checked off in RESULTS or <rst:harvestCompleteOnCutBlock> is marked as 'true' in ESF submissions, the cutblock status in FTA is updated to LC – Logging Complete. A post harvest milestone submissions to RESULTS triggers a cutblock status update from LC to S-Silviculture in FTA.

FTA feeding information into RESULTS

All client derived information comes into RESULTS from FTA, as well as tenure information e.g. licence, CP, block, timbermark. Thus if this information is wrong in RESULTS it must be updated in FTA (this must be done by MFR).

The exhibit A area is displayed in RESULTS and is a derived value from the spatial data and can't be updated manually. It must be done via CP amendment in FTA.

SP Exempt Indicator

Background:

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Historically, the indicator was used to indicate whether a site plan was required (Y) or exempt (N) under Section 21.1 of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act - a site plan is required (Y) or exempt (N).

During RESULTS implementation we needed to differentiate openings managed under a site plan (post December 17, 2002 - Transition/FRPA) and openings managed under a silviculture prescription (pre December 17, 2002 FPCBC). Depending on the legal framework under which an opening is managed there is a requirement for a site plan and stocking standards (SSID). Therefore the use of the indicator e.g. 1) site plan exempt (N) means opening managed under FRPA and stocking standard regime id is required, 2) site plan exempt (Y) means opening managed under Code and stocking standard regime id is not required.

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Historically, this field was used for cutblocks that were exempt from preparing silviculture prescriptions under sec. 30 of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act, e.g. cut blocks under one hectare, or the use of the land will be incompatible with the establishment of a free growing stand.

Under the current legislation, the field is obsolete but is still used by districts and clients to indicate that there are no silviculture obligations hence no requirement to report to RESULTS which is an erroneous interpretation. RESULTS application tracks all openings/disturbances regardless of having an obligation

or not. Therefore the indicator in FTA is misleading and is not consistent with RESULTS business requirements.

DISCUSSION

The SP Exempt Indicator is used in the FTA Cutblock Admin Table. When the indicator is set in FTA and a subsequent RESULTS submission links an opening to the FTA cutblock record, the corresponding FTA setting for the indicator is automatically replicated to RESULTS. Further, whoever has “approval access” in RESULTS can update the SP exempt indicator field. If it is updated in RESULTS, it automatically updates in FTA as both fields share the same table behind the scenes.

As FTA does not track silviculture obligations, having the field in FTA is not consistent with the business and is also misleading as “no basic silviculture obligations” does not necessarily mean that an agreement holder is exempt from reporting the disturbance. When a disturbance is exempt from basic silviculture obligations, the requirement to report is dictated by disturbance size and/or corporate policy.

Please note that the “no regen obligations” radial button in the RESULTS 310 screen does not mean that an SU is exempt from achieving reforestation obligations. The “no regen obligation” is used for SUs harvested under FPPR S. 44(4) where the area is stocked after completion of harvesting activities. There are no FG obligations but an obligation to meet a stocking standard and can be declared 12 months following completion of harvesting activities.

Amendments

The status of an opening in RESULTS will impact whether declarations or any other modifications to an opening or a standard unit can be made. The status flow is as follows: APP>AMD>SUB to either APP if approved or back to AMD if rejected. The opening status can be seen in the tombstone area for all screens in the RESULTS application. Please note that declarations and/or additional amendments/updates can’t be made if the block status is other than **APP**.

Once an amendment is submitted the opening status is updated from APP to SUB. The status can be verified in the RESULTS inbox. Licensees can only see the status of their submissions, MFR can see all submissions (in their district).

When initiating an amendment for the purpose of deleting a standard unit, the action can only be completed via ESF (when SU spatial data already exists for the opening) as a spatial update is required (XML/GML upload). Any files being submitted via ESF must have all fields populated, even those that are not being updated i.e. include unchanged data intact as if left blank the fields will also be updated with no information in RESULTS. If the fields that are not being updated are mandatory and are submitted as blank, it will cause the submission to fail. ESF submissions overwrite the old information so even unchanged information must be submitted. Once the amendment is approved or not approved an automatic email is sent to the licensee.

Please note if there is no rendered image found under the SP map button in RESULTS it does not mean there is no spatial data in the database. The rendering functionality was introduced with version 3.1 of RESULTS hence any spatial submitted prior to version 3.1 would not have a rendered image in RESULTS.

If the rendered image displays “image not found”, do not assume that spatial does not exist, always go to Mapview to confirm if spatial exist or not.

There are “Amendments” training modules available on line at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/trainingMaterials.htm>

Amendments to Site Plans under Forest Development Plans

Where there is a need to amend an FDP site plan stocking standard, two options are available.

- If the licensee has an approved FSP with provisions for rolling their outstanding silviculture liabilities under the FPC via FRPA 197 then they may choose that option, or
- They may propose and submit a new stocking standard via RESULTS, which is reviewed and approved by the MFR. For more detail on this approach see former training materials at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/trainingMaterials.htm>