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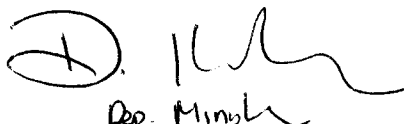
From: The Honourable Michael de Jong
Minister of Forests

Re: Amendment No. 5 to the *Coast Appraisal Manual*

I hereby approve Amendment No. 5 to the *Coast Appraisal Manual*, and attach a copy for your use.

Section 1.1: Allows registered forest technologists to sign appraisal data submissions.

This amendment will come into force on April 1, 2005. Further amendments or revisions to this manual require my approval.



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Please make the following changes to your copy of the above Ministry manual. Please insert the following specified pages and **file this notice** immediately after the Amendments Tab.

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Definitions and Interpretations **1**

1.1 Definitions and Interpretations

In this manual:

"**Act**" means *Forest Act*;

"**Appraisal Data Submission**" means the information required by the person who determines the stumpage rate to determine that rate including the appraisal map, appraisal summary report, cruise compilation and any other information required by the regional manager or district manager in the form required by the director, signed by a **registered professional forester (RPF) or registered forest technologist (RFT)**, registered with the **Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals**;

"**Appraisal Log Dump**" means the log dump that is the closest log dump to a part of a cutting authority area as determined by the person who determines the stumpage rate;

"**Billing history record**" is the log scale data reported on stumpage invoices issued by Revenue Branch. The billing history record is kept by the ministry. The billing history record of a particular geographic area or licence is a record of log scale data reported on stumpage invoices issued by the Revenue Branch for timber scaled under section 94 of the *Act*;

"**Coniferous cruise volume**" means that part of the total net cruise volume which is coniferous timber;

"**Detailed engineering**" means non-tabular;

"**Cutting authority**" means a cutting permit issued under a forest licence, a timber sale licence, a timber licence, tree farm licence, a community forest agreement, a community salvage licence, a woodlot licence, or forestry licence to cut; a timber sale licence; a licence to cut; or a road permit;

"**Cutting authority area**" means the area where timber may be harvested under a cutting authority which has a unique timber mark or marks;

"**Deciduous timber**" means timber that is any of the alder, birch, cottonwood and maple species;

"**Director**" means director of Revenue Branch of the Ministry of Forests;

"**District manager**" means district manager or district manager's designate;

"**Licensee**" means the holder of a cutting authority;

"**Manual**" means *Coast Appraisal Manual*;

"**Mature coniferous timber**" means coniferous timber that is 141 years old or older;

3.2 Appraisals

1. An appraisal is a process used to determine a stumpage rate for a cutting authority area using the manual in effect on the effective date of the cutting authority. The appraisal is effective on the effective date of the cutting authority.
2. A licensee or BCTS shall submit the appraisal data submission to the district manager when the licensee or BCTS makes an application for a cutting authority.
3. The district manager may require the licensee or BCTS to complete and submit an estimated stumpage rate calculation for both helicopter and cable methods of harvesting when the district manager is not satisfied that the method proposed by the licensee or BCTS is the only method that is suitable for the area intended to be harvested.
4. The district manager may review the licensee or BCTS appraisal data submission and may inform the licensee or BCTS of any omissions, errors or provisions of the manual that, in the opinion of the district manager, the signing **RPF or RFT** may not have considered. The licensee or BCTS signing **RPF or RFT** may consider the district manager's information and may revise the appraisal data submission.
5. The district manager shall give any information supplied by the licensee or BCTS under this section to the person who determines the stumpage rate together with any other information that the district manager considers relevant to the appraisal.
6. The person who determines the stumpage rate may review the licensee or BCTS submission, and information supplied by the district manager, and may inform the licensee or BCTS of any omissions, errors or provisions of the manual that, in the opinion of the person who determines the stumpage rate, the signing **RPF or RFT** may not have considered. The licensee or BCTS signing **RPF or RFT** may consider the information and may revise appraisal data submission.
7. The person who determines the stumpage rate shall consider:
 - a. the information provided by the licensee or BCTS and the district manager, and
 - b. any information available to the person who determines the stumpage rate that is relevant to the appraisal.
8. Regional staff will notify the applicant of the stumpage rate determination.

3.3 Reappraisals

1. A reappraisal is a process used to redetermine a stumpage rate for a cutting authority using the manual in effect on the effective date of the reappraisal.
2. Except as provided for under sections 3.3.1(1)(d), 3.3.2 and 3.3.4, a reappraisal is based on a complete reassessment of the cutting authority area on the effective date of the reappraisal, as if the area has been returned to the condition as it was prior to development or harvesting.
3. Non-tabular cost estimates made in the appraisal of a cutting authority area may be re-estimated once in a subsequent reappraisal after works have been constructed using information required under section 5.3.4.
4. Road development costs originally estimated using ministry approved competitive bids may not be re-estimated in a reappraisal.

3.3.1 Changed Circumstances

1. In this section a changed circumstance means a circumstance where:
 - a.
 - (i) The licensee plans to use a method of harvesting to harvest at least twenty-five percent of the volume of timber in the cutting authority area that is different from the method that was planned to be used for that timber at the time of the most recent appraisal or reappraisal of the cutting authority area, and
 - (ii) the different method of harvesting that is planned to be used:
 - (aa) when used in the changed circumstance reappraisal will produce the highest stumpage rate, and
 - (bb) is different from the method of harvesting that was used in the most recent appraisal or reappraisal, or
 - b. there has been or will be a change in the amount of road development of at least twenty-five percent in the total road development unit cost since the most recent appraisal or reappraisal caused by changes to the appraisal field data that will be used in the changed circumstances reappraisal, or
 - c. land containing merchantable timber has been either added to or deleted from the cutting authority area since the most recent cruise compilation or recompilation was used in an appraisal or reappraisal that exceeds either:
 - (i) twenty-five hectares or