

General Assessment Requirements and Reporting Units

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2.1 Field Assessments and Reporting Time Frames

(1) Where the amount of stumpage payable on the timber harvested on a cutblock by the holder of:

- (a) a major licence,
- (b) a community forest agreement,
- (c) a community salvage licence,
- (d) a woodlot licence,
- (e) a road permit,
- (f) a master licence to cut, or
- (g) a timber sale licence where specified in that timber sale licence,

is calculated using the information reported in a scale of the timber, the holder of the agreement must conduct a waste assessment on that cutblock within a period of:

- (i) sixty (60) days after primary logging has been completed on the cutblock, or
 - (ii) within sixty (60) days after the cutting authority authorizing the harvesting of that timber expires or is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first, or
 - (iii) as soon thereafter that the ground is sufficiently free of snow that an assessment may be carried out on the cutblock.
- (2) The holder must submit a waste assessment report for the cutblock to the district manager within thirty (30) days of the completion of the waste assessment.

2.2 Continuing Liability

In accordance with section 79 of the *Forest Act*, and notwithstanding the time frames specified in Section 2.1 for conducting and submitting a waste assessment, and despite the expiry, surrender, suspension or cancellation of a holder's agreement, the holder of an agreement is required to conduct a waste assessment, and pay the fees, costs and invoice billings owing to the government in respect of the waste assessment.

2.3 Overdue Waste Assessments and Reports

- (1) Where the holder of an agreement, other than an agreement entered into with the timber sales manager, does not complete the waste assessment and submit it to the district manager as required under Section 2.1, the district manager may carry out the assessment and in a notice given to the licensee, may require the licensee to pay the costs incurred by the district manager in carrying out the assessment.
- (2) Where the holder of an agreement entered into with the timber sales manager that is required by that agreement to conduct a waste assessment, fails to conduct that waste assessment, the timber sales manager may carry out the assessment, and in a notice given to the holder, may require the holder to pay the costs incurred by the timber sales manager in carrying out the assessment.

2.4 Reporting Unit Options

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this manual, the holder of an agreement may use the following reporting unit options when conducting a waste assessment:
 - (a) the cutblock option,
 - (b) the aggregate option, and
 - (c) the ocular estimate option.

2.4.1 Cutblock Option

- (1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the cutblock option, each cutblock is a separate reporting unit.
- (2) Each cutblock **must be** sampled in accordance with the number of plots required to meet the approved sampling error objective **that applies to that cutblock as required in Chapter 4 of this manual.**



2.4.2 Aggregate Option

- (1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the aggregate option, cutblocks may be amalgamated to form an Aggregate Reporting Unit. **An aggregate reporting unit must be comprised of at least two cutblocks which can be originated from different cutting authorities.**
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, aggregate reporting unit may only be comprised of cutblocks from within a single Forest District that have been harvested by the holder of an agreement.
- (3) Each aggregate reporting unit may consist of:
 - (a) only cutblocks that contained old growth timber,
 - (b) only cutblocks that contained second growth timber, or
 - (c) only cutblocks that contained timber that was transported from the cutblock by a helicopter.

- (4) Each cutblock within the aggregate reporting unit must be surveyed individually using the number of plots as calculated using the pertinent algorithm in Table 4-1 of this manual.
- (5) The  aggregate reporting unit must be sampled in accordance with number of plots required to meet the sampling error objective that applies to that reporting unit as required in Chapter 4 of this manual.
- (6) Where the holder of an agreement uses the aggregate option and did not meet the sampling error objective when using an aggregate option previously, the holder must use the next higher coefficient of variation required to be used by this manual unless the district manager determines that the use of the lower coefficient of variation will not create a significant revenue risk to the government.



2.4.3 Ocular Estimate Option

- (1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the ocular estimate option, each reporting unit may be comprised of one or more cutblocks.
- (2) Where the waste benchmark will be exceeded using the ocular estimate option, the holder of the agreement must use another option authorized by this manual unless the district manager determines that the revenue risk to the government caused by the use of the ocular estimate option is minimal.
- (3) Where the ocular estimate option is used, there is no requirement to meet the sampling error objective required under Chapter 4 of this manual.