UNUSED VOLUME PLANNING GUIDELINES

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Coast Area Forest Tenures

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Forest Act s. 75.8
No carry forward of unharvested volume

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- **Background (2007-2011)**
- **Principles (2011-2012)**
- **Process**
- **Contact**

Background (2007-2011)

- **Two sources of the unused volume :**
  1) **Uncommitted volume (delayed licensing)**
  2) **Unharvested volume (or "undercut volume") in existing licences**

Background (2007-2011)

- **Identified opportunities and constraints**
- **Fielded concerns from Licensees**
- **October 2011, Deputy Minister Konkin**
  - **Reconciliation of 2.7 million m^3**
  - **Retention of 3.6 million m^3 for tracking and potential disposition**

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- **Government Objectives and Expectations**
  - ***A thriving forest industry to ensure a continuous flow of fibre***
  - ***First Nations becoming full partners in the forest industry***
  - ***Support for bioenergy and innovative fibre use.***

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Deputy Minister's Direction for any disposition unused volume:
  - *Same geographic areas and/or species and profile*
  - *Work to address significant licensee concerns*
  - *No compensation liabilities*
- Unused volume will NOT necessarily be disposed of

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Forms of tenure
  - balance of competitive and direct award licences.
  - two primary forms of tenure:
    1. *Competitive non-replaceable forest licences (NRFLs)*
    2. *Forestry Licences to Cut (FLTCs) and NRFLs for direct award to First Nations*

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Eligibility for new competitive tenures
  - Case by case basis
  - Generally open to competitive bidding
  - TFL holder will not be eligible to bid on new licences issued on the TFL.

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Eligibility for Section 18 Cut Control Volume Credits
  - The ability to "transfer" volume
  - Need to meet same timber attribute restrictions as the original licence

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Considerations Specific to First Nations Volumes
  - outstanding government volume commitments
  - shown success in utilizing the initial tenures
  - reconciliation or other similar strategic agreements (ie FTOA)

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Licensee Feedback
  - Discuss with the affected existing tenure holder(s) before offering any new licence.
  - Engage the Licensees early - identify and work to address significant concerns
- Forest Management Leadership Teams (?)
- TSA Co-op, Steering Committees (?)

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Unused Volume Tracking and Process
  - Dynamic, ongoing process
  - Tables "snap shot in time" as of July 5, 2011
  - Periodic updates

Principles for Unused Volume Planning 2011-2012

- Unused Volume Tracking guidelines:
  - RED periodic review
  - Annual write-off of volume > 5 years
  - Periodic review
  - No "return" of licences from unused volume
  - "No bids" from unrestricted competitive opportunities - volume written off

Process for approval

- Districts will work to assess demands
- Recommend a disposition option
- Regional Executive Directors (REDs) decision

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Appendices

- Unused Planning Guidelines *will be* placed on Coast Area Unused Volume Planning Webpage (once approved)

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/RCO/external/!publish/Coast_Area_Forest_Tenures_Public/Unused_Volume.pdf