Group Discussion #1 and #2 Handout
Professional Rationale Workshop

Breakout session #1 (30 minutes)

A) Based on the presentation material, your experience and the check-in questions (see below), within your group have a discussion aimed at addressing the following questions. Be prepared to provide feedback to the broader group.

1. What did you learn that will make you better informed about professional rationales?
2. Is there anything in the presentation messaging that you disagree with or needs clarification?
3. What elements of the professional rationale discussion are missing from this presentation?
4. What additional professional rationale support is needed?
5. What is the variety of ways to provide a professional rationale?

Check-in Questions

i. *What is a professional rationale?*
ii. *Why is a professional rationale needed?*
iii. *Who is responsible a professional rationale?*
iv. *When would you document a professional rationale?*
v. *Where would you submit or request a professional rationale?*

B) Pick preferred and back up scenario for break out session #2 professional rationale writing exercise. Feel free to develop local scenario.
Be prepared to identify your scenario as part of group discussion #1 report out.

Breakout session #2 (60 minutes)

Pick one of the following scenarios and as a group, develop an outline of a professional rationale. In doing so, identify and be prepared to report out to the broader group;

- Professional rationale audience and their information needs
- Assumptions you built into the scenario
- Critical elements of professional rationale

1. As representative of your tenure holder, you are invited to a public forum to answer stakeholder and public question related to a site plan developed to implement logging within the Chilliwack River Valley under your approved FSP. The local news media has identified retention of old growth, recreation trail use and water quality as issues important to local land owners.
2. The FSP you are preparing includes a proposal to include Hw as a preferred species for the CWH dm site series 01. The reviewing forester has contacted you questioning ecological suitability, feasibility, and reliability of Hw in a BEC unit that would not normally recognize Hw as a preferred species.
3. You are developing a site plan to harvest within a riparian reserve zone. Your approved FSP includes a strategy to implement and follow the recommendations of a riparian assessment completed by a qualified professional. The qualified professional you are using for this purpose has asked for clarification of the FSP strategy.
4. Acting as consulting professional hired to manage your tenure holder client's FTG obligations, you are developing a prescription aimed at restocking a cutblock where a resident elk herd has caused significant damage to the tenure holders first restocking attempt. Your prescription includes

actions proposed to mitigate the elk damage, e.g. re-planting, seedling protection, managing for alternate species, etc. Your tenure holder client wants to know why he/she should commit to this extra effort.

5. You are a district manager making a determination on a FSP amendment for a newly established Visual Quality Objective. The amendment proposal includes a salvage strategy that would provide for an alternate visual management standard to be implemented under specific forest health scenarios, e.g. significant fire or windthrow events. The proponent has asked to meet with you to understand what supporting information is needed to support this proposal.
6. You are completing the submission of a FTG declaration for a standard unit within a cutblock that has been impacted by elk browse. After repeated efforts, and expense to replant and protect the seedlings within the stand your most recent free survey has determined that the minimum number of free growing stems, and the minimum number of preferred species for the standard unit have not been achieved as a result of the repeated elk browse. You have decided to declare the standard unit free growing obligations met to the extent practicable using Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) section 97.1. The reviewing forester calls you to find out what is behind your declaration.
7. You are a consulting forester who received approval of a FSP for your tenure holder client. The FSP includes a multi-block block stocking standard under FPPR section 45 with FTG commitment to be established across a group of cutblocks. Before leaving to take on consulting work in Tasmania, the tenure holder has asked you to explain how this standard will be implemented by professionals he/she will be employing in the future.