



BC Timber Sales Follow-up to the Haida Gwaii Forestry Information Sessions 2017

In April 2017, the Haida Gwaii major forest licensees and BC Timber Sales (BCTS), in concert with the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and the Province, hosted forestry information sessions in the communities of Masset, Port Clements, Skidegate and Sandspit. The sessions provided an opportunity for dialogue between forestry organizations and the public. Community members were generous with their time and input, and the sessions were well attended, averaging over 50 attendees per session. Thank you to the communities for their participation, and to the CHN and the Province for their involvement.

During the sessions, common questions, comments and ideas were expressed by the communities. The discussion included, but was not limited to, the following topics:

- Community Engagement
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Community Forest Agreement
- Cedar Management
- Ecological Impacts of Forestry Activities
- Cultural Impacts of Forestry Activities
- Local Employment
- Manufacturing
- Economic Benefits and Forestry Revenue
- Wood Waste
- Silviculture

These topics have been organized into the following matrix filled out by BCTS. The matrix identifies: whether or not the topic is within BCTS' scope to address, the strategy to address the topic and the timeline for the strategy to be achieved by. This matrix provides transparent and measureable documentation of BCTS' commitment to incorporate public feedback into their planning and operations.

Once again, thank you to the communities for participating in discussions concerning sustainable forest management on Haida Gwaii. We look forward to future opportunities to engage with community members.

The matrix is a living document, and will be occasionally updated (last updated December 19, 2017). It is posted on the BCTS Haida Gwaii 2017-2018 Development Plan website:

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/TCH/external/!publish/FSP/HG/2017-2018-Development-Plan/>

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2017 Haida Gwaii Forestry Information Sessions
Strategies for incorporating public input into planning and operations

Topic	BCTS scope	Opportunity or strategy to incorporate public feedback into planning and operations	Timeline	Complete Yes/No
Community Engagement				
a. Maintain ongoing, two-way dialogue between licensees and communities	Yes	Hold public meetings in Haida Gwaii communities to discuss BCTS Haida Gwaii operations and development plans.	Annually	Ongoing
		Solicit input from the communities at public meetings.	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Proactive information sharing from licensees	Yes	Make development plan maps available on BCTS website: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH/FSP_HG.htm	Ongoing	Ongoing
		Run advertisements in the Haida Gwaii Observer for upcoming development packages with embedded links to website (every six months).	January 2018	No
		Provide Band and Village offices with paper development plan maps that will include webpage link to BCTS FSP and InfoSharing packages, and road building and deactivation plans.	October 2017	Yes
		Publish a list of Timber Sales Licences (TSLs) to the BCTS website, so the public is aware of BCTS TSL closures. https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH/FSP_HG.htm	Annually	No
c. Increase frequency of opportunities for community to receive information and provide feedback	Yes	Hold public meetings in Haida Gwaii communities to discuss BCTS Haida Gwaii operations and development plans.	Annually	Ongoing
		Continue to participate in all-licensee meetings.	Annually	Yes
		Increase local awareness of on-island BCTS staff to facilitate ongoing discussion between BCTS and the residents of Haida Gwaii.	Ongoing	Ongoing
d. Review 2015 Community Forestry Strategy Forum summary	Somewhat	Review 2015 HGMC Community Forestry Forum notes and incorporate information within BCTS' scope into this matrix.	July 2017	Yes
e. Publish summaries of public meetings	Yes	Publish summaries of public meetings on the BCTS Chinook website: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH/FSP_HG.htm	Ongoing	Ongoing
Cedar Management				
a. Quantify how much cedar remains in the timber harvesting land base on Haida Gwaii	No	Out of BCTS' scope.	--	--
b. Establish a hard partition for western redcedar and yellow-cedar harvest	No	Out of BCTS' scope.	--	--
c. Pursue and consider selective harvesting options for cedar-dominant stands	Somewhat	BCTS to assess historic practices and formulate options, with the intent of developing a best management practice.	2018	No
d. Quantify the severity and dispersion of yellow-cedar decline on Haida Gwaii	Somewhat	Liaise with researchers and forest professionals to seek out information on yellow-cedar decline on Haida Gwaii.	June 2017	Yes
		Increase yellow-cedar planting in line with pre-harvest composition.	2018	No
e. Develop a management plan to conserve yellow-cedar for cultural and ecological purposes	Somewhat	Manage BCTS operations in accordance with the Haida Gwaii Land Use Objectives Order (HGLUOO).	Ongoing	Ongoing
		BCTS is currently developing a yellow-cedar management strategy which involves data collection, regeneration, reviewing literature and liaising with forest health specialists and researchers.	December 2017	Yes

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Sustainable Forest Management				
a. Manage the forest to ensure future generations can experience the economic, cultural and ecological benefits of the forest	Yes	Manage BCTS operations in accordance with the HGLUOO, Heritage Conservation Act, Forest Act, Fisheries Act, Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR), Sustainable Forest Initiative certification, and all other relevant legislation.	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Establish sustainable rate of harvest	Somewhat	BCTS manages TSL volumes inaccordance with established AAC.	--	--
c. Incorporate climate change-related strategies into management plans	Yes	Incorporate BCTS's Climate Change Strategy into BCTS's strategic plan and include climate change-specific commitments into the draft 2017 Forest Stewardship Plan.	Ongoing	Ongoing
d. Manage remaining old growth	Yes	BCTS is currently developing a Big Tree Best Management Practice.	2018	No
		Manage BCTS operations in accordance with the HGLUOO.	Ongoing	Ongoing
Cultural Impact of Forestry Activities				
a. Preserve Haida forest values	Yes	Manage BCTS operations in accordance with the HGLUOO, Heritage Conservation Act, Fisheries Act, FPPR, and all other relevant legislation.	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Maximize benefits of logging experienced by the Haida Nation and its Members	No	Out of BCTS' scope.	--	--
c. Maintain meaningful, continual consultation with the Haida Nation and its members	Yes	Continue to have all BCTS developments reviewed by representatives of the Haida Nation and the Province of BC at the Solutions Table.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		See all strategies listed under the community engagement topic.	Ongoing	Ongoing
Ecological Impact of Forestry Activities				
a. Protect fish habitat from forestry activities	Yes	Manage BCTS operations in accordance with the HGLUOO, Heritage Conservation Act, Fisheries Act, FPPR, Sustainable Forest Initiative certification, and all other relevant legislation.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		Contract biologists to develop habitat related management strategies on a site-specific basis.	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Increase awareness of the impact of logging on wetland habitats	Somewhat	Contracted a Hydrologist to analyse and provide a report on the relationship between wetlands and logging in the Naikoon Landscape Unit.	July 2017	Yes
		Contract biologists to develop habitat related management strategies on a site-specific basis.	Ongoing	Ongoing
c. Manage impacts of forestry operations on wildlife and habitat integrity	Somewhat	Contract hydrologist to analyse and provide a report on the relationship between wetlands and logging in the Naikoon Landscape Unit.	July 2017	Yes
		Contract biologists to develop habitat related management strategies on a site-specific basis.	Ongoing	Ongoing
d. Minimize pollution related to forestry activities	Yes	Licensees and contractors must comply with BCTS's Environmental Management System (i.e. Environmental Field Procedures for roads, bridges and culverts, harvesting, and fuel handling), which includes testing and drills.	Ongoing	Ongoing
Community Forest Agreement				
a. Community control of the vision and management for the community forest	Yes	BCTS is currently participating in discussions with Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS), the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Commitment to local employment and access to fibre for local manufacture	Yes	BCTS is participating in discussions with MIEDS, the CHN and FLNRORD.	Ongoing	Ongoing
c. Maximize revenue to Haida Gwaii communities	Yes	BCTS is participating in discussions with MIEDS, the CHN and FLNRORD.	Ongoing	Ongoing

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Economic Benefits and Forestry Revenue				
a. Maximize retention and even distribution of forestry revenue throughout Haida Gwaii	No	Out of BCTS' scope	--	--
b. Increase opportunity for small operators and manufacturers	Potential	Continue to manage the BCTS Sales Schedule to provide an opportunity for small operators and manufacturers, which balances sales with needs of BCTS registrants. https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/BCTS/registration/	Ongoing	Ongoing
Local Employment				
a. Prioritize hiring local, before sourcing off-island workers	Somewhat	BCTS publishes contract opportunities on the BCTS website: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/contracts/	Ongoing	Ongoing
b. Increase local capacity through training and apprenticeship opportunities	Potential	BCTS is a partner in The First Nations Training Program managed by the BC First Nations Forestry Council. BCTS provides summer jobs and mentoring for students under this program. BCTS has 10 positions for participants of this program annually.	Ongoing	Ongoing
c. Improve the distribution of work opportunities amongst the communities	No	Out of BCTS' scope	--	--
Manufacturing				
a. Improve local capacity to manufacture on-island	No	Out of BCTS' scope	--	--
b. Increase access to timber, salvage and wood waste for local mills and wood workers	Somewhat	Add language to TSLs which requires the TSL holder to notify the CHN that harvesting will commence in 14 days.	September 2017	Yes
		Publish a list of TSLs to the BCTS Chinook website annually, so the public is aware of BCTS TSL closures. https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH/FSP_HG.htm	October 2017	Yes
Wood Waste and Residue				
a. Increase utilization of harvested timber	Somewhat	Quantify/monitor wood waste through a waste and residue survey contract, to develop an understanding of how much wood waste is actually being left.	February 2018	No
b. Improve access to salvaged wood fibre for local mills and individuals	Somewhat	Post a list of completed TSLs to the BCTS Chinook website annually, so the public and FLNRORD is aware of BCTS TSL closures. https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH/FSP_HG.htm	October 2017	Yes
		Add TSL clause that requires licensee to yard all timber above a certain diameter roadside, except for material required to be dispersed. Coarse woody debris requirements will be as per FRPA.	October 2017	Yes
c. Don't burn wood waste	Potential	Management of waste and residue is the responsibility of the TSL holder. Fire hazards and wood waste must be assessed and abated as per the BC Wildfire Act and Regulations.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		BCTS will assess TSL language for opportunity.	Fall 2017	No
Silviculture				
a. Employ locally, before sourcing off-island workers	Somewhat	Develop a contract strategy based on local resources, access to specialists and SAFE Certified local entities.	October 2017	No
b. Increase investment in silviculture activities	Potential	Currently, BCTS meets its silviculture obligations. There are currently no plans to increase investment in silviculture activities.	--	--
c. Generate silviculture jobs through incremental silviculture	Potential	Currently, there are no plans to prescribe incremental silviculture activities.	--	--
d. Research, conduct trials and utilize various silviculture/ harvesting systems	No	FLNRORD Forest Improvement and Research Management Branch - out of BCTS' scope	Spring 2018	No