

## **TFL 25 AAC Determination in Respect of Area-Based AAC Trial Program Termination**

The following summarises my rationale for determining the allowable annual cut (AAC) for TFL 25 under section 7 (3) of the *Tree Farm Licence Area-Based Allowable Annual Cut Trial Program Regulation* (the regulation) subsequent to Western Forest Products Inc. (the licensee) requesting termination from the area-based AAC trial program. Section 7(3) of the regulation is appended to this document.

In accordance with the regulation the chief forester must determine an AAC by starting with the applicable volume identified in Schedule B of the regulation and making such increases or reductions to that volume as the chief forester considers appropriate to reflect the increases or reductions, if any, that were made to the AAC for the applicable trial management unit during the trial program.

In accordance with Section 23(3) of the *Interpretation Act*, the deputy chief forester is expressly authorised to carry out the functions of the chief forester, which include those under the *Tree Farm Licence Area-Based Allowable Annual Cut Trial Program Regulation*. I, the deputy chief forester, have considered the factors described below in determining the volume-based AAC required under section 7(1) of the regulation.

- The applicable starting volume for TFL 25 identified in Schedule B of the regulation is 557 000 cubic metres. This value is the AAC that was in effect at the time the trial program was being developed in early 2003. The AAC was previously 692 000 cubic metres determined in 1998 through an administrative adjustment after the removal from TFL 25 of Block 4 and the addition of TFL 24 as Block 6. The AAC of 557 000 cubic metres resulted from a 135 000 cubic metre reduction applied under section 173(2)(b) of the *Forest Act* to reflect areas within TFL 25 designated under Part 13 of the *Forest Act* (the Central Coast Designated Areas).
- The Central Coast Designated Areas ceased to be designated areas on October 29, 2003 and the AAC reverted back to the previous level of 692 000 cubic metres set in 1998.
- Effective January 31, 2007 the deputy chief forester reduced the AAC for TFL 25 through an administrative adjustment to reflect the removal of all private lands from TFL. The AAC was reduced by 66 500 cubic metres to 625 500 cubic metres.

Having made the appropriate increases and reductions to the applicable volume specified in schedule B of the regulation, I have determined that the volume-based allowable annual cut for TFL 25 is 625 500 cubic metres.

I note that several areas on TFL 25 are designated under Part 13 of the *Forest Act* and on that account the chief forester, by written order, reduced the AAC for TFL 25 under section 173 of the *Forest Act*. These AAC orders remain in effect until the designated areas cease to be designated areas or the chief forester rescinds the orders, no matter if the AAC has since been adjusted under section 8 of the *Forest Act* or through an administrative adjustment. Therefore, the AAC for TFL 25 I have determined above is effectively reduced as follows:

- for the Central Coast Designated Area No. 2 (B.C. Reg 82/2006) by 84 000 cubic metres on September 28, 2006 attributed to Block 5 of TFL 25; and
- for the Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Designated Area (B.C. Reg 210/2005) by 600 cubic metres and for the Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Designated Area No. 3 (B.C. Reg 215/2006) by 7900 cubic metres on October 17, 2006 attributed to Block 6 of TFL 25.

As a result of these reductions the AAC currently in effect for TFL 25 is 533 000 cubic metres.



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