

Chief Forester Order  
Respecting an AAC Determination  
For Tree Farm Licence No. 49

Section 8 (3.1) of the *Forest Act* stipulates in part that

*If ... the chief forester considers that the allowable annual cut ... is not likely to be changed significantly with a new determination ... the chief forester ... by written order may postpone the next [allowable annual cut] determination ... to a date that is up to 10 years after the date of the relevant last determination, and ... must give written reasons for the postponement".*

In considering whether to postpone the next AAC determination for Tree Farm Licence No. 49:

- I have reviewed each of the factors considered in the most recent relevant determination, made in May, 1999. That determination set the AAC at 380,000 cubic metres, effective on December 22, 1998.
- I have reviewed the timber supply analysis submitted in 1998 in support of the most recent determination, including its sensitivity analyses.
- I have considered the significance of the requests that the chief forester made of the licensee in his 1999 AAC rationale, and what has transpired in reaction to those requests.
- I have investigated whether any significant new information exists concerning each factor specified in Section 8 of the *Act*. I am aware that:
  - A recently completed vegetation resources inventory indicates that the volume of mature stands is about five percent higher than assumed in the 1998 timber supply analysis.
  - The Okanagan/Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) has been endorsed by government, but no higher level plan order has been made to make binding any of the land-use guidance inherent in the LRMP.
  - A recent review of the licence boundaries indicates that the licence area is approximately 1000 hectares (0.7%) larger than assumed in the 1998 timber supply analysis. On the other hand, a protected area has been created in the Shorts Creek drainage, effectively removing 1560 hectares of forest land from the TFL.

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After reviewing the factors considered in the last determination and the currently available information, I have determined that the allowable annual cut for this area is not likely to be changed significantly with a new determination made according to the existing schedule.

Under authority of Section 8(3.1) of the *Forest Act*, I hereby postpone the next allowable annual cut determination for Tree Farm Licence 49 to April 1, 2005, being approximately six years after the date of the last determination in 1999.

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Aug 26, 2002  
Date