

## **South Island Forest District First Nation Free Use Permit (FUP) Process**

The Free Use Permit process is largely driven by the First Nation (permittee) that is interested in acquiring timber volume for traditional and cultural purposes. The permittee is responsible to find and map the wood, apply for and receive an approved FUP, and coordinate harvesting and hauling activities. To receive an approved FUP in a timely manner the following general procedures should be followed:

1. The permittee should identify the desired timber within a proposed cutblock. This is best done during the tenure holder's referral stage so that the FUP can be approved and ready to go once harvesting commences and so the FUP volume can be taken out of the appraisal.
2. The permittee should gain the cooperation of the tenure holder to harvest the FUP volume.
3. The application must include the following:
  - i. The permittee must send a letter into the District Manager at the South Island Forest District requesting a FUP. This letter has to include the following information:
    - Volume and species of wood requested
    - Location of wood (i.e. CP# and Block #, road name etc...)
    - Location of where the wood is being transported to
    - Desired end use of wood (i.e. canoes, carvings, totem poles, etc..)
    - Term of the license (maximum of 1 year)
    - If the application is for more than 50m<sup>3</sup> a site plan/building scheme of the long house or community hall that the wood will be utilized for must be included.
  - ii. A letter/email of support from the tenure holder.
  - iii. A detailed map (logging plan or site plan map) showing the location of the volume requested.
4. MoFR staff will review the application and the permittee will be sent the FUP license documents for signature. Once these are signed they must be sent back to the MoFR office for the district manager's approval and signature.
5. Once the permittee has a copy of the approved FUP they may proceed with harvesting and/or transporting the specified volume. The permittee must ensure that the transported loads are conspicuously paint marked with the FUP # where a timber mark would be applied. In addition all timber cut under this permit must have a scale completed, for any questions regarding scaling and scale sites please contact the South Island Forest District Scaling Supervisor Lynne Wheeler (250-731-3044)

Any questions/ comments about this FUP process or alternatives should be directed to Ken Dobb, Tenures Forester, at (250) 731-3023.