TITLE: Growth of Cw Within "Tree Shelter" Tubes

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LOCATION: 10 km North of Port Clements

REGION/DISTRICT: Vancouver/Queen Charlotte Forest District

BACKGROUND: Cw planted on the Queen Charlotte Islands must be protected from deer to ensure adequate survival and growth. Use of rigid mesh tubes has become common here. However, in Great Britain the corrugated plastic "Tree Shelter" tubes are often used and have been found to increase growth of B.C. species planted there as well as protect them from deer.

OBJECTIVE: To assess the relative performance of Western Red Cedar planted within "Tree Shelter" tubes versus Norplex rigid seedling protection (mesh) tubes.

PROGRESS: -Trees planted and tubed Spring 1989
-Working plan in preparation.

NEXT SCHEDULED ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT:
-Tree measurements, early Spring 1990.

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