MID COAST FOREST DISTRICT

WORKING PLAN FOR SHELTERWOOD TRIAL IN THE CWHc2 SUBZONE

1. OBJECTIVE

To monitor the long term success and appropriateness of the use of a shelterwood silvicultural system as proposed by Crown Forest Industries Limited in the CWHc2 subzone.

2. LOCATION

F.L. A-16844, C.P. 62, Blk 64-1 in the vicinity of the Talchako and Gyllenspetz Rivers.

3. DESIGN AND LAYOUT

The shelterwood system is proposed in the approved PHSP for TU #3 (14.8 ha) of this block so as to enable some harvesting and at the same time conform to DFO requirements (i.e. habitat protection). An initial cut of 43% of the basal area is scheduled for 1992 and further entries planned at 20 year intervals. The regeneration prescription calls for underplanting of Cw towards achieving a target stocking standard of 1200 stems/ha.

The area is an alluvial terrace adjacent to the Talchako River and falls into the CWHc2-06 association (6/D). The trial will consist of a number of surveys to assess growth and survival of planted and natural stocking in relation to the free-growing stocking standards. Also, sequential photographs will be gathered and put into the final report.

4. DATES OF PLANTING AND ASSESSMENT

- Plant spring 1993
- Survey fall 1993, fall 1994 and a 5 year final in fall 1997
- Preharvest assessment of advanced regen (1992)

5. SUMMARY AND REPORT

Summarize all data up to 2nd assessment and issue interim report winter of 1994/95.
Summarize 5 year data and issue final report winter of 1997/98.

6. REPORT DISTRIBUTION

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