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MEMORANDUM

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To: Regional Executive Directors

From: Tim Sheldan
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Re: Update on Intermediate Salvage (IS) Tenure and Small Scale Salvage (SSS) Strategic Plans

This memo will provide information on the IS tenure pilots and what the Executive has decided regarding implementing IS tenures in the future plus information on the Review of the Three Year SSS Strategic Plan.



1. Intermediate Salvage competitive FLtCs

Six interior districts piloted a number of Intermediate-sized (less than 5,000 m³) competitive Forestry Licence to Cuts (FLtC) over the past year. An evaluation from the IS Working Group, composed of region, district and HQ staff, determined that IS FLtCs are a useful cost effective tenure tool. This memo is direction that district managers can now use this tenure to deal with salvage as per the *FLtC Regulation* wording.

IS is not a program and no additional staff or funding is currently planned. The primary objective of this tenure is for forest management use on a limited basis and as such it is not intended to be client demand driven. District's should work IS into their local SSS Strategic Plans.

IS has also been identified as a potential tenure to use to meet other non-Bark Beetle attacked ministry priorities (e.g. Hydro R/ways, fence lines, community interface protection and possibly may be expanded to the Coast region) but those uses will require an amendment to the *FLtC Regulation*. Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch (RTEB) is working on this amendment and you will be advised when it is approved.

An internal IS informational web-site has been established:
<http://gwww.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/intermediate-salvage.htm>

2. District Small Scale Salvage Strategic Plans

All districts should have current SSS Strategic Plans in place. These should be updated as needed to reflect new developments in SSS, e.g. use of IS tenure.

3. 2004/05-2006/07 SSS Strategic Plan Review

During the term of the plan, SSS tenures were direct award FLtCs, Community Salvage Licences and Salvage Non-Replaceable Forest Licences. SSS direct award FLtC volumes sold in 2004/05 were 0.7 million m³, in 2005/06 were 1.9 million m³ and in 2006/07 were 1.2 million m³. SSS tenures are now fully integrated into the Resource Tenure's Business Area No. 7 functions. Most objectives and goals of the Three-Year SSS Strategic Plan have been met.

RTEB and Operations Division will be preparing a new updated Three-Year SSS Strategic Plan in the near future.

If you have any questions please contact Brad Harris, Sr. Timber Tenures Forester, RTEB, 250-387-8633 or your Regional SSS Coordinator.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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