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BY EMAIL

To: Regional Managers

From: Bill Howard
Director
Revenue Branch

**Re: Roles of the Interior Appraisal Advisory Committee (IAAC),
Coast Appraisal Advisory Committee (CAAC), and
Regional Appraisal Advisory Committees**



In order to follow through on a recommendation arising from a recent review, I believe it is necessary to clarify the roles of the various appraisal advisory committees that exist in the Province.

Revenue Branch maintains two formal standing advisory committees from which to solicit advice on stumpage policy issues: the IAAC and the CAAC.

In addition, there are regional appraisal advisory groups.

The main function of both the IAAC and the CAAC is to provide advice to government on new policies relating to timber pricing or changes to existing policy. Advice is solicited regularly in order to ensure that timber pricing policies are developed in an open and transparent fashion.

Regional advisory committees tend to deal with more focused regional issues and may make recommendations to the regional manager.

There appears to be a misconception that these advisory committees somehow serve as approval bodies for provincial/regional policy. They do not. Their recommendations do not constitute government direction nor approval of government policy, but rather, much needed and appreciated advice.

Regional Managers

I trust this will clarify the roles of these advisory groups now and into the future.

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Bill Howard
Director
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