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MEMORANDUM

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To: Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team Co-Chairs

From: Sharon Hadway, Regional Executive Director, West Coast Region
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Re: Opportunity Harvest Options Paper Decision

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Coast Region FRPA Implementation Team (CRIT) of the Coast Area, management team's decision regarding the practice of opportunity harvesting.

On September 23, 2010, the CRIT Silviculture Working Group presented the document titled "Opportunity Harvesting in British Columbia's Coast Forest Region: Options Paper for the Ministry of Forests and Range" to the management team for the purpose of requesting a decision regarding one of the following three options identified within the paper:



1. No opportunity harvesting
2. Interim Measure of ≤ 5 percent of a licence holders AAC
3. Opportunity Harvesting by Definition Only with no Scope Limitation

During a December 7, 2010, conference call the management team made the following decision regarding the practice of opportunity harvesting:

- Option 1 – No opportunity harvesting

From a policy perspective the practice of opportunity harvest as identified and described within the options paper is not supported. However in specific limited circumstances the practice of opportunity harvest may be considered on a site specific basis when a stocking standard proposal, consistent with the definitions and limitations identified and described within the attached paper, is submitted along with supporting rationale. The decision to approve or deny a site specific stocking standard proposal for the practice of opportunity harvest would be made by the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations local district manager on a case by case basis.

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Enclosure: Opportunity Harvesting in British Columbia's Coast Forest Region: Options
Paper for the Ministry of Forests and Range

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