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ALLOWABLE ANNUAL CUT REDUCED FOR TFL 45

VICTORIA – Effective immediately, the allowable annual cut for Tree Farm Licence 45 (TFL 45), on British Columbia's south-central coast, will be reduced from 220,000 cubic metres to 175,000 cubic metres, deputy chief forester Melanie Boyce announced today.

The new allowable annual cut reflects the implementation of ecosystem-based management as committed to under the 2006 Central Coast Land Use Decision, which reduces the amount of land available for timber harvesting.

"Ecosystem-based forest management is well underway on this TFL. Careful analysis using the available information has shown that a lower allowable annual cut will help ensure the sustainability of the TFL's forest resources while also protecting other important forest values," said Boyce. "Further monitoring of this new management system to determine its effect on the timber supply will be important for future allowable annual cut decisions."

Tree Farm Licence 45 is held by International Forest Products Ltd and covers 230,997 hectares north of Campbell River, in the Knight Inlet and Phillips Arm areas, as well as on West Thurlow Island.

The deputy chief forester's determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports, First Nations input and public input to the government's social and economic goals. The timber supply review accounts for environmental concerns like biodiversity (including old-growth forests), water resources and scenic values, as well as social and economic issues.

Under the timber supply review, the chief forester or deputy chief forester determines how much wood can be harvested in each of the province's 36 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every five years. A new allowable annual cut can be determined earlier in response to abnormal situations, or postponed for another five years if the AAC is not expected to change significantly.

Copies of the deputy chief forester's rationale for the allowable annual cut determination are available on the Ministry of Forests and Range website at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/ or from the Campbell River Forest District office, the North Island-Central Coast Forest District office in Port McNeill or the Coast Forest Region office in Nanaimo.

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