



File or Reference: 12820-20/039 - Public Review

March 1, 2023

**Re: SUNSHINE COAST TSA TSR – PUBLIC DISCUSSION PAPER REVIEW AND COMMENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

A Timber Supply Review (TSR) on the Sunshine Coast Timber Supply Area (TSA) was initiated in October of 2020. First Nations, forest licensees, and the public were invited to review and provide comments on the Data Package (DP) between December 13, 2021 and February 25, 2022. We are now inviting you to review and provide comments on the Timber Supply Analysis Public Discussion Paper (PDP) **between March 1 and May 1, 2023**.

The Sunshine Coast TSA comprises approximately 1.7 million hectares (440 414 forested hectares) along the southwest coast of British Columbia. It is located about 100 kilometers north of the City of Vancouver extending from Howe Sound in the south to the end of Bute Inlet in the north. The current AAC is 1 204 808 cubic metres per year, which includes a deciduous partition of 98,000 cubic metres per year. The TSA is administered by the Ministry of Forests Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District (DSC) office in Powell River, BC.

The DP provided a general description of the TSA, a brief history of the TSA, and a draft of the data and management assumptions that are being applied in timber supply analysis.

The timber supply review is now moving into completion of its second main component, the timber supply analysis, summarized in the PDP. The PDP provides a general description of the TSA, harvest projections and alternative timber projections. It provides the province's chief forester with information required to determine the allowable annual cut (AAC) — the maximum volume of timber to be harvested from the TSA each year — for the next 10 years.

The DP and PDP, along with links to additional information on both the North Island TSA and the TSR process can be found at the following website: [Sunshine Coast TSA](#)

Concurrent with this TSR, and in the upcoming years, a new framework for operational planning in British Columbia is being piloted in the TSA, with a goal of completing a Forest Landscape Plan (FLP). FLPs are intended to replace Forest Stewardship Plans and allow greater co-operation and consensus-seeking approaches with Indigenous Peoples, while balancing Provincial social, economic, and environmental objectives. After completion of the FLP, the chief forester will revisit the AAC determination for the Sunshine Coast in consideration of the management strategies identified in the FLP.

The PDP may also be reviewed (by appointment only) between 8:30am and 4:30pm at the Ministry of Forests District office.

- Sunshine Coast, 7077 Duncan Street, Powell River, Ph (604) 485-0700

The Ministry of Forests intends to host online information sessions giving an overview of the Sunshine Coast TSA PDP, the TSR and AAC process. Please respond to the email address below, as soon as possible, indicating your interest if you would like to attend a session. To express interest in attending an information session, please RSVP, prior to March 15, with the subject line *Timber Supply Review Public Information Session* to:

[engageSunshineCoastForestDistrict@gov.bc.ca](mailto:engageSunshineCoastForestDistrict@gov.bc.ca)

Please note that meetings to review the data package may be held via phone or video conference, as per the ongoing health restrictions due to Covid-19.

Please email or mail your written comments to:

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**Please provide comments prior to May 1, 2023.** The chief forester will consider public input, and other information required under the *Forest Act* when a new AAC is determined.

Thank you again for your interest in the Sunshine Coast TSA TSR.

Sincerely,



Jillian Tougas, RPF  
A/District Manager, Ministry of Forests – DSC

Attachment(s): Overview Map of the Sunshine Coast TSA

pc: Erin Moore, Timber Supply/Geomatics Forester, Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch

# Sunshine Coast TSA: Overview Map

