



# Stewardship and Sustainability in the Secwepemcul'ecw – Information Session

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# SFI Certification

West Fraser Mills Limited  
100 Mile House Woodlands



# What is SFI?

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- Created by the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA)
- A sustainable forestry management system.
- Has 11 objectives.
- Requires independent review by auditors.



# SFI Principles

- The SFI system is based on protection of the following key values:
  - wildlife
  - plants
  - soil
  - air quality
  - water quality



# SFI Objectives

- From the five Key Values, SFI has eleven related Objectives
- For each Objective, West Fraser had developed Policies, Programs, and Indicators
- Indicators exist in situations where we have trackable activities.



# Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP)

- In order to meet all of these objectives, West Fraser has developed an SFM Plan.
- The Plan contains policies and programs to guide operations.
- The Plan contains indicators to monitor our compliance with the SFI standard.



# SFI Objective #1

Broadening the implementation of sustainable forestry by employing an array of economically, environmentally, and socially sound practices in the conservation of forests - including appropriate protection, growth, harvest, and use of those forests - using the best scientific information available.

## **Indicators:**

1. Monitor Corporate research levels
2. Monitor public education levels



# SFI Objective #2

Ensure long-term forest productivity and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, soil conservation, afforestation , and other measures.

## **Indicators:**

1. Area reforested and free-to-grow within time limits
2. Area brushed with chemical herbicides
3. Maintenance of Fire Preparedness Plan



# SFI Objective #3

Protect the water quality in streams, lakes, and other waterbodies.

## Indicators:

1. No specific Indicators



# Objective #4

Manage the quality and distribution of wildlife habitats and contribute to the conservation of biological diversity by developing and implementing stand - and landscape - level measures that promote habitat diversity and the conservation of forest plants and animals including aquatic fauna.

## **Indicators:**

1. Wildlife Training: Using Endangered Species Guide, provide suitable awareness training.



# Objective #5

Manage the visual impact of harvesting and other forest operations.

## Indicators:

1. Cutblock size: monitor and track average cutblock area.



# Objective #6

Manage Program Participant lands of ecologic, geologic, cultural, or historic significance in a manner that recognizes their special qualities.

## **Indicators:**

1. No specific Indicators.



# Objective #7

Promote the efficient use of forest resources.

## Indicators:

1. Residue and Waste Billing – Track waste assessments, annually, and analyze cause of significant assessments.



# Objective #8

Broaden the practice of sustainable forestry by cooperating with forest landowners, wood producers, consulting foresters, and Program Participants' employees who have responsibility in wood procurement and landowner assistance programs.

## Indicators:

- Track the number of landowners that have received the information pack and training.
- Track the percentage of wood delivered by qualified logging professionals.



# Objective #9

Publicly report Program Participants' progress in fulfilling their commitment to sustainable forestry.

## **Indicators:**

1. No specific Indicators.



# Objective #10

Provide opportunities for the public and the forestry community to participate in the commitment to sustainable forestry.

## Indicators:

1. Track public comments and responses received during operational plan review period
2. Monitor formal written complaints relating to West Fraser SFI certification.



# Objective #11

Promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry and monitor, measure, and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.

## **Indicators:**

1. No specific Indicators.



# Water Act

- West Fraser sometimes operates in community Watersheds (e.g. Clinton Cr.)
- The SFI system requires that contractors and employees are aware of special protection measures to protect water
- Specific protections will be noted in the road documents, Site Plan and pre-work.



# Species at Risk

- A key part of West Fraser's SFI program is protecting Species at Risk
- Information will be noted in the Site Plans
- Includes, animals, plants, and birds.
- Most of our risk species are in the dry grassland areas, but there are some in all operating locations.
- Review the local ones with your supervisor.

