



File: 292-30/FNR-2020-06795

March 5, 2021

**Re: Request for Access to Records**  
***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)***

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Your request is for:

*Records pertaining to Tree Farm Licence 46, Block 1, and in particular the Fairy Creek valley and vicinity located near Port Renfrew. Please provide the following documents: TFL 46 Forest Services Plan; TFL 46 Forest Development Plan; TFL 46 Forest Stewardship Plan; TFL 46 Management Plan; TFL 46 Higher Level Plan; TFL 46 Site Plan; TFL 46 Timber Licence T0063. If there are multiple versions of the above plans, provide the version that applies to TFL 46, Block 1, and in particular to the Fairy Creek Valley and directly contingent neighbouring valleys. To further clarify, the time range for this request is limited to the most recent version or amendment of these plans currently valid as of November 2020.*

These records are provided to you in their entirety. We have provided you with the best available copy, although you may find that some pages are in poor condition.

The ministry has provided additional information below on some of your requested documents:

Newer versions of some of the requested documents are available here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/timber-harvesting->

[rights/tfl/tfl-46](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/timber-tenures/tree-farm-licence/management-plans/tfl-46-mngment-plan-5-2009-analysis.pdf) and <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/timber-tenures/tree-farm-licence/management-plans/tfl-46-mngment-plan-5-2009-analysis.pdf>

**1. TFL 46 Forest Services Plan** – This document does not exist within ministry systems. In your email of February 18, 2021, you asked to move forward with the other requested documents.

**2. TFL 46 Forest Development Plan** - Forest development plans (FDPs) were required under the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act (FPC). Forest and range management in B.C. changed from a prescriptive regime under the FPC to a results-based regime under the Forest and Range Practices Act in 2002. The holder of a major forest licence must now operate under an approved Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs). Except in prescribed circumstances, those operating under an FSP must prepare a site plan for proposed cutblock harvesting and road development activities. Any archived FDPs can be retrieved, but these would likely be circa 2002 when they were developed. The applicant will need to request any applicable site plans directly from the licensee.

**3. TFL 46 Forest Stewardship Plan** – The applicant can request this directly from the licensee. The applicant can also request “viewer” access of this and other FSPs in the [FSP Tracking System](#).

**4. TFL 46 Management Plan** - The current (and previous) Management Plans and Licence documents are available at the following website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/timber-harvesting-rights/tfl/tfl-46> . A new Management Plan is scheduled for this winter and will be available for public review and comment when ready. The MP along with other Timber Supply Review(TSR) documents will be posted on the Teal Jones website as they become available for review and comment: <https://tealjones.com/certifications/>.

**TFL 46 Management Plan #5 - Information Plan** – The current plan is available online here: [https://tealjones.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/tfl46\\_ip\\_v2\\_with\\_appendices.pdf](https://tealjones.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/tfl46_ip_v2_with_appendices.pdf)

Although the public review and comment period has passed for the IP, comments and feedback can still be submitted by the public for consideration as the TSR process is still underway.

Comments can be sent to:

[forestry@tealjones.com](mailto:forestry@tealjones.com)

Teal Cedar Products Ltd.

P.O. Box 358, Mesachie Lake, BC, V0R 2N0

Attention: Mark Carter, RPF

**5. TFL 46 Higher Level Plan** – TFL 46 is managed in accordance with the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP). VILUP documents, maps, legal direction, and supporting material can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/land-use-planning/regions/west-coast/vancouverisland-lup>

**6. TFL 46 Site Plan** - Site plans are retained on file by the licensee. The applicant can request these directly from the licensee.

**7. TFL 46 Timber Licence T0063.** For current spatial information on this and other Timber Licences in our district, it is recommended the applicant use the public [iMapBC](#) website and toggle the various “Timber Licence” spatial layers including “Elimination” areas. This information is updated regularly.

Your file is now closed.

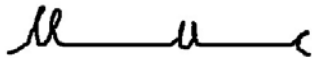
The records located in response to your request will be delivered through the BC Secure File Transfer Service. Separate emails will follow from the BC SFT Notification Service directing you how to set up an account and where to obtain your records. A guide for using the SFTS is enclosed for your convenience.

These records will be published on the BC Government’s Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: [www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Dan Bullard, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 974-4670. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 778 974-4670.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,



Dan Bullard, FOI Analyst  
On behalf of Matthew Prodan, Manager  
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

## BC Government Secure File Transfer Service Information Access Operations Ad-Hoc User Guide

### **Returning Users**

If you are a returning user, please use your existing username and password. Passwords expire after 90 days. You can update your password at anytime.

### **New Users**

Your records are provided to you via the Secure File Transfer Service (SFTS). You will need to setup a User Account to access to the STFS site.

You must log in to your temporary SFTS account within 7 days. After 7 days, your temporary SFTS account will expire and will no longer be accessible. If you are no longer able to access your account or records, please contact the FOI Analyst identified in your Response Letter for assistance.

### **Email Communication**

1. The first email has your Response Letter attached.
  - This email is from the FOI Analyst at Information Access Operations who processed your file.
  - If your records are password protected, the response letter will contain your **password to open your records.**
2. The second email is the *New Package is Waiting* notification email.
  - This email will be received at the same time as the third email.
  - A hyperlink to the SFTS is contained in this email.
3. The third email is the *New User Account for the BC Secure File Transfer Service*
  - This email is sent only to users who are required to setup a STFS User Account.
  - If you are an existing user and your account is still active, you will not receive this email.
  - This email contains the following:
    - a **Hyperlink** to the SFTS site
    - a **Username** to access the SFTS site
    - a **temporary Password** to access the SFTS site
  - If you are unable to locate this email, please check your junk/spam folder. It is from BC Secure File Transfer Notification Service <DONOTREPLY>@gov.bc.ca.

### **Accessing Your Records**

1. Setup your SFTS account.
  - Click on the URL hyperlink provided in your third email.
  - You will be redirected to the SFTS site.

- If you are not redirected to SFTS site, it is accessible at: [filetransfer.gov.bc.ca](http://filetransfer.gov.bc.ca).
- 2. Enter your *Username* and *Password*.
  - These are provided in your third email.
- 3. Change your SFTS account password.
  - You will be required to do this as soon as you login.
  - Follow the instructions provided to you after you login to SFTS for the first time.
  - After you change your password, select "Finish." This will redirect you to your STFS Inbox.
- 4. Your records are now accessible.
  - Records will be available in SFTS for 35 days.
  - You can download your records up to 5 times.
  - To download your records:
    - Click on the records package
    - Click on the *Download* button beside the file(s)
  - If your records are password protected, you will require a password to open the pdf document.
    - *The password to open the pdf is located in your first email's Response Letter.*
  - It is recommended that you download and save your records so you do not have to return to the SFTS each time to view.
- 5. If your records are password protected, please consult your .pdf software's user manual on how to remove the password/encryption.

### **Troubleshooting**

- If the hyperlink to the SFTS site does not open, try to access the site on a different web browser such as Chrome, or Firefox or Safari.
- Your temporary SFTS account expires after 7 days unless the account is logged into again or receives a new package. Your account will be deleted 7 days after it has been marked as expired. Once it is deleted, you will need to have a new ad-hoc account created - contact the FOI Analyst identified in the response letter.
- If you have forgotten your password but your account is still active:
  - You can use the "Request a password change" link on the Login page.
  - An email will be sent to you providing you the URL to confirm the password change.
  - Passwords expire after 90 days.
- If you encounter technical issues, please call the technical support line at 250-387-7000 and select option 3. You will need to advise the representative that you are requesting assistance as an ad-hoc user of the BC Secure File Transfer Service.

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

**Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:**

Information and Privacy Commissioner  
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt  
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8W 9A4  
Telephone 250 387-5629      Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.