

## Early Warning Note

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Issue: BC Timber Sales Business Plan lower projected sales target

Briefing Note to follow: No

### **Background:**

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) published its 2022/23 Business Plan on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and has sent it to the forest sector. Its expected that there will be concerns raised by industry.

BCTS is projecting that it will not achieve its target of selling 100% of its rationalised apportionment by the end of the current business cycle. Rationalized Apportionments reflect the apportionment level against which BCTS sales targets are planned and measured. The current business cycle ends March 31, 2024. BCTS is projecting that it will sell 92.5% due to Old Growth, wildlife related issues, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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### **Suggested Response:**

- BCTS is showing leadership in supporting the implementation of the Old Growth Strategy.
- BCTS volume offered for auction continues to provide credible representative cost and benchmark data for the Market Pricing System.
- BCTS is continuing to offer timber sale licences with a range of sizes, timber profiles and term lengths.
- BC Timber Sales (BCTS) supports the forest sector economy, the economies of rural communities, and government's commitments to forest sector safety, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and sustainable forest management.

- BCTS is of vital importance to the forest sector by providing:
  - Credible representative cost and benchmark data for the Market Pricing System (MPS) through auctions of timber harvested from public land in BC
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  - Access to Crown timber in a fair and competitive process through auctions.
- For fiscal year 2022/2023, BCTS is targeting to sell 6.3 million cubic metres (Mm3) of timber. As a result of the projected impacts of the Old Growth Strategy this target is down from the previous business plan target of 10.8 Mm3.
- BCTS is continuing to offer 10% percent of its rationalised apportionment as Category 2 licences in support of the value-added sector.
- This Business Plan reflects the state of BCTS' ability to operate on the land base at the time of Business Plan development. As we work with First Nations relative to the management of Old Growth our expectations is to exceed the planned amounts with this plan.

## MEETING BULLETS

**DATE:** June 1, 2022

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests

**REGARDING:** Committee of BC and Federal Ministers on Disaster Response and Climate Resilience, presenting on development of the BC Flood Strategy

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Rick Manwaring, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests

### SUMMARY:

- The committee is intended to ensure coordination and increase collaboration on short-term actions and longer-term approaches to support recovery, rebuild, and enhanced climate adaptation and response measures, following the impacts of the severe weather experienced in British Columbia in Fall 2021 (Terms of Reference attached).
- This is the fourth of five meetings planned (December, February, April, June and July) among B.C. and federal ministers and First Nations Leadership Council delegates (agenda attached).
- Minister Conroy has been requested to present on efforts to date to develop a B.C. Flood Strategy, and what is proposed going forward.
- The presentation is an opportunity to enhance the federal government's awareness of the strong foundation the Province and its Indigenous partners have set for a strategy, and to gain support for meaningful federal involvement in exploring questions of governance and cost apportionment.
- The salmon topic presented by Minister Osborne is also being supported by Ministry of Forests staff.

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION AND MESSAGES:

- Federal, provincial, Indigenous Nations, and local governments must collaborate to accelerate flood resilience actions across B.C.
- After hearing from partner agencies about their experiences with the current flood management model over the last 18 years, there is general agreement that what is needed is:
  - a more strategic function in the governance model,
  - a clear strategy that is embedded in the UN Sendai Framework, and
  - stable, risk-prioritized investment to support multiple flood risk management actions (including assessment, planning and risk reduction) in both the near and long-term.
- The work to date with different levels of government and partners in developing a B.C. Flood Strategy provides a strong foundation for further work together to set a shared path to recovery and resilience for decades to come.

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