

## Early Warning Note

Date: **December 16, 2022** **CLIFF: 273045**

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From: Forest Tenures Branch  
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Issue: Update on the Subdivision and Transfer of Interfor Corporation  
Coastal Forest Tenures

Briefing Note to follow: To be Determined

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### ***Suggested Response:***

- Amendments to the *Forest Act* in 2019, ensure tenure ownership changes reflect the public interest and encourage diversity and competitiveness in the forest industry.
- Forest companies need approval from the minister before they sell and transfer a tenure agreement to another party.
- Before any decisions are made, we will be engaging with communities, the public, workers, and consulting with First Nations to gather information on the tenure transfer requests.
- This is a big decision, and our priority is to make sure that all tenure transfer requests are in the best interest of British Columbians, and support reconciliation with First Nations.

## Early Warning Note

Date: **February 17, 2023** -update

CLIFF: 273036

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Issue: Aspen Planers Cutting Permits

Briefing Note to follow: No

### **Background:**

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- As a result of these concerns, the SDM chose to engage in additional consultation on the cutting permits at issue to ensure that the province is adequately meeting the obligation to understand, minimize or accommodate the potential of these cutting permits to infringe on indigenous rights.

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- Forestry and cumulative effect issues will be addressed by establishing a Nicola Forestry Technical Forestry Table with the goals of improving the consultation and accommodation process, moving towards consent based decision making and reviewing forestry standards to better align with indigenous values. This work appears to align with the Forest Landscape Planning Process and the group is expected to sign FLP funding agreements.

***Suggested Response:***

- The Ministry has been actively engaged on the issuance of permits in the region.
- The Cascades District office has now established a Forestry Working Group with the local First Nations.
- Successive meetings and conversation have taken place with the Five Nicola Chiefs.
- The Ministry has been in touch recently with the mayor, the city administration along with members of the council.
- Aspen Planers remains operational and they are receiving logs from local sources.
- We are optimistic that the outcome of a newly formed Forestry Working Group will see issuance of permits issued on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

## Early Warning Note

Date: December 21, 2022 CLIFF: 273072

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From: South Island Natural Resource District  
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Issue: Requests to extend public consultation on Nahmint Landscape Unit Plan

Briefing Note to follow: No (see attached previous information note 272340 for details)

### **Background:**

The Nahmint Landscape Unit Plan (LUP) is currently advertised for public review and comment. Through discussions with the West Coast Regional Executive Director, the closing date for comments was extended from December 21, 2022 to January 29, 2023. A Facebook post by Pacific Wild is encouraging the public via their website link <https://pacificwild.org/action/ask-the-government-for-more-time-for-old-growth/> to write to Ministry of Forests to request that the public consultation period be extended to March 31, 2023. To date, 237 letters have been received. We are not aware of any other media reports on this matter.

### **Suggested Response:**

- Thank you for your interest in providing comments regarding the establishment of Land Use objectives for the Nahmint Landscape Unit.
- This planning process will help to provide certainty around the conservation of biological diversity in this unique watershed.
- On October 21, 2022, the objectives for the Nahmint Landscape Unit were advertised for a 60-day public review period in the local newspaper, the Gazette and on the govTogetherBC website.
- Based on public requests for additional time to review the plan, the Province has extended the public engagement period until January 29, 2023.

Attachment: Info Note 272340

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**DATE:** October 12, 2022

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

**ISSUE:** Nahmint Landscape Unit (LU) planning work to be advertised for public review and comment.

### BACKGROUND:

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- The draft Order is planned to be advertised for public review and comment for 60 days (October 21, to Dec 21, 2022). Advertising will include a notice in Gazette, posting on Engage BC and newspaper ads. Staff are working with GCPE to coordinate.
- During work to date the Province has engaged with Ucluelet (UFN), Hupacasath (HFN) and Tseshah First Nations (TFN). Participation has included meetings, field work, flights and reviewing draft plans. A 60-day consultation period is planned to be initiated during the week of October 17, 2022.
- Current Landscape Unit Planning work includes:
  - Reassessing the 2012 version of draft OGMA's.
  - Developing a solid approach to emphasize the protection of regionally rare and underrepresented ecosystems.
  - Using new and updated information for OGMA delineation including LiDAR and Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI).
  - Incorporating other values into OGMA's where possible including big trees (coast legacy and specified trees), recreation, and visual quality.
  - Including cultural heritage resource values into OGMA's, particularly cultural cedar.
  - Creating robust documentation that provides transparency on the entire planning process.
- A Forest Practices Board Investigation regarding old growth logging in the Nahmint occurred from 2018 to 2021. A final report included findings where improvement was needed for old growth forests and rare ecosystem management. s.13; s.16

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## DISCUSSION:

The Nahmint LU planning process began in 2019 in advance of governments November 2021 proposed priority old growth deferral areas.

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**Attachment(s):** N/A

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