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CUT LEVEL REDUCED SLIGHTLY FOR KALUM TIMBER SUPPLY AREA

VICTORIA – Effective immediately, the allowable annual cut for the Kalum timber supply area will be 424,000 cubic metres, about 2.9 per cent lower than the existing allowable annual cut, chief forester Jim Snetsinger announced today.

“In reviewing the social, economic and environmental factors, I determined an allowable annual cut that would be sustainable,” said Snetsinger. “Over the past few years, less than 40 per cent of the allowable annual cut has been harvested in the Kalum timber supply area. The minor adjustment in the cut level reflects timber volume estimates for existing stands and a change in the way log grades are counted against the cut level.”

The Kalum timber supply area, in northwestern B.C., covers about 2.3 million hectares, ranging from the Kitlope River in the south to the lower Nass River in the north. Almost 81,000 hectares is considered part of the timber harvesting landbase.

The Kalum timber supply area lies in a transitional area between the coastal and interior forests and is dominated by the coastal western hemlock biogeoclimatic zone. Other major tree species include mountain hemlock, balsam, cottonwood, spruce, cedar, pine, aspen and birch.

The chief forester's determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports, First Nations and public input to the government's social and economic goals.

Under the timber supply review, the chief forester or deputy chief forester must determine how much wood can be harvested in each of the province's 37 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every 10 years.

A new allowable annual cut may be determined earlier in response to abnormal situations, or postponed for up to five years if an allowable annual cut level is not expected to change significantly.

Copies of the chief forester's allowable annual cut determination are available on the Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/> or from the Kalum natural resource district office in Terrace.

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