

BC Timber Sales Strait of Georgia Business Area 370 South Dogwood Street Campbell River, BC, V9W 6Y7

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Re: Guidance for conducting post-harvest fire hazard assessments

Attention: BCTS Strait of Georgia Timber Sale License holders

On <u>April 30, 2019: Advisory Bulletin - Timber Sale Licence Fire Hazard Assessment and</u> <u>Abatement (PDF, 387KB)</u> BCTS outlined fire hazard assessment and abatement requirements contained in legislation and BCTS agreements.

Effectively immediately, BC Timber Sales, Strait of Georgia Business Area endorses the use of BCTS Fire Hazard Assessment Guidance (2021 draft version) as the preferred tool to conduct fire hazard assessments. The forest professional maintains discretion over what fire hazard assessment guide or form they choose to follow.

Be aware, this BCTS tool is still undergoing a testing phase. Fire hazard assessments must only be completed by qualified forest professionals that are competent in fire and fuel management. Qualified forest professionals maintain responsibility for prescribing work to be carried out to mitigate the fire risk for the client. If the conditions and factors support a determination that is contrary to the draft guidance, be sure to support your professional prescription with the necessary evidence and rationale.

To get a copy of the draft Fire Hazard Assessment guidance please contact your BCTS representative.

If you have feedback regarding the draft Fire Hazard Assessment guidance, contact: Kevin Chau, Certification Standards Officer Email: <u>Kevin.Chau@gov.bc.ca</u>