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Old growth policy recommendations

The policy should (1)protect old growth forest characteristics and continue to (2)make a limited harvest available in perpetuity for high value finished products. The policy should be developed in collaboration with first nations, harvesters and sawmillers, value added industry, environmental NGO community.

The key components of the policy will include:

- 1. Defined areas covering over 50% of original forest area shall have rotation age sufficient to produce old growth forest characteristics and timber quality required to service the needs of value added product producers such as millwork, door and window, furniture manufacturers.
- 2. Retention areas increased to maintain old growth forest characteristics in the majority of first growth harvest areas.
- 3. Over 50% of original forest area to be placed under FSC certification management.
- 4. Wildlife habitat sufficient to maintain viability and health of all species.
- 5. Suspension of harvest in areas occupied by threatened species until effective and scientifically supported recovery strategies are in place and stated goals are met.

Thanks for the opportunity.

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