

# W1969 Woodlot Licence Plan #1

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# **1 MANDATORY CONTENT FOR A WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN**

## **1.1 PLAN AREA**

This plan covers the entire 800.0 ha area of Woodlot Licence W1969. The Licence was offered in 2005 as part of the Forest and Range Agreement #1 between the We Wai Kai First Nation (Cape Mudge Band) and the Province. The Woodlot Licence is located on Quadra Island bordering the south side of Kanish Bay. The main road access is Granite Bay Road. The area is primarily a part of the take back that was negotiated with the TFL Licence TimberWest. The area also has had harvesting and silviculture operations conducted since 1972 by the previous Licensees Crown Zellerbach and Crown Forest. All of the recent cutblocks are at least ten years old and have been declared free growing. The road system that is connected to the log dump in South Kanish is still in good repair except where metal and wood culverts have been removed on all the major streams.

## **1.2 GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES**

This Woodlot Licence W1969 Woodlot Plan #1 is consistent with the objectives established by government in land use plans. The broad objectives set by government are found in Section 9 of the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation (WLPPR). Additional land use objectives, as well as any other objectives and designations, which may apply to the woodlot licence area, are found in Section 10. In addition, the Campbell River Forest District (CRFD) has provided the Objectives Matrix that is used to determine relevant and current FRPA values and elements.

The VI LRUMP has enacted higher-level plans that specifically identify Quadra Island as Special Management Zone (SMZ) 19 with associated regimes and strategies for key primary resource values.

The District Manager (DM) of the CRFD has made known the scenic resources and the relevancy for planning on the woodlot landscape. These Government Actions Regulations (GAR) are found in Appendix III and include the specific Order for Establishment of Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives for the Campbell River District as well as the detailed analysis provided in the Determination Rationale. This Woodlot Plan has responded appropriately to accommodate the requirements of the visual quality objectives (VQO's) that are established (Appendix III for VQO definitions from the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation 1.1 (FPPR). These VQO definitions are applied as per the Woodlot Planning and Practices Regulation (WLPPR) that borrows the definition but maintains a separate document for Woodlot Licences.

The addition of reserves and scenic/recreational management areas that meet the specific geographical relief have enhanced the strategy developed to meet these visual objectives. Specific objectives for the scenic areas of retention and partial retention have been addressed in the following sections on areas where harvesting will be avoided, modified and in the section on wildlife tree retention strategy.

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) has issued a notice to Woodlot Licences that provides the indicators for the winter survival of ungulate species and for the survival of species at risk. Reserves have been established with consideration for the specific presence and vulnerability of the respective wildlife relevant to the Woodlot Licence area, the conclusion is that the current reserves and management objectives are sufficient in providing the habitat requirements in terms of amount of area and distribution of areas, and attributes of those areas. This includes any potential wildlife addressed in either notice or any regionally important wildlife.

The Woodlot Plan Schedule B (Crown) Map is located in Appendix I.

### **1.3 AREAS WHERE TIMBER HARVESTING WILL BE AVOIDED**

Timber harvesting will be avoided in the designated areas of the woodlot as referred to on the Woodlot Licence W1969 Woodlot Plan #1 Map in Appendix I. In addition, Table 1 on page 6 in the Wildlife Tree Retention Strategy section provides a detailed table that identifies all of the dedicated reserves, the biodiversity function and the related resource values being protected. Reserves are implicitly off limits to timber harvesting except where identified in the Wildlife Tree Retention strategy. Reserve areas are set aside for the following objectives:

- Riparian reserves will have restricted harvesting except for the purposes stated in Section 39 (1) and Section 39(2) of the WLPPR. If additional streams requiring riparian reserves are discovered during operational planning, they will be protected with similar harvest constraints.
- Biodiversity reserves are designated on the map and have been created to protect resource features. The reserves have been established for wildlife tree patches that contain valuable wildlife trees consisting of old growth (>250 year) veterans (see Wildlife Strategy). In addition, areas of high visibility from Discovery Passage and Kanish Bay such as the shoreline of Bodega Point and other points and promontories have been protected with reserves.



- Goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*) are red listed bird species known to have nested on the Woodlot Licence area when it was managed by TimberWest. The female goshawk was followed by radio transmitter from a site on Vancouver Island near Stella Lake to the nest tree near cutblock 12-28B in 1998 (Personal Communication Erica MacLean MOE). The bird and nest site was not monitored past 1998. Goshawks normally will have more than one nest in a nest area. Identification and presence of a goshawk will be conducted using adult alarm calls (March) or juvenile begging calls (June-July) as well as normal observation of goshawks and nests. If a breeding pair is located, the nesting and fledging area with the appropriate mature forest structure will be protected with a wildlife tree patch reserve.

## **1.4 AREAS WHERE TIMBER HARVESTING WILL BE MODIFIED**

Timber harvesting will be modified in the designated areas of the woodlot as referred to on the Woodlot Licence W1969 Woodlot Plan #1 Map in Appendix I. There are three main designations where harvesting will be modified to provide extra protection to the following identified resource values:

### **1.4.1 Riparian Management Zones (RMZ)**

Riparian management zones as defined in WLPPR s36-38 will have modified harvesting that will be prescribed on a site-specific basis determined by factors that will affect the protection of the stream, lake or wetland. RMA's will generally be given a no harvest designation. When a pre-existing road is located in a RMA, and the road is not causing deleterious effects on the riparian habitat or stream/wetland values, then the road will be retained in its present location. Modifications to timber harvesting that will meet or exceed the regulations in WLPPR s39-46 in all classes of riparian management zones that will protect values include:

- a) assessing all streams for their fishery values and assigning a correct riparian classification to all streams, wetlands, lakes and other unclassified drainages or wetlands that will give the regulated management area width
- b) stream flow by controlling or rehabilitating debris inputs through proper engineering of road locations adjacent or through an RMA
- c) stream banks and channels that will be maintained by using a machine free zone of a minimum 5 meters from stream bank and greater if wet or soft
- d) stream ecosystem and channels by controlling siltation into streams through proper location of ditches and culverts and road runoff
- e) a minimum of 25% tree retention by basal area subject to windthrow hazard assessments and treatments to minimize risk

- f) valuable wildlife trees by identification and subsequent danger tree assessment and possible required 'no work zone' or 'no disturbance buffer'
- g) selection of tree species and sizes for retention that are representative of the profile that provide stand and soil stability
- h) retention will be based on both dispersed groups and individual trees where the specific values are best maintained
- i) water quality such as temperature and nutrient inflows by protecting the understory vegetation and the tree canopy
- j) temporary and permanent stream crossings will be located based on least risk to the stream and potential disturbance
- k) riparian ecosystem disturbance by performing treatments during seasonal opportunities of low rainfall

#### **1.4.2 Visual Constraints for Partial Retention (PR)**

The visual areas adjacent to the marine waterways are labelled Visual Quality Objective (VQO) on the W1969 map in Appendix I. The entire PR area will have a strategy for limiting the visual disturbance, based upon conducting harvesting operations or road developments on the following criteria:

- a) the use of natural topographical designs blended into the visual landscape for road access and harvest blocks
- b) where the stand is highly visible a retention silviculture system will be utilized that will be designed and implemented to mitigate visual disturbances and meet or exceed the definition of partial retention.

#### **1.4.3 Granite Bay Regional Park - Retention (R)**

The areas adjacent to the Granite Bay Regional Park, which includes a corridor, either side of the Kanish Bay Estates Road is labelled Visual/Recreational Management Area on the Woodlot Licence W1969 Woodlot Plan #1 Map in Appendix I.

- a) individual tree selection system will be the harvesting method in this area that will allow management of trees for biodiversity, disease, insect or other danger tree criteria

### **1.5 PROTECTING AND CONSERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES**

The We Wai Kai First Nation has given priority to protecting and conserving the cultural heritage resources on the area of W1969. If during field reconnaissance or during operations if any objects or areas are discovered that have either historical or spiritual values to the We Wai Kai First Nation or any other First Nation, information sharing and archaeological assessment will be conducted prior to disturbance.

Large biodiversity reserves are distributed on the woodlot area and represent the various ecological types. These reserves contain valuable plants for gathering and hunting opportunities. This has given a solid security of a sound forest stewardship that will only improve as the forest matures over time and will support cultural heritage resources.

As a proactive measure, the following results and strategies are outlined below for known cultural heritage uses and values:

#### **1.5.1 Western Red Cedar Trees**

Result: Maintain present and future availability of this tree that is used as a product to build ceremonial pieces such as clothing, carvings, totem poles and canoes.

Strategy: Western red cedar will be planted where suitable on all harvested cutblocks thus ensuring a plentiful and well-distributed value. The majority of the red cedar trees where operationally possible will be selected for retention when found as an old growth veteran, mature or understory tree.

#### **1.5.2 Traditionally Used Plants**

Result: First Nation's individuals will have continued free access to medicinal or ceremonial plants such as devil's club (*Oplopanax horridus*), cascara (*Rhamnus pershiana*), common camas (*Camassia quamash*) and Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) within the carrying capacity of the local ecosystem.

Strategy: If the Licensee or a First Nation's person identifies areas where culturally traditional rare and valuable plants are located, the area will be protected where feasible by a management strategy that mitigates the risk to the area.

#### **1.5.3 Foreshore and Tidal Marine Resources**

Result: First Nation's individuals will have continued free access to the foreshore and intertidal zone for harvesting and collecting traditional shellfish and other marine resources relevant to the carrying capacity of the local ecosystem.

Strategy: If the Licensee or a First Nation's person identifies areas where culturally traditional marine resources are located, the area will be protected where feasible by a management strategy that mitigates the danger to the area.

#### **1.5.4 Foreshore and Tidal Cultural Resources**

Result: Historic structures such as First Nation's farmed clam gardens, fish weirs or any other visible intertidal evidence of alteration will be protected from alteration or disturbance.

Strategy: If the Licensee, a government agency or a First Nation's person identifies areas where foreshore or intertidal cultural resources are located or suspected, the area will be protected where feasible by a management strategy that mitigates the danger to the area through the implementation of reserves.

### **1.6 WILDLIFE TREE RETENTION STRATEGY**

Wildlife tree patches (WTP) and individual wildlife trees (WT) are one of the most valuable components of the strategy for conserving and enhancing stand-

level biodiversity on the woodlot. The management recommendations in the MOF website “Wildlife Tree Management at the Stand Level” will be followed on the woodlot with the consultation of the Ministry of Forests and Range (MOF) and Ministry of Environment (MOE). Identifiable wildlife are managed through the establishment of large reserves, small WTPs and individual WTs within the operational area. Selection of these areas is based on stand structure, age, species composition and other valuable indicators for wildlife habitat. Varieties of ecosystems were included in the reserves representing all of the types present on the woodlot. The total area set aside in WTP reserves is 78.9 ha (Table 1), and in addition the riparian reserve areas have 26.0 ha contributing wildlife trees; this 104.9 ha represents 13.1%% of the total woodlot area. The riparian management areas have 72.0 ha and the Visual/Recreation Management Area has 4.2 ha for a total of 76.2 ha or 9.5% of the total woodlot area. In these areas, identification and protection of valuable wildlife habitat will contribute to the overall retention strategy.

**Table 1 Wildlife Tree Retention Reserve Strategy**

Reserve Name	Forest Cover Attributes Species & SI	Biodiversity Function and Resource Values		Area (Ha)
Bodega Pt. Reserve	H(F) -31 PF(H) -15	Wildlife	Bird nesting and foraging, marine mammals	20.0
		WTP	Mature and Old growth Fd, Ss, Cw and Hw with cavity nesters, perches	
		Visual	Visible from Discovery Passage and Kanish Bay	
South Kanish Pt. Reserve	H -29 HF -17 HF -13	Wildlife	Bird nesting and foraging, marine mammals, bat foraging and roosting/nurseries	14.5
		WTP	Mature and Old growth Fd, Ss, Cw and Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	
		Visual	Visible from Kanish Bay	
Darkwater Mountain Reserve	H -24 PH -19 FH (C) -16 H (FP) -13	Riparian	Lakefront mammals and birds	16.5
		WTP	Mature & old growth Fd, Cw & Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	
		Wildlife	Cougar & deer winter range	
		Visual	Forested peaks visible from Kanish Bay & Discovery Passage	
Lake Assu Reserve	H(C) -24 H -24 CH -20 HC -17	Riparian	Lakefront & wetland mammals and bird nesting	14.1
		WTP	Mature & old growth Fd, Cw & Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	
		Wildlife	Cougar & deer winter range	
WTP #1	P -19 H -17	WTP	Mature & old growth Fd, Cw & Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	5.7
		Wildlife	Cougar & deer winter range	
		Visual	Forested peaks visible from Kanish Bay & Discovery Passage	
WTP 2	H -29	WTP	Mature & old growth Fd,	3.8

			Cw & Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	
		Wildlife	Cougar & deer winter range	
WTP 3	H -17 HF -13	Wildlife	Mature & old growth Fd, Cw & Hw, cavity nesters, perches and bat habitat	4.3
		WTP	Cougar & deer winter range	
			<b>Total area</b>	78.9

### 1.6.1

## **INDIVIDUAL WILDLIFE TREES**

### ***1.6.1.1 Species and Characteristics:***

The woodlot area has Douglas fir (Fd), western hemlock (Hw), western redcedar (Cw) and red alder (Dr) as the most common tree species. Tree species that are less common are Sitka spruce (Ss), lodgepole pine (Pl), white pine (Pw), western yew and big leaf maple (Mb). All of the species present on the woodlot will be candidates for assessing as wildlife tree potential with an emphasis on the traditional high value species of Douglas fir and western redcedar; however, the rare species will receive extra scrutiny to retain. The disturbance history on the woodlot area is variable, with extensive logging of the old growth stands starting in the early 1900's and continuing to the 1960's. Wildfires have occurred following the harvesting, burning the slash and some of the few remnant stands remaining after harvesting. This latter area today has more numerous groups and individual old growth trees remaining as both dead and live trees. These areas provide many large diameter veteran Douglas-fir and Western redcedar trees that are ideal for large nesting birds or potential bear or small mammal dens.

These high value wildlife individual trees are the primary targets for selection and protection from harvesting and road building. The old growth trees are frequently class 2 wildlife trees with broken tops and evidence of fungal fruiting bodies indicating the presence of heart rot, a valuable wildlife tree characteristic. These trees have habitat value for primary cavity-excavating woodpeckers and the numerous species of secondary cavity bird and mammal users. The thick sloughing bark on the Douglas fir trees and the burned trunks of redcedar trees are ideal for bats, myotis and some bird species that can be utilized for nurseries, roosting and nesting. The large snags in the advanced tree classes can continue to provide habitat for many species and are utilized by amphibians such as newts, salamanders and frogs.

In the extensive stands of mature second growth present on the woodlot high value wildlife trees are ones with current wildlife presence or other indicators suggesting decay or structural potential for future use. Many stands have a mixed component of conifer and alder that allow targeting the two types for retention. The conifers provide the longer term supply of wildlife trees and the alder are excellent for immediate use if they are dead or declining.

Individual wildlife trees will be assessed using the Wildlife /Danger Tree Assessor's Workbook for their wildlife characteristics and rated habitat value and the danger category based on the activity planned in the vicinity of the trees. Prior to deciding on the layout and prescription, a Windthrow Assessment will also be conducted to determine the future stability of the trees after the treatment is conducted. Experience has shown that the ability to leave individual or group retention is site and stand specific.

#### ***1.6.1.2 Conditions Under Which Individual Wildlife Trees May Be Removed:***

Specific individual wildlife trees and trees within group retention areas or wildlife tree patches (WTP) may be removed if they are assessed and determined to be a safety hazard. In this determination, the assessment will include the specific activity or level of disturbance that is expected to be performed within the exposure range of the suspect tree. Alternatives to removal of the wildlife tree will be given priority such as establishment of a 'no work zone' or altering the disturbance level by modifying the treatment prescribed. Where tree removal is necessary, the economic opportunity for salvage will be allowed after assessments for potential ground or other site disturbance factors are considered.

In addition to safety concerns, individual wildlife trees and/or individual trees within retention areas may be removed if they are infested with insects that threaten the health of adjacent trees or stands. This is presently not seen as a likely scenario but is included as a precautionary tool if in the future global warming or other unusual events precipitate insect infestations.

#### ***1.6.1.3 Replacement of Individual Wildlife Trees:***

The individual wildlife tree management strategy is predicated on retaining a high number of trees that have existing wildlife use and valuable characteristics. There will be many individual trees that are composed of a variety of species, age and form. Within this wildlife tree population there will be an increasing value for wildlife over time as the majority of the high value trees are Douglas fir and redcedar that are long-lived species and will remain structurally strong for long periods even after death. When one individual tree is lost it will not materially affect the potential wildlife trees available for the wildlife tree users. In fact, even the trees that may fall will continue to provide wildlife habitat and biodiversity values as large woody debris.

If a very specific function is performed by an individual tree (e.g. osprey nest) then recruitment of another tree may include modification to enhance the usability (e.g. topping) for the wildlife user.

### **1.6.2 WILDLIFE TREE RETENTION AREAS**

#### ***1.6.2.1 Forest Cover Attributes:***

The list of reserves presented in this Plan in Table 1 gives the reserve name, biodiversity function and resource values associated with each protected area. The total area already in WTP reserves is currently at 78.9 ha, the riparian reserves are 26.0 ha and when combined with the future wildlife tree patches and potential reserves prescribed when operational planning is conducted will supply a significant area of the woodlot for biodiversity values. These riparian reserves



contain the two main high value fishery systems and associated riparian areas that provide preservation for fish, birds, mammals and amphibious users of this ecosystem.

#### ***1.6.2.2 Conditions Under Which Trees May Be Removed from Wildlife Tree Retention Areas:***

Wildlife trees within reserves, group retention areas or wildlife tree patches (WTP) may be removed if they are assessed and determined to be a safety hazard. In this determination, the assessment will include the specific activity or level of disturbance that is expected to be performed within the exposure range of the suspect tree. Alternatives to removal of the wildlife tree will be given priority such as establishment of a 'no work zone' or altering the disturbance level by modifying the treatment prescribed. Where tree removal is necessary, the economic opportunity for salvage will be allowed after assessments for potential ground or other site disturbance factors are considered.

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#### ***1.6.2.3 Replacement of Trees Removed from Wildlife Tree Retention Areas:***

The wildlife tree area management strategy is predicated on retaining a high number of trees that have existing wildlife use and valuable characteristics. There will be many individual trees that are composed of a variety of species, age and form. Within this wildlife tree population there will be an increasing value for wildlife over time as the majority of the high value trees are Douglas fir and redcedar that are long-lived species and will remain structurally strong for long periods even after death. Therefore, when one individual tree is lost it will not materially affect the potential available for the wildlife tree users. In fact, even the trees that may fall will continue to provide wildlife habitat and biodiversity values as large woody debris.

If significant amounts of wildlife trees are lost due to windthrow or other catastrophic event in a wildlife tree area then the replacement with another suitable area in size, value and species composition will be assessed. In addition when the WTP area loses a significant character of the function supplied by the wildlife tree area then salvage of the area will be allowed considering other environmental constraints. If a very specific function is performed by an individual tree (e.g. osprey nest) then recruitment of another tree may include modification to enhance the usability (e.g. topping) for the wildlife user.

## **1.7 MEASURES TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION OR SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS**

Invasive plants are of increasing concern on Vancouver Island and the surrounding area as certain non-native species escape gardens and become established in the natural environment. These plants can adversely affect the local ecology by out-competing the native flora and forming dense monospecific stands. Often, invasive plants prove difficult to eradicate and it can take decades to fully rehabilitate an infested area, which is why trying to control the problem before it becomes fully established is critical. Invasive species detection will be part of the regular operations on the entire woodlot area and an eradication program will be developed and implemented in a timely manner. When areas have been treated for eradication of an invasive species the disturbed area will be immediately reseeded and monitored for successful eradication. All equipment used in the eradication treatment will be thoroughly cleaned prior to removal as well any equipment arriving from a known contaminated site before use on the woodlot. If gravel from off of the woodlot is trucked in the source will be from cleaned gravel to remove invasive seeds.

Currently the crown portion of Woodlot Licence W1969 does not have any identified incidence of invasive species. Invasive grasses are one of the biggest threats to many species at risk on Southern Vancouver Island due to the threatened Garry Oak Ecosystem and similar habitats. On Quadra Island, grasslands and sparse woodlands are much less abundant yet are just as susceptible to the introduction of non-native grasses. Current regulations stipulate that if natural groundcovers have the ability to re-colonize the exposed soil quickly, the use of grass seed is deemed unnecessary. On Woodlot Licence 1969, this practice of allowing nature to take its course will be implemented in areas that seem appropriate, and in areas that require seed, only grass from local, native stock will be used.

## **1.8 MEASURES TO MITIGATE EFFECT OF REMOVING NATURAL RANGE BARRIERS**

- Not applicable, an application for exemption is requested from the District Manager.

## **1.9 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **1.9.1 STOCKING INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIED AREAS**

**Accept default:** The Uneven-aged Stocking standards for single-tree selection (Appendix III), as found in the MoF Publication “Reference Guide for FDP Stocking Standards” are adopted for specified areas (Section 12 WLPPR). The specified areas of W1969 where the uneven-aged stocking standards will apply are the single tree selection silviculture systems prescribed for the modified

harvesting from Section 1.4. This includes the riparian management zones, VQO retention and partial retention areas and any other areas where a selection or retention silviculture system is prescribed that maintains a forest cover after the harvest.

### **1.9.2 SOIL DISTURBANCE LIMITS**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.24 (1, 2 & 3)

- 8% of Net Area to be Reforested

### **1.9.3 PERMANENT ACCESS STRUCTURES**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.25

- the maximum area occupied by permanent access structures is as follows:
  - ❖ Cutblocks  $\geq 5$  ha – 7% of cutblock area
  - ❖ Cutblocks  $< 5$  ha – 10% of cutblock area
  - ❖ Total Woodlot Area – 7% of Woodlot Licence area

### **1.9.4 USE OF SEED**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.32

- Adoption of Chief Forester's Standards for Seed Use

### **1.9.5 STOCKING STANDARDS**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.35(1)

- Adoption of the stocking standards described in the MoF publication "Reference Guide for Forest Development Plan Stocking Standards", as amended from time to time, which are in effect at the time of harvest for each Cutting Permit. See [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/forsite/stocking\\_stds.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/forsite/stocking_stds.htm)

### **1.9.6 WIDTH OF STREAM RIPARIAN AREAS**

**Accept default:** as specified in Section 36(4) of the WLPPR

### **1.9.7 WIDTH OF WETLAND RIPARIAN AREAS**

**Accept default:** as specified in Section 37(3) of the WLPPR.

### **1.9.8 WIDTH OF LAKE RIPARIAN AREAS**

**Accept default:** as specified in Section 38(2) of the WLPPR.

### **1.9.9 RESTRICTIONS IN A RIPARIAN RESERVE ZONE**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.39

- Cutting, modifying or removing trees in a riparian reserve zone is limited to the purposes described in Section 39(1) and Section 39(2) of the WLPPR.
- Restrictions on constructing a road in a riparian reserve zone are as described in Section 39(2.1).

### **1.9.10 RESTRICTIONS IN A RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT ZONE**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.40

- Construction of a road in a riparian management zone is limited to the conditions described in Section 40(1) of the WLPPR.
- Restrictions and conditions on road construction, maintenance and deactivation activities, and on cutting, modifying or removing trees in a riparian management zone are as described in Section 40.

### **1.9.11 WILDLIFE TREE RETENTION**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.52 (1)

The proportion of the Woodlot Licence area that is occupied by wildlife tree retention areas is no less than the least of the following:

- The proportion specified for the area in a land use objective, or
- The proportion specified in the WLP, or
- 8%

### **1.9.12 COARSE WOODY DEBRIS**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.54 (1)

Area on Coast – minimum retention of 4 logs per ha  $\geq 5$  m in length and  $\geq 30$  cm in diameter at one end.

### **1.9.13 RESOURCE FEATURES**

**Accept default:** WLPPR s.56 (1)

- Ensure that forest practices do not damage or render ineffective a resource feature.

## 2 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN

#### 2.1 Advertising

##### 2.1.1 Quadra Island Discovery Islander, Nov. 24 and Dec. 8, 2006

**Public Viewing of  
the Management  
& Woodlot  
Licence Plans for  
W1969 & W1970**

The 10-year Plans for Woodlot Licence W1969 & W1970 will be available for public viewing and comments at the Quadra Community Centre, Room #1, on November 28, 2006 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The Plans are now available for review and comments for a period of 30 days, starting with the publication of this notice.

Written comments must be received no later than December 24, 2006. Copies of the plans with maps will be located at the Campbell River District Office of the Ministry of Forests (370 South Dogwood Street) and at the Cape Mudge Band Office 285-3316 and Benner Forestry Ltd. 285-2804. Please call for viewing.

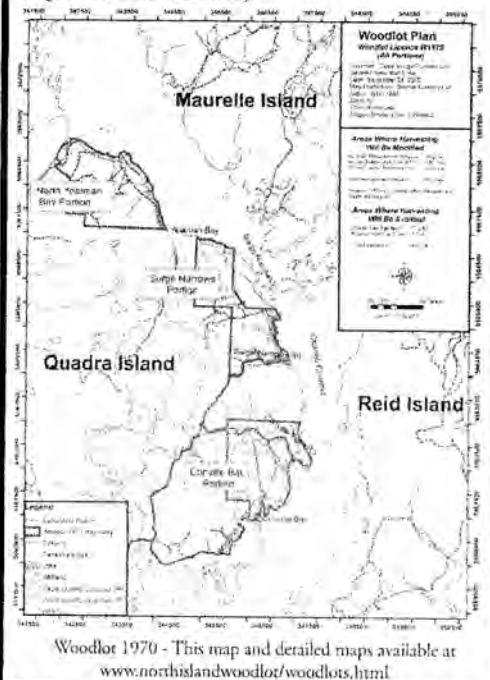
Electronic copies of the Plans are available at [www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com) (Woodlot Plans). Send written comments to Jerry Benner RPF, Benner Forestry Ltd. PO Box 427, Heslet Bay, V0P 1H0. Recent legislation has changed the planning requirements for the holders of a Woodlot Licence. The Woodlot Plan requires all sensitive and highly valued areas of the woodlot to be identified and either placed in reserves or management areas that will have modified harvesting. The Crown forest land is located for W1969 at Kanish Bay, and for W1970 at Conville Bay, Surge Narrows and Yeatman Bay.

##### 2.1.2

**Public Viewing of the Cape Mudge  
Band's Management & Woodlot  
Licence Plans for W1969 & W1970**

has been extended to accommodate interested persons or groups that were not able to attend the first presentation.

The 10-year Plans will be available for public viewing and comments at the Cape Mudge Band Office on January 8, 2007 starting at 11:00 am. The presentation will include a GIS orthophoto of the individual areas by projector. The Plans are now available for review and comments, written comments must be received no later than Feb. 8, 2007. Copies of the plans with maps are located at the Campbell River District Office of the Ministry of Forests (370 South Dogwood Street), Cape Mudge Band Office 285-3316, Benner Forestry Ltd. 285-2804 and at the Heriot Bay Library. Electronic copies of the Plans are available at [www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com) (Woodlot Plans). Send written comments to Jerry Benner RPF, Benner Forestry Ltd. PO Box 427, Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0. Recent legislation has changed the planning requirements for the holders of a Woodlot Licence. The Woodlot Plan requires all sensitive and highly valued areas of the woodlot to be identified and either placed in reserves or management areas that will have modified harvesting. The Crown forest land for W1969 is located at Kanish Bay, and for W1970 at Conville Bay, Surge Narrows and Yeatman Bay.



## 2.2 Referrals

Complete copy of Draft Woodlot Licence Plan available online at [www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com)

Complete copy of Draft Woodlot Licence Plan delivered to the following:

- Hamatla Treaty Society
- Campbell River First Nation
- Homalco First Nation
- MOFR - Campbell River
- Vancouver Island Regional Library – Heriot Bay Library

Letter of notification of Draft Woodlot Licence Plan and offer of complete copy:

- Klahoose First Nation

Email letter of notification of Draft Woodlot Licence Plan with digital pdf file for W1970:

- MOE – Oyster River Office, Erica McClaren
- BC Parks

## 2.3 Copy of Written Comments Received

Public Comments for W1969 Woodlot Licence Plan and Management Plan received by email, letter or by email forward and in some of the correspondence a follow-up letter and response from Rory Annett, District Manager of the Campbell River Forest District. Many of the comments received were speaking directly to W1970 that was undergoing the public referral and consultation simultaneously as W1969. However, often the letters did contain in the title a reference to both Woodlots or made a statement regarding the 1600 ha total area. Therefore all of the comments received in the joint consultation are included here.

### 2.3.1 Local Stakeholders

#### 2.3.1.1 *Okisollo Advisory Planning Committee*

Dear Mr. Benner

February 5, 2007

Ref Woodlot 1969 and 1970

Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee comments

We are gratified to know that the lands in question are in a Woodlot granted to the Cape Mudge band and managed by a local RPF. We appreciate your commitment to including us in the ongoing planning process. We can agree in principle with your preliminary plan, subject to your continuing to involve us in operational details that effect the viewscape, the Surge Narrows Road and Raven Bay.

Since the VQOs in the preliminary plans do not adequately address our concerns it is particularly important to us that we be involved in the way the harvesting and timber removal plans affect the visual integrity.

We look forward to being involved in ongoing discussions concerning the Surge Narrows Road. We are concerned about retaining the visual integrity and ambiance of this gateway to the outer islands while improving the surface, the safety and the maintenance.

The limited, occasional use of Raven Bay as a barge loading site is agreeable, so long as its availability for public recreation is also valued. We will appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the onsite planning of how these two functions can co-exist.

We hope you appreciate that our interest in these matters is driven by our sincere commitment to protecting the natural beauty of the area which is our home and an important base of the local economy.

***2.3.1.2 Quadra Island Trails Committee***

Box10. Quathiaski Cove VOP 1N0. Phone: 285-2922.

February 8, 2007

Cape Mudge First Nation  
P.O. Box 220  
Quathiaski Cove, B.C.  
VOP 1N0

Attention: Ted Lewis and Jerry Benner, R.P.F.

Re: Management Plans for W1969 & 1970  
Woodlot Licence Plans for W1969 & 1970

We would like to thank Jerry Benner & the Licensee for the information meeting on January 8th. These meetings are an important part of the public consultation process and Trails Committee appreciated the time you made available for this.

In Table 1 and the Surge Narrows Portion Map you identify the Raven Bay Trail Reserve & Telegraph Reserve as Wildlife Tree Retention Areas. As well you show a Visual / Recreational Management Area.

It would appear that the line drawn on the map for the Visual / Recreational Management Area is the line established by the Ministry of Forests for the established VQO's of Retention. To adequately protect the Recreation experience of this area, both from the water and from the trail, we feel this line should be set



at a higher elevation than is presently shown on the map. As recreation is part of this management area the boundary does not have to mirror the VQO line.

We would also like you to clarify the type of harvesting that will be implemented in these reserve areas. Am I correct in assuming that there is NO harvesting in the Wildlife Tree Retention Reserve, but there will be individual tree selection along the trail within the Visual / Recreational Management Area.

The Surge Narrows Portion map shows both the existing trail location as well as the lower trail around Raven Bay, and refers to the Raven Bay Trail. It is our intention to establish both of these routes. This would allow for a round trip over a large portion of the trail as well as provide easier walking and biking access to Surge Narrows Park over the existing location.

The lower trail closer to the water would also access the bluffs north of Raven Bay, this however would be more challenging and not suitable for all trail users.

The trail has been known as the Surge Narrow Trail for a long time and is presently identified this way on our trail maps. We will therefore continue to recognize the existing location as the Surge Narrows Trail and will add the name Raven Bay Tail to the lower route.

#### Under Section 1.9.13 Resource Features

You accept default: WLPPRs.56(1)

“Ensure that forest practices do not render ineffective a resource feature”.

We would like the following to be included in this section.

- Where Forest management activities are conducted on or adjacent to the Surge Narrows Trail and Raven Bay Trail, the Quadra Island Trails Committee will be consulted, specifically in regards to impacts on the trail feature.

The inclusion of this statement will, 1) allow the licensee and our committee to limit potential concerns from the public that may occur when harvesting or road construction plans take place in close proximity with recreation areas. 2) The committee has adequate time to post signs to warn trail users of localized harvesting operations.

TimberWest and other Woodlot Licensees that have trails within their operating areas have already agreed to this.

After receiving approval of the Management Plan and Forest License Plan we would like to walk the trail with you so as to clearly locate the position of the trail in relation to the Recreation Management Area boundary that is established.

Yours truly,

Richard Leicester

Chairman Quadra Island Trails Committee

CC: Rory Annett, District Manager  
Charlie Cornfield, Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Arts

**2.3.1.3 Quadra Island Forest Watch**

Box 487 Heriot Bay VOP 1H0 Phone: 285-2922 Fax: 285-2922

February 7, 2007

Cape Mudge First Nation  
P.O. Box 220  
Quathiaski Cove, B.C.  
V0P 1N0

Attention: Ted Lewis and Jerry Benner, R.P.F.

RE: Management Plans for W1969 & 1970  
Woodlot Licence Plans for W1969 & 1970

The fundamental goal of forest watch is to serve local interests through careful scrutinizing of forestry plans on behalf of the public. Review and documentation are combined with an understanding of ecological principles and forestry law to promote environmental stewardship and social responsibility in public forests. Quadra Island Forest Watch has responded to TimberWest's and the Quadra Island Woodlot Licensees' Management Plans and Development/Woodlot Licence Plans since 1998.

We would like to thank the band for extending the time for public response and for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Open House. The meeting was informative and helped to answer a number of questions regarding the plans. However, we still have a few questions and concerns as outlined below.

**Management Plans**

- We feel the commitment to consult with the community is too limited. The plan notes it will establish a consultative association with the specific community and First Nations organizations that are active stakeholders about the forest management activities on the woodlots. It then goes on to specify Quadra Island Recreation Society, the Quadra Island Trails Committee, and the Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society. Though we are pleased to

see these groups noted we know there are many other organizations and individuals that are interested and concerned about forestry activities. Including tourism, Sierra Club, Forest Watch, adjacent private property owners etc. Timberwest and the other woodlots have used wording that is more inclusive rather than exclusive and we feel that wording to actively solicit input from the general public regarding forestry activities should be included. The idea of woodlots and in particular woodlots in a Special Management Zone is to include the community in their planning. We would also like a reference made to consult with B.C. Parks as Woodlot 1970 in particular shares many of its borders with provincial parks.

- Retention of all old growth has been an important commitment to the community as far back as the days of the Quadra Island Forests Resources Committee. All other licensees on Quadra have recognized their importance to biodiversity by committing to this retention. Your management plans however only commits to retaining a representative sample of old growth trees and we feel your woodlots, like the others, should commit to retaining all of these trees.
- As well, other licensees have committed to retaining trees that exist in low numbers within their woodlot, for example big leaf maple, western red cedar, western white pine, cascara, arbutus. What are your plans for these types of trees?
- The use of herbicides and pesticides has also been an ongoing community concern. At the meeting Mr. Lewis noted that the band has also opposed its use in the past. Therefore we would like to see this commitment included in the plan.
- Although there are no community watersheds within either woodlot there are some domestic water supplies, both registered and unregistered. However, there are no commitments to consult or recognize these users and areas in your forestry plans. Again, other licensees have and we feel the same should occur here.
- Keeping forestry roads as narrow as possible is another area that differentiates woodlots from TFLs. Will these woodlots commit to adopting this practice?
- SMZ 19 - We trust that all the original values and objectives for this special management zone will be noted by the licensee and not just the VILUP HLP order.

Timber Supply Analysis Report: We have a number of questions and concerns regarding this report.

- The silviculture system will be modelled as clearcutting and no thinning of stands will be modelled. How is this consistent with a SMZ and what we hope is the philosophy of most woodlot licensees - to apply a variety of silviculture systems?

- A 5% and 10% area netdown in each polygon for partial retention and retention VQOs prior to modelling appears to be a small reduction.
- You note that wildlife tree retention will not be modelled as an additional netdown. How does this correspond with the commitment in the licence plan to continually be looking for more WLTPs?
- An area netdown of 2.5% is applied for future roads. How does this correspond with the default of 7% for permanent access structures in the Licence Plan?
- We are concerned that the THLB standing volume has a decrease from the current 250,000 to 165,000 m<sup>3</sup> and that the portion that is mature and contributing to multiple resource values declines from 165,000 to 5,000 in WL 1969. In WL 1970 you predict a reduction in the mature forest from 175,000 to 25,000. How does this sustain forest ecosystem structure and function within the woodlot? We feel that a sustainable cut for a woodlot would plan for more mature forest throughout the woodlot and not just within the reserves.

#### Woodlot Licence Plans

##### Roads

- At the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, your presentation noted that the main hauling road access for WL 1969 would be from the Granite Bay Road using the Luoma ML through TW cutblock 12-51. Use of this road will require updating an old road presently located within the riparian management zone of a W2 wetland. We have not had an opportunity to look at this location in the field but plan on doing so in the next month. Every effort should be made to find a more appropriate location for this road. A precedent was set for relocating a road out of a RMZ when the old section of the Open Bay ML was deactivated and the new road located away from the wetland/stream.
- For WL 1970, your presentation noted that a road coming off of the Surge Narrows road would become the main haul road and that the old road grade going down to Raven Bay, due to gradients, would not be reopened. Please confirm this in writing.
- For both WLs there are local and tourism traffic concerns. Consultation with the Granite Bay and Bold Point communities and tourism organizations should occur regarding hauling times. For safety, pilot cars should be used through narrow sections of the road, in particular on the Surge Narrows/Village Bay Lake Road.

##### Raven Bay

- You noted at the meeting that only timber harvested from the area adjacent to Raven Bay would be barged out from the bay. Where

will the logs be stored prior to barging and how much clearing will be done to facilitate this? It has been noted previously and at the meeting of the importance of this area for recreation. As well the overall management guidance for SMZ 19 was to “maintain scenery/recreation and tourism values associated with shoreline, major road corridors and high recreation use areas, as well as maintenance of coastal wildlife habitats”. Ideally, Raven Bay has the potential for a recreation site for kayakers and trail users and in such a location users would expect a clean and natural looking setting. We feel therefore that this site needs to be cleaned up and a commitment from either the band or Ministry of Forests towards this goal should be made.

- Plan 1969 notes that current reserves and management objectives are sufficient in providing the habitat requirements for regionally important wildlife. TimberWest had noted in their previous plans a goshawk nest in Kanish Bay, which is known to government agencies. However Jerry, at the meeting you seemed unaware of this nest. Has this nest now been taken into consideration i.e. is it located within a reserve?

#### Areas Where Timber Harvesting Will be Modified

- For both woodlots, under visual constraints for Partial Retention, you note that where stands are highly visible a retention silviculture system will be utilized.
  - First of all, who and how will the decision be made as to what is “highly” visible and from where? We are very concerned that this will be an area of contention between the public and the licensee.
  - Secondly, are we to assume that retention systems will be the only system to be used - no shelterwood or selection cutting? It is not clear in these documents or the management plan if clearcutting is going to be the main type of harvesting conducted on the remainder of the woodlot, with a retention silviculture system being used only in retention and partial retention VQOs and selection harvesting only noted for use adjacent to the Granite Bay Park and in the Surge Narrows visual/recreational reserve that contains the Raven Bay Trail.
- It is very confusing for the general public when retention silviculture systems and retention and partial retention VQOs are referred to. Possibly defining retention silviculture systems in the document might help.
- Granite Bay Regional Park. We would not like to see clearcutting (openings) right next to the small park/road buffer, both for visual and windthrow concerns.

- Surge Narrows Road visuals – We don't feel that the statement "a retention silviculture system that will be designed and implemented to mitigate visual disturbances and meet the definition of retention" is a clear and measurable outcome. As these visuals are not at a distance but right next to the road we question that a retention silviculture system will adequately address the public's concerns and expectations. This is an area where a selection silviculture system in the conifer and mixed conifer/broadleaf stands could be utilized.

#### **Protecting and conserving cultural heritage resources**

- The strategy under Traditionally used Plants, Foreshores and Tidal Marine Resources and Foreshore and Tidal Cultural Resources states that the Licensee or a First Nation's person can identify new areas for protection. Will only the licensee or a First Nation's person have this ability, or will the general public, government agencies etc also be able to identify areas?

#### **Raven Bay Trail Reserve and Telegraph Reserve**

- We feel that the Raven Bay Trail Reserve and the Telegraph Reserve should be widened. The reserve should give a wider buffer to the existing Surge Narrows (upper) trail, should include all of the old growth trees presently located just outside of the reserve, and should include the location where the trail enters the park. Our reasons for this request include:
  - Woodlot 1899, located to the south of Surge Narrows Road, has a reserve up to the 100-meter elevation - wider than what is proposed in WL1970. The reserve in WL 1899 was established just to protect the visuals from the channel whereas WL 1970's management areas (corresponding to retention VQO) are to protect the visual and recreation values.
  - We do not feel that a retention silviculture system will adequately protect the "Visual and Recreation" features within this management area. Especially as these features are viewed up close i.e. from a trail not from a distant location.
  - This section of WL1970 is located at the entrance to the Surge Narrows Provincial Park and will be the only land-based access to the park.
  - The present Surge Narrows trail has been used for years by residents and more recently by tourists. Keeping the natural setting of the entire trail is important.
  - Presently all the other licensees have a higher percentage of their woodlots placed in reserves than the 9.7% that WL 1970 has proposed. (i.e. WL 0025 is 10.4%, WL 1897 is 20%, WL 1611 is 11.8%, WL1899 is 11% etc.) Therefore

widening this reserve would be in keeping with the amount of land other woodlots have placed in reserves.

- It would be consistent with the objectives of SMZ 19 as noted above under the Raven Bay section.

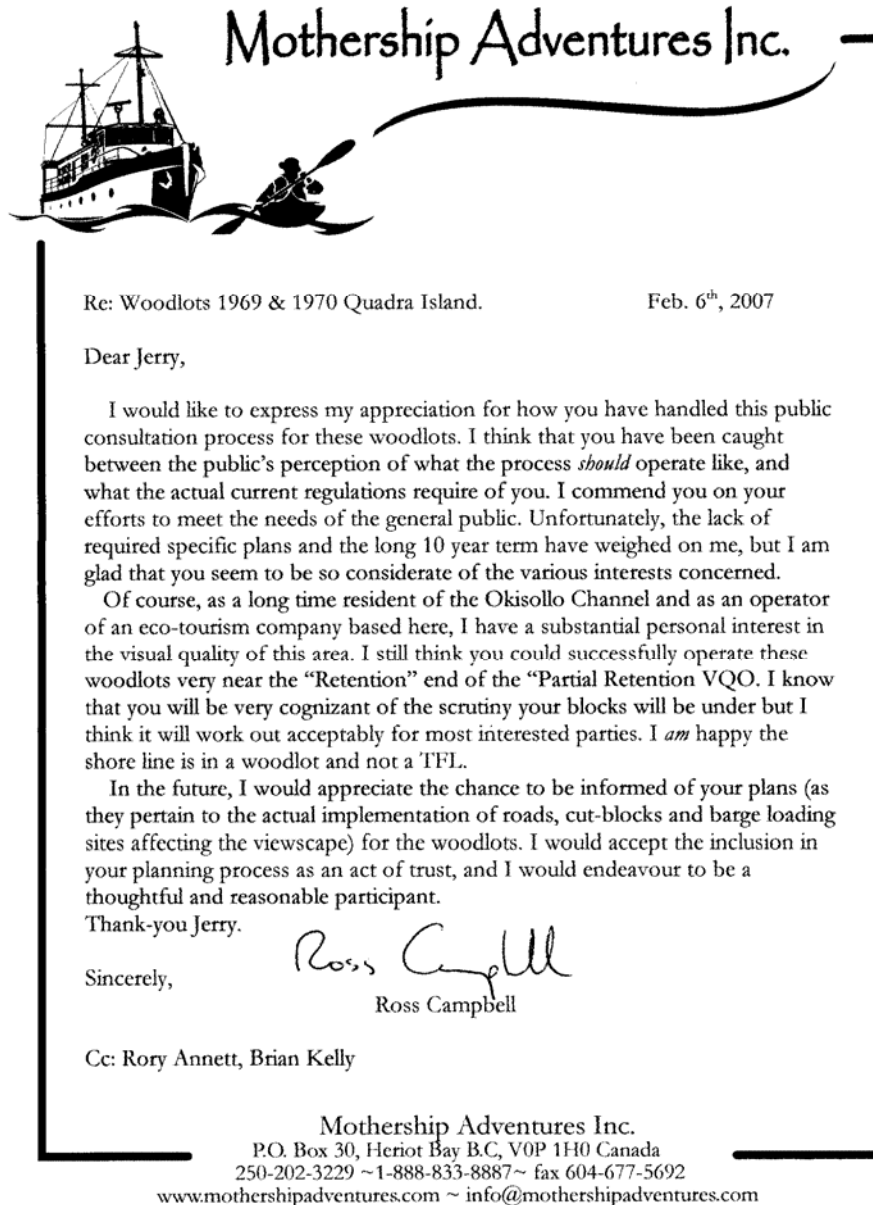
We look forward to your response to our comments.

Yours truly,

Judy Leicester

CC: Rory Annett, District Manager  
Charlie Cornfield, Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Arts

2.3.1.4 *Mothership Adventures Inc.*



Re: Woodlots 1969 & 1970 Quadra Island.

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Dear Jerry,

I would like to express my appreciation for how you have handled this public consultation process for these woodlots. I think that you have been caught between the public's perception of what the process *should* operate like, and what the actual current regulations require of you. I commend you on your efforts to meet the needs of the general public. Unfortunately, the lack of required specific plans and the long 10 year term have weighed on me, but I am glad that you seem to be so considerate of the various interests concerned.

Of course, as a long time resident of the Okisollo Channel and as an operator of an eco-tourism company based here, I have a substantial personal interest in the visual quality of this area. I still think you could successfully operate these woodlots very near the "Retention" end of the "Partial Retention VQO. I know that you will be very cognizant of the scrutiny your blocks will be under but I think it will work out acceptably for most interested parties. I *am* happy the shore line is in a woodlot and not a TFL.

In the future, I would appreciate the chance to be informed of your plans (as they pertain to the actual implementation of roads, cut-blocks and barge loading sites affecting the viewscape) for the woodlots. I would accept the inclusion in your planning process as an act of trust, and I would endeavour to be a thoughtful and reasonable participant.

Thank-you Jerry.

Sincerely,

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2.3.1.5 *Bold Point Centre -*

Tourism Training, Interpretation, Natural - Cultural History, Site Development  
February 3, 2007

Mr. Rory Annette, District Forest Manager



Ministry of Forests and Range  
Campbell River - Sayward District

Dear Mr. Annette

re: Woodlot #1970 Cape Mudge - Surge Narrows

After downloading the files and extensive review of the documents and in trying to relate them to comparable woodlots on Quadra Island plus current forest harvest policies, older Forest Practices Codes, Quadra Community Plans etc. I must bring forward the following concerns and recommendations.

a) The licensees and Forest and Range Managers of the woodlot must ensure public confidence that they are sensitive to the historical and current perspectives expressed by numerous stake holders living on and around the Discovery Islands be they Non-Native and Traditional First Nations Peoples.

b) Previous provincial agreements have designated Quadra Island as a Special Management Zone, one where non-timber values must be given premier considerations, prior to but not excluding timber harvesting to arrive at optimum, long term sustainable benefits, environmental, social and economic.

In the past 100 years, while the region has had significant cyclical economic reliance and benefit from Fiber / Wood extraction, there has equally been a tourism industry, employing a very significant percentage of people. Currently, tourism as an industry is the largest total employer, seasonal and year round in this region. Tsa Kwa Luten Resort and Homolco - Wildlife Tours plus Aboriginal Journeys are but 3 major First Nation employers relying on healthy ecosystems. To be noted is the planned re-opening, April 2007 of the Cape Mudge Museum with an updated traditional Cedar carving shed.

In the past 5 - 10 years, EcoTourism has become a key global and local economic driver. In excess of 45 guides in 5 kayaking companies, based on Quadra Island, provide tours up and through the waters facing the planned woodlots. More than 5 companies in Campbell River conduct marine boat tours, which transit Okisolo Channel and Surge Narrows. Campbell River Museum has been organizing marine tours, interpreting the cultural history of the islands these past 4 years. Different companies are offering similar tours to the emerging Cruise Ship industry which is making Campbell River a new a Port of Call, starting June 2007.

The Provincial Government, in recognition of the declining revenues generated by Forest Harvesting, through stumpage and employment taxes is looking to the tourism industry to double their revenues going into General Revenue, to over 2.2 Billion dollars by 2011. To achieve this goal, it becomes imperative that Forestry officials work in concert with the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Arts to support

industries which will provide sustainable revenues to pay for health care, education and other public programs.

In the past 10 years, major provincial, federal and private funding has gone into research, training and employment of people living in rural communities enabling them to participate in Non-Timber Forest Product enterprises.<sup>1</sup>

With immediate reference to the Woodlot 1970, Surge Narrows the following plans can have major negative impacts on established and replacement tax paying enterprises.

1) Raven Bay being developed into a log dump - log sort.

The Bay was on the cusp of being purchased by the Regional Government and turned into a regional park, 2006, when Forestry / Woodlots and TFL - Take back lands, over ruled the application.

Local recreational users and tourists lost an established micro-destination. Going back 5 years, Timber West operating their TFL, prior to provincial land take-back, openly let it be known that they would not apply to have the Raven Bay turned into a log dump - due to the known and perceived very negative public relations fall out.

I seriously urge the Surge Narrows Management plan to revisit this log dump proposal and to move the access road well away from the bay, such as inland, well back from the upper most ridge line, visual site line and impact on the beach. Let it become the Regional Park!

2) Logging Roads through the visual buffers.

It might be a mere factor of mapping scale vs. actual surveying of roads, however from extensive review and past experience, the map does show 4 - 5 logging roads running within the visual buffer corridors. As roads allowances generally are 10 meters and the buffers are non-defined but previous examples suggest from 30 - 100 meters, the roads will be taking up a major portion of the buffers.

I cannot conclude that these industrial roads, as mapped, are compatible with previously established VQO's, nor do they follow known criteria sensitive Landscape Logging.<sup>2</sup>

I would request that the development plan indeed put in writing the ways and means which it will adhere to model Landscape Forestry, meeting previously agreed to Visual Quality Objectives (1995 - 2002) for coastal and upland view scapes (pages 63 - 99).

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<sup>1</sup> Centre for Non Timber Resources, Royal Roads University, Victoria B.C., [www.royalroads.ca/cntr](http://www.royalroads.ca/cntr)

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Forests Visual Landscape Design Training Manual, 1994. sections 4.5 (.1, .2, .3, .4)

I would further encourage your office to assist the Cape Mudge Band, with their 1,600 Hectares of Take Back and designated Multi-Band treaty settlements lands, to implement a program of research, training and development of such enterprises which will maximize non-timber forest product opportunities; b) to explore opportunities at EcoInterpretation Guiding to deliver themed tours of traditional use or natural resources; c) model best forest practices for sustainable employment.

I do applaud Cape Mudge Band and Council at this employment initiative. I truly hope that their vision to bring state of the art training in forest management, from the faller, skidder and wood processor is fulfilled. Such an endeavor has the opportunity to rekindle honour, dignity and respect for their people, to re-establish traditional land values, with contemporary applications.

Sincerely,

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### **2.3.1.6 *Spirit of the West Adventures***

Okisollo Logging Plans

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the future logging plans in the Okisollo Channel.

I strongly believe that any proposed logging in this channel is of huge concern for the many businesses that have been operating in this area. Our company, Spirit of the West Adventures has been running tours to this area for ten years. We have built our business using this area as our backyard kayaking destination. This is a

very popular area for sea kayaking, the main reason being that it is one of the few places left on the West Coast where you can run 5 or 6-day tours without seeing clear cuts or the large-scale development that dominates most of the southern BC Coast. There are no kayaking tours running for 60 miles north of this area due to the visual degradation by large-scale industrial logging practices. The Okisollo area is a rare and beautiful place and has been attracting visitors from around the world for decades. The Okisollos is special, not because of its wildlife as Johnstone Strait is known for, but because of its pristine scenery and isolation.

When you picture the inside passage from Victoria north to Port McNeil you realize what a special place the Okisollos is. From Victoria all the way up to Campbell River the coast is developed, including a highway running the length of the route. On the Mainland side, from Vancouver to Lund, is the same. Only when you get to Desolation Sound will you find an undeveloped coast. Even Desolation Sound does not offer what the Okisollo area does, a more quiet, pristine, uncrowded wilderness. In addition, Desolation Sound is so popular with boaters and kayakers that if all the kayak companies were forced out of the Okisollos area, there simply would not be room for them in Desolation Sound. When you travel north of the Okisollos, you will once again find yourself in a non-tourist zone, (other than whale watching) due to the heavy industrialization of the forests in Johnstone Strait and surrounding area. There is not a single kayaking company offering tours on this 60-mile stretch of waterway. The Okisollos area is very rare and should not be turned into an area with any type of industrial usage.

Currently there are many companies working in this area including; Coastal Spirits, Spirit of the West Adventures, Capillano College sea kayak training, Geophila Adventures, Go with the Flow Adventures, Solstua West, Coast Mountain Expeditions, Rising Tide Adventures, Out for Adventure, as well as the Heriot Bay Inn. Some of these companies have been here for decades, and some are just starting this year. Beyond these organizations there are hundreds of private sea kayaking groups traveling up this waterway from spring to fall. This is one of the most popular sea kayaking destinations in the Pacific Northwest, and the Pacific Northwest is the premier sea kayaking destination in the world.

My biggest concern regarding logging in the Okisollos is that it is public land that is being proposed to be logged. The logging plans in this area were supposed to be based on public consultation. At every meeting that I attended discussing the visual quality objectives of Quadra Island, the Okisollos area was pointed out to be a highly important area for tourism use. This has obviously fallen on deaf ears. There have been some token gestures of allocating some areas of the Channel to be less aggressively logged than others. However, we are selling a quality product and this is not good enough. Any kind of logging in this area will jeopardize our quality tourism product.

If a wood lot was to be issued, it should go to the user that would get the most value out of the wood for the people of British Columbia. This by a large measure

would be tourism. There is no better use of this timber than for its visual qualities. Local companies have been using the Okisollo area for years. They employ and shop locally, as well as being profitable, responsible and sustainable. If we jeopardize this area with cut blocks, we will certainly no longer have a world-class quality tourism product to offer our guests. Cut blocks do not sell. There are plenty of good examples, from Campbell River to Port McNeil, of areas where logging has put an end to kayaking. As mentioned earlier there is no kayaking for 60 miles north of the Okisollos region for this very reason.

Furthermore, I believe it was irresponsible for the Ministry to allocate this known tourism-sensitive land to the First Nations people. It is unfair to the First Nations people as well as tourism operators to have been put into this potentially awkward position. This could create animosity between two local communities for years to come. It became apparent in our January meeting at the Cape Mudge Band Office that the band representatives had little concern for tourism values. Therefore, I see nothing but problems in the future. We need to have the foresight to deal with this issue today.

I would like to state that I believe that the process of setting out visual quality objectives has been flawed. I was always under the impression that our forests are to be used to their greatest potential for the people of British Columbia. When our forests are managed for no other use than harvesting, and no other representation other than from the Ministry of Forests, the true value of some of our forests in our prime tourism destinations will never be realized.

Before we continue with any harvesting of land that will have a visual impact on the view scape of the Okisollos Passage I believe we must do the following:

Firstly, we must conduct a study comparing what value we would get from harvesting the timber with the value we would get from tourism.

Secondly, we must put some kind of value on the Okisollo as a Quality of Life value. Quadra Island is attracting people for the quality of life this area offers, primarily due to its natural surroundings. Most people I know who have moved to Quadra Island did so as a lifestyle choice.

Thirdly, if the study proves that the tourism values and quality of life values exceed that which would be harvested (based on an approximately 60-year rotation) the government would then have to allocate the land for tourism use based on their crown land objectives. The BC Government should then compensate the First Nations for any loss incurred.

I truly hope that the Okisollos will remain as it is, a valuable tourism resource for the people of Quadra Island and British Columbia.

Kind regards,

John Waibel  
Spirit of the West Adventures

Please note: I am currently traveling in Asia but would like to be kept informed on any issues involving the Okisolloos. Please be sure to e-mail me at [jdinafrica@hotmail.com](mailto:jdinafrica@hotmail.com) with any updates.

**2.3.1.7 Coast Mountain Expeditions Ltd.**  
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February 6, 2007

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Dear Jerry Benner:

We are grateful for the opportunity to make comment on the plans designed for Woodlots 1969 and 1970 on Quadra Island. We appreciate that you have given careful consideration to sustainable forest management of the areas in question and we are confident that you understand provincial laws and default guidelines for woodlot development plans. We assume you are also aware of the consideration Quadra Island must receive due its designation as a SMZ, and we know that you appreciate the cooperative relationship between woodlot licensees and the Quadra Island community.

Ten years is a long time in our fast changing world: global changes are unprecedented and the effects are imminent and unpredictable. Quadra's demographics and the local economy continue to shift rapidly. There are many factors that go far beyond what the provincial logging guidelines dictate! We understand that it is nearly an impossible challenge to accommodate all the what-ifs, and we do trust that you are doing your best.

We are especially familiar with some of the areas included in WL 1970. We believe these places have special attributes that deserve extra consideration and we would like to bring to your attention some of our concerns. Since cutting and road maps are no longer a requirement of development plans and VQO outcomes are not defined, it is impossible for us to make comprehensive comments. It appears that VQO and buffer zones are inadequate to protect values other than timber harvest -- we simply cannot imagine how some of these areas can be logged without high visual impact! WL 1970 should have shoreline reserves at least similar to adjacent WL 1899. Plans need to include better description of VQO outcomes.

We also note lack of some basic tenets that are common in other woodlot plans, and would like to see changes in the plans to reflect a commitment to regular communication with user groups and individuals who have an interest in development plans as they are created. It seems important to include agencies responsible for parks as there are three parks with boundaries on WL 1970.

We would also like to see plans include written commitments to:

- Non-use of herbicides and pesticides on both Woodlots.
- Retention of old growth and special species trees
- Habitat and wildlife corridors
- Management to enhance mature forest for high quality timber harvest.
- Special attention to local wind patterns and blowdown prevention
- Narrow forestry roads within the woodlot.
- Innovative logging techniques that minimize visual disturbance.
- **Guarantees to protect viewsapes along shorelines and public road.**

**Surge Narrows Road:** This road is used by many residents and growing numbers of tourists. Safety on this narrow winding road is a concern that must be addressed. The special aesthetics of this forested roadway can not be ignored: buffers should be designed to preserve the ambience of the driving experience.

**Raven Bay** could provide a much-needed campsite for kayakers who are forced to wait for slack tide at Surge Narrows. (This bay has not been much-used because until recently the house was occupied and private property respected.) The only other kayak campsite is 2 km distant and often overcrowded; Raven Bay is perfectly situated as a safe waiting place and pleasant campsite. We strongly encourage setting this area aside for public amenity.

**Surge Narrows Trail:** This trail has not even been developed or marked and it still gets lots of use! It is an extraordinary beautiful route to one of Quadra's most unique natural features. Visitors to Quadra Island will stay an extra day to experience one more special place. Since natural experiences are Quadra's biggest tourist attraction, protecting the natural surroundings visible along the trail is economically important to the wider community.

As you know, we have run kayaking tours in this area since 1987, from our lodge on Read Island and more recently from Discovery Islands Lodge which is adjacent to WL 1970. We know that people come here first and foremost to enjoy the extraordinary natural beauty of the area. Being quiet in this (almost) wilderness has a huge impact on everyone fortunate enough to experience that: the profound natural beauty of the mature forests and living ocean is a vitally important resource for many people who find both physical and spiritual renewal in this environment. It seems important that we all accept responsibility to be guardians of this special place -- one that is so accessible for a wider population ever more hungry for experiences in a natural world.

That might be reason enough, but the local economy has become very dependent on tourism --and natural beauty is what Quadra does best! We recognize that a healthy economy is a diverse economy and we have always supported logging as part of what should happen here. But there are some places that perhaps shouldn't be disturbed and many places that deserve very, very special consideration.

Thank you for your care.  
Sincerely,

Lannie & Ralph Keller  
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cc

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**Subject:** WL Plans: apology and explanation

Hello Jerry,  
I have not been able to find email contact information for Brian Kelly or Ted Lewis. Would you please forward my letter? (And please let me know if there is anyone else I should address?)  
Thanks!

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Dear Ted Lewis, Brian Kelly, and Jerry Benner:

I am sorry for not including the Band in communications regarding the Quadra Island Woodlots. I misunderstood your interest in participating at this time. I hope I was also mistaken in thinking you were not willing to consider some revision to the plans.

It did seem appropriate to direct comments about VQO's to Ministry of Forests, where they were prescribed. At the Band Hall meeting it (had) seemed clear that those kinds of



decisions were beyond the scope of the Band to address. Beyond wondering that the MoF didn't simply set this area aside for public amenity, it does seem like the primary public concerns are about visual consequences - and/or perhaps Ministry 'mistakes' in administering areas that have similar VQO ratings. It is because we have seen so much bad logging in the past that people are really concerned about being careful with what we have left!

Since Rory is forwarding comment-letters to you, I would like to mention that whatever they say, this is a public comment period and every thoughtful letter deserves respect. Different people react differently, but all of the letters I have seen (and that is probably not all of them) are sincere and personal expressions of concern for this very special area.

Many people have taken time to try and understand the plans – not an easy thing for laypeople, and some people misunderstand, but the effort to write shows a genuine interest in the area. Many of the letters offer suggestions for compromises to accommodate different interests. All of the letters speak to the value of the experience of being in this wonderful place. Sometimes I think that those of us lucky enough to live here lose perspective on how incredibly valuable the “being-here” is for people who live chaotic urban lives: the peace of the forest and the water is truly powerful nourishment for the human spirit... That's a natural resource!?!

I do hope we can work together to achieve a balance that serves most of our needs. It seems like a tall order, but if we are creative and a little bit flexible maybe we can find a way that works for everyone.

Sincerely,  
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From: Coast Mountain Expeditions <coastmtn@island.net>  
To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Sent: Sun Dec 17 17:19:45 2006  
Subject: RE: North Quadra We Wai Kai Woodlot

Hello Rory,

Thanks for your reply. We are glad to know there will be additional time for public review and comments. We await notification about dates and location and we will do our best to participate.

On one level, we don't understand is what is the point of this? You say the Woodlots are proceeding as described! When two of the areas were tentatively identified a year ago, we expressed serious concerns about the areas selected. They are high visibility and will be very difficult to access and log without huge impact to other stakeholders, residents

and tourists. At that time we were told to wait for the plans at which time we could comment. But if it is a done deal, what is there to comment on? And how is this fair to other stakeholders?

The areas selected are the very first issue that needs to be discussed!

Do you not have at least some say-so about which parts of Quadra are identified for new logging tenures? Cabinet cannot possibly be aware of the special micro areas that are of special value to other stakeholders.

So broad-brush is all we expect from that level of government, but we do expect more/better consideration from local authorities! Assuming you are not scrambling for the last bits of forest still available (?) then we think there should be better choices than some of the areas which have been selected. If you are not responsible for this level of consultation, then perhaps you can help us arrange and participate in higher level consultation. We assume you will agree that this is necessary when a large segment of the economy is affected and not happy?

The Woodlot of today is NOT the same tenure that it was when it was conceived 20 years ago. Then it was supposed to be sort of a partnership between community and logging interests. Woodlots were much smaller and included a private land component. Plans were drawn for 5 years and the public was informed about cut-blocks, road development, and post-harvest silvaculture prescriptions. There was a preference to "alternative" non-clearcut logging methods, and most licensees were happy to commit to using no pesticides and herbicides. What is called a Woodlot today is simply not the same. We can no longer support this tenure when there is so little public disclosure about what is planned for the woodlot areas, and we think the ten year plan is 5 years too much! Can you tell us why the changes, and who they benefit?

We do agree that it is good that community gains some benefit from the lands in which we are located. But with benefit comes responsibility to consider needs and values of the whole community. Logging is a pretty invasive activity. It's hard to hide, and most people don't find logged areas nearly as attractive as a forest -- frankly, many people find logged areas very disturbing! Living in a small community, most of us are able to understand and "put up with" some logging. We all use wood and all that. Tourists are different: when they come to a place advertised for its natural beauty and when the place is not beautiful, they will simply tell their friends that it was not nice, and they will go elsewhere another time. Quadra's economy is more dependent on tourism than logging and high consideration needs to be given to scenic values. Scenery is what Quadra naturally does best!

We are concerned that a division is growing in the Quadra community. The woodlot is creating an us-and-them culture and unhappiness that was formerly directed at faceless multinationals is coming home to fester.

There are a few basic guidelines that could be imposed on Woodlot operators that would go a long way to eliminating the frustration and antagonism that is growing on Quadra Island. We think it would be within your jurisdiction to set some guidelines for road setbacks and shoreline view protection? When the guidelines affect the woodlot operator significantly, licensees could be offered/traded other area to top-up their ability to meet quota. Removing the element of chance and choice would ensure viewsheds are always protected and the woodlot operators would be operating on a level field: standard guidelines would eliminate the current mishmash of setbacks and definitions, and halt the increasing loss of visual quality on our roads and waterways. Enhanced standards would help everyone live and work together.

I'm not sure how long you have been on Quadra, but perhaps you recall that the area between Surge Road and the Main Lakes Park was always planned as an (ASAP) addition to the park. This area connects the Surge Narrows Marine and Main Lakes

parks, and in land-use-planning terms, it belongs together! Quadra's tourism related businesses, the BC public, and our tourists deserve more consideration than a simple-minded approach to finding tenure areas. You will also be aware that Raven Bay was recently almost-approved as a Regional Park - but you may not be aware that that idea was hugely well-received, and that place would be heavily used as a campsite and safe place to wait for passage through Surge Narrows. (The only other camp not too far away on Read Island is frequently overcrowded.) Plans to turn this beautiful little bay into a log dump are narrow and shortsighted, and we beg you to review this situation.

A year ago our request to meet with the Deputy Minister was denied. The VILUP supposedly heard from the tourism sector, but most of the comments we know about were not incorporated in final draft.

We support the Band having a woodlot on Quadra but we think the choice of lands allotted to them is unfortunate. All of these areas are highly visible, access is difficult, and potential for community unrest and unhappiness is high. It would be better to give the Band lands that are less controversial and easier to manage. Who made the decisions about which lands were selected? When? And why is there no opportunity for public comment on this?

Sincerely,

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From: Annett, Rory FOR:EX [<mailto:Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Coast Mountain Expeditions  
Subject: RE: North Quadra We Wai Kai Woodlot

Hi, Ralph and Lannie. Your note raises quite a few issues in my mind and it seems appropriate for me to try to address them or at least provide some context from where I sit.

The concerns about notice and timing of public consultation have certainly been heard. The review and comment process is something that the proponent (in this case, the Cape Mudge Band and their consultant, Jerry Benner) is responsible for coordinating. We have passed along the concerns as they have been raised and asked the proponent to address them. Prior to me making any decision regarding the proposed management plan and woodlot plan, I will assess the public review and comment process to determine if it was adequate. If it isn't or wasn't, I can order additional work to be done or refrain from making a decision on the plans. I appreciate you keeping me in the loop as you

encounter issues, but I would also encourage you to ensure that the Band and their consultant are aware directly so that they can be more responsive. They need to be aware of concerns in order to address them.

It's important that there is some clarity about what this consultation is about, so I'll try to provide some context. Neither the Band nor I are consulting about whether the Woodlots are proceeding or where they will be. The consultations on what areas will be put into Parks and what areas will be made available for some level of timber harvesting occurred during the preparation of the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP) and are reflected in the decisions made by Cabinet. Those consultation were very comprehensive and included the Tourism Sector as well as every other sector that government could identify. I do not have the authority or mandate to change the land use decisions made by duly elected government. The lands in question are part of the areas that Cabinet has decided will be subject to some level of timber harvesting. The options for the type of tenure for that timber harvesting to occur and how that harvesting will occur are something that I have some influence over.

The Quadra Island Forest Resources Committee worked very hard for years to come to a broad consensus about how the community would like to see forests managed. In addition to that work being considered in the land use decisions made above, there were some very strong statements made about preferences for tenure, specifically for Woodlot Licences.

Woodlots generally have a lighter touch, are often managed by individuals within the community and often accrue economic benefit directly to the community rather than to larger centres or larger corporate entities. Because of the community preferences that have been expressed and reinforced over the years, I have taken advantage of opportunities as they have arisen to convert existing Tree Farm License lands to Woodlots. This is part of this process. I have had many positive comments made about this over the years, including at least two made verbally and in writing from you. I have not heard demands from the community to leave the Tree Farm License as it is, but I am open to discussions on this point.

As I'm sure you are aware, government is working hard to address many long standing issues with First Nations. These issues include dealing meaningfully with rights and title and ensuring that prevailing economic and social conditions within First Nations are improved. In discussions with the Cape Mudge Band, they indicated interest in forest management within their traditional territory as a means of generating employment and income as well as to provide them with some influence over how the land and resources are used. This is the reason the Minister of Forests and Range offered the Cape Mudge Band a tenure on Quadra Island. Its important to note that this tenure will be subject to all provincial laws, including the need to consult with potentially affected parties and address, in an appropriately way, any issues that may arise.

The Band has developed draft plans for the management of the areas that have been offered and it is those plans are now going to public review and comment. As you and others have quite rightly stated, its important to ensure that there are opportunities for potentially impacted individuals and businesses to provide the Band and myself with information about how the proposed management plans could or will impact them so that information and any necessary changes can be included into the final plan and considered in any decisions arising from it.

I agree that the growing Tourism industry, as well as the lifestyle of the local public and appreciation by visitors, is dependant upon a high quality natural environment. I expect that to be factored into the final plans and will ensure that all information provided is considered and given the appropriate weight.

I'm glad that you value working together as a community to make the plans something that everyone can live and work with. To that end, I would encourage you to contact the Band and/or their consultant directly to ensure your needs and preferences are known. I anticipate that the Cape Mudge Band and the other interests in the community will have a long term relationship and its important to get it off on the right foot.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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From: Coast Mountain Expeditions [<mailto:coastmtn@island.net>]  
Sent: Wed, December 13, 2006 5:07 PM  
To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Subject: North Quadra We Wai Kai Woodlot

Hello Rory,

We went to some considerable effort to attend Tuesday morning's proposed meeting at Cape Mudge. Our travels commenced early as we had to traverse 5 km across Read Island (7 trees across the road to deal with) then by water to Surge road-end, and then we were glad to find someone else had cleared the 22 km to Heriot Bay. But we didn't find out about the cancellation until we met someone at QCove... We therefore request that future meetings be scheduled for evening, so that people do not have to miss work to attend, and so there is time to communicate if/when there are any changes to schedule.

We are glad to hear that there will be another information meeting scheduled for a later date and we hope/trust there will be better notice of the event. We are not sure how to proceed in the interim. More than a year ago when we expressed concern about the areas first identified for this woodlot application, we were told to wait for the plans, at which time we would have time to comment and our concerns could be addressed.

This seems unlikely now when we see that the band has spent time and money on developing plans and there is only a tiny window for comment. How and when should we make our concerns known, and who is making the decisions about the areas involved?

When those areas are decided, where they are areas used by other people/businesses, etc., what is the process of consultation to ensure that existing businesses and other users are not adversely affected? How can 30 days accomplish this?

The economics of a woodlot do not contribute so much to the economy that it is worth negatively impacting/destroying other existing businesses which contribute as much and collectively much more! Quadra's community and economy is healthy largely because we have diversity: in additions to some logging there are beautiful trails, roadways and wild places which are vital to other segments of the economy- we need to value this and recognize the delicate balance. It is the responsibility of our generation to make sure we do not compromise Quadra's future and the options we leave for our kids and others who come later.

Times are changing fast. The politics of logging are different that 10 or 20 years ago. Environmental options are reduced. People care more about how the land is stewarded.

We do not know your personal priorities, but we hope you share the view that whatever we do, it needs to be done with awareness and precaution. There should be no hurry to go ahead with plans that are irreversible until all points of view have been considered and addressed. Hopefully it is your job to ensure this - and hopefully we can work together as a community to make a plan that we can all live and work with!

Sincerely,

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From: Annett, Rory FOR:EX [<mailto:Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 5:26 PM  
To: Coast Mountain  
Cc: Simpson, Jim FOR:EX  
Subject: RE: North Quadra We Wai Kai Woodlot

Thanks for your note, Ralph. I will discuss this with my staff and the proponent to see where they are at in addressing this issue. Others have expressed similar concerns and I have asked my staff and the proponent to address the situation directly. In the meantime, I would urge you to make your concerns known to Brian Kelly at the Cape Mudge Band or their consultant, Jerry Benner if you haven't already.

I'll be in touch early next week.

Cheers, Rory.

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From: Coast Mountain [<mailto:coastmtn@island.net>]  
Sent: Thu, December 7, 2006 10:23 AM  
To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Subject: Re: North Quadra We Wai Kai Woodlot

Dear Rory,

I am writing to you to say that I, and many other outer families were dismayed to be left out of the public meeting process for the We Wai Kai Woodlot management plan.

The public meeting for this event came with just 2 days notice and no-one on Read or Maurelle Islands even got the "Discovery Islander" in which the ad was placed until after the meeting. There are many "stakeholders" in the outer islands who want to comment on the aforesaid management plans. Furthermore, the timing is a little absurd. The closing

date for comment is Dec. 24. How is it that we were told as a group more than a year ago to wait with our comments until a draft management plan was ready only to left with insufficient notice, insufficient time, and in the midst of an awkward holiday season. If I didn't know better, I would think this is a carefully orchestrated attempt to bypass or render impotent any meaningful public review. The outcome of a final management plan for this very large tenure is of critical importance to a large and diverse group of people.

I would ask you to please extend the deadline for comment on this management plan so public input can be meaningful. Many of the stakeholders are residents, commercial tour operators, lodges, university and college outdoor programs etc who are closed until the new year.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Ralph Keller

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#### **2.3.1.8    *Rendezvous Lodge***

Dear government leaders,

Thank you so much for your valuable service. I am certain that you receive allot of correspondence and that much of it is written with the intent to sway your opinions or actions with respect to certain issues. Certainly the proposed plans for Woodlots 1969 and 1970 have created quite a stir in the Quadra / Discovery Islands area. These Plans impact people; their quality of life and their economic security. I am hopeful that you will take the time to thoroughly evaluate all of the concerns that have been raised regarding these Woodlot Plans, make the appropriate modifications, and closely monitor their implementation.

I have personally spent many hours reading the Plans in depth in an attempt to fully understand them. Ultimately, I was searching for answers to the usual questions - what, where, when and how. Frankly, I found the Woodlot Plans vague, confusing, and void of many important details. Perhaps that is as a consequence of the expertise of the author or of his intended audience. In any event, I could not locate any **specific** "cutting" plan or timelines. Annual cutting quotas were present. How and by whom were they established? Will there be oversight to determine if the amounts

logged are truly reflective of the designated quotas? Will there be oversight to review if the amount logged represents an accurate appraisal of the "sustainable" cut? When, how often and by whom is the quota reassessed? No maps were attached that would allow for a simple, comprehensive understanding of the cut blocks, proposed VQO's for each area, road locations, biological and ecological sensitive areas, location of "old growth", log collection areas and so forth. I believe it is imperative that these critical elements are defined in great detail in the Woodlot Plans themselves rather than leaving them to the discretion of the applicant.

In my mind some very basic questions remain unanswered by the proposed plans.

- Why have the shorelines been given only "partial retention" Visual Quality Objectives? Where are the guidelines for "partial retention"? What does that look like?
- Where are the roads going to be built? What will be the impact to existing public roads? What are the applicant's responsibilities for damage or improvement?
- Where, specifically, will the clearcuts be?
- What are the timelines? Why are they not part of the Plans?
- Who is responsible for oversight? What happens if the applicant does not adhere to the Plan strategies and objectives?

As a property and business owner in the Discovery Islands area, I am extremely concerned about the potentially devastating impact that irresponsible logging could have on the economic vitality of the area. I firmly believe that the best interests of the area and the Province are served by appropriately managing logging efforts on a sustainable basis without causing harm to other key components of the local economy; most specifically the tourism industry.

**Please reconsider the Visual Quality Objectives for all of the affected area's shoreline and raise it to the highest possible level (preservation?). Please require complete preservation of the view sheds.**

**Please reconsider the designation of Raven Bay as a log dump. This wonderful little beach area has been under consideration for some time for designation as a park. It is the perfect time to so designate it.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark McNeil

**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Sent:** Mon, March 5, 2007 1:17 PM  
**To:** 'mmcneil@cox.net'  
**Subject:** PROPOSED WOODLOTS 1969 AND 1970

Dear Mark and Abby McNeil:

Thank you for your e-mail to the Honourable Stan Hagen, Minister for Tourism, Sports and the Arts. I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

You've asked a number of specific questions regarding the woodlot plans and its likely best to start with some context. Quadra Island has long been recognized as having significant recreation and tourism values, as well as significant values for the forest industry, and of the need to find a balance between these sometimes competing sets of values. This conversation was at the heart of discussions between the Ministry of Forests and the Quadra Island Forest Resources Committee through the 1980s and subsequently led to the development of the Quadra Plan in 1990. Among other things, the Quadra Plan provided advice for managing scenic landscape, recreation and tourism values and also recommended increasing the size of the woodlot program on the island in order to provide greater opportunities for community dialogue and smaller scale forestry.

The Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP), completed in 2000, also recognized a mix of values in designating the majority of Quadra Island as Special Management Zone that emphasized biodiversity, wildlife and visual qualities. This plan further emphasized recreational values in the Okisollo Channel area with the designation of the Main Lakes Chain, Surge Narrows and Small Inlet-Wiatt Bay Parks. I should also note that, for the remainder of Quadra Island, forestry, tourism and public recreation values would be assumed to co-exist.

Since the time that VILUP was completed, I have also established Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) for the Campbell River Forest District, including Quadra Island, as of December 2005. My Order to establish VQOs was completed following a lengthy and intensive consultation process with the public, First Nations, forest licensees, tourism operators, and other stakeholders in order to determine their priorities and preferences. My decision for the VQOs applied to Surge Narrows, Okisollo Channel and other areas on Quadra considered all of the prior planning context, as well as VQOs established on adjacent shorelines of Road and Maurelle Islands. I am satisfied that the final assigned VQOs strike a balance between the needs of tourism and forestry sectors while also providing a high quality of life for Quadra residents. The maps, orders, information sources and my decision rationales are available at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcr/Stewardship.htm> or at the Campbell River Forest District office.

Consistent with the general tone set by the Quadra Plan, and later by VILUP, this district has continued with conversion of public interface areas on Quadra Island from Tree Farm Licence to Woodlot tenures as the opportunity arose. The areas within woodlots 1969 and 1970, which are currently under discussion, were specifically removed from TFL 47 based upon the strongly articulated community preference for community based, low impact forestry. The We Wai Kai First Nation had a long-standing interest in having a woodlot tenure and when a Forest and Range Agreement became available to them, they chose this area for a woodlot.

The consultation process associated with review of the woodlot and management plans, which ended February 8, has been valuable both for myself and the tenure holder for

highlighting local sensitivities and in particular, emphasizing the scenic values associated with the Okisollo Channel area. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments and questions to the We Wai Kai First Nation so they can be considered. I have yet to see the We Wai Kai's final proposal, but I can assure you that an appropriate standard of visual management will be incorporated prior to approval.

I have embedded answers to your specific questions within the text of your original e-mail. I hope this is helpful. If you require further information or have further comment, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca).

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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From: Mark and Abby [<mailto:mmcneil@cox.net>]  
Sent: Tue, February 6, 2007 3:35 PM  
To: Minister, TSA TSA:EX  
Subject: Proposed Woodlots 1969 & 1970

Dear government leaders,

Thank you so much for your valuable service. I am certain that you receive allot of correspondence and that much of it is written with the intent to sway your opinions or actions with respect to certain issues. Certainly the proposed plans for Woodlots 1969 and 1970 have created quite a stir in the Quadra / Discovery Islands area. These Plans impact people; their quality of life and their economic security. I am hopeful that you will take the time to thoroughly evaluate all of the concerns that have been raised regarding these Woodlot Plans, make the appropriate modifications, and closely monitor their implementation.

I have personally spent many hours reading the Plans in depth in an attempt to fully understand them. Ultimately, I was searching for answers to the usual questions - what, where, when and how. Frankly, I found the Woodlot Plans vague, confusing, and void of many important details. Perhaps that is as a consequence of the expertise of the author or of his intended audience. In any event, I could not locate any specific "cutting" plan or timelines. Annual cutting quotas were present. How and by whom were they established? [The Allowable Annual Cuts were calculated using a standard modelling program for this purpose.](#) Will there be oversight to determine if the amounts logged are truly reflective of the designated quotas? [They will be reviewed when I make the determination regarding their plans.](#) Will there be oversight to review if the amount logged represents an accurate appraisal of the "sustainable" cut? [Yes.](#) When, how often and by whom is the quota reassessed? [Every five years, by my staff and myself.](#) No maps were attached that would allow for a simple, comprehensive understanding of the cut blocks, proposed VQO's for each area, road locations, biological and ecological sensitive areas, location of "old growth", log collection areas and so forth. I believe it is imperative that these critical elements are defined in great detail in the Woodlot Plans themselves rather than leaving them to the discretion of the applicant. [Everything you mention but the cutblocks and road locations are provided on the plans, which can be accessed at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html>.](#) The maps are at the back of the files. [Rather than showing specific roads and cutblocks, the proponents may choose their](#)

location, provided they meet the strategies in their plans. The Ministry of Forests and Range will monitor the blocks and roads to ensure that they are consistent.

In my mind some very basic questions remain unanswered by the proposed plans. Why have the shorelines been given only "partial retention" Visual Quality Objectives? Where are the guidelines for "partial retention"? What does that look like? [Answer is in the rationale at hotlink provided above.](#)

Where are the roads going to be built? What will be the impact to existing public roads? What are the applicant's responsibilities for damage or improvement? [Roads within the woodlot will be built in accordance with the strategies contained in their plans.](#)

Where, specifically, will the clearcuts be? [Answered above.](#)

What are the timelines? Why are they not part of the Plans? [I'm not sure I understand this question.](#)

Who is responsible for oversight? [The Campbell River Forest District.](#) What happens if the applicant does not adhere to the Plan strategies and objectives? [The Forest and Range Practices Act provides for penalties and remediation orders.](#)

As a property and business owner in the Discovery Islands area, I am extremely concerned about the potentially devastating impact that irresponsible logging could have on the economic vitality of the area. I firmly believe that the best interests of the area and the Province are served by appropriately managing logging efforts on a sustainable basis without causing harm to other key components of the local economy; most specifically the tourism industry. [We agree.](#)

Please reconsider the Visual Quality Objectives for all of the affected area's shoreline and raise it to the highest possible level (preservation?). Please require complete preservation of the view sheds. [I do plan to revisit the VQO's from time to time, however I am satisfied that the existing VQO's reflect the appropriate balance.](#)

Please reconsider the designation of Raven Bay as a log dump. This wonderful little beach area has been under consideration for some time for designation as a park. It is the perfect time to so designate it. [We've been aware of the potential of Raven Bay for recreational use for some time. Recreational use to date has been largely precluded by the existing structures and garbage. It is also the only logical access point for managing timber values for a considerable area of Provincial Forest. The Ministry of Forests and Range is working with the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts to see if a recreation site designation could be enabled to provide some formal protection to the area for recreational use. In addition, we anticipate that limited use of the site will be made on a periodic basis for barging logs.](#)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark McNeil

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**2.3.1.9     *Brian Gunn, Wilderness Tourism Assoc. of BC; David Pinel,  
Adventure Tourism Programs, NIC, Ralph Keller, Coast Mtn. Expeditions***  
Feb 4, 2007

Rory Annett, District Manager  
Ministry of Forests, Campbell River

Re: Tourism Sector Comments about North Quadra Island & Woodlot Plans

Dear Rory Annett:

Thank you for meeting with us on February 1/07, and for including John Andres, District Stewardship Officer, in the exchange of ideas. We hope that our comments served to further emphasize the very high tourism and recreational values of Quadra Island and underscore the need for added special protection. Below are the main items of concern raised at our meeting:

WL 1970 - North Yeatman Block

We all agreed that this block will be difficult to log without significant visual impact; it is 100% visible from nearly everywhere along the Okisollo Channel.

The current VQO requiring 50 meters of retention along the water, with partial retention behind, is inadequate: even small cuts in this block will create large visual impacts.

Given the very high importance of this area to the tourism sector, and its natural linkage between Surge Narrows and Octopus Islands marine parks, it seems imperative that the VQO's be upgraded. Our conclusion is emphatic, since (we all agreed) results in similarly designated cut-blocks further north had highly disturbing visual outcomes inconsistent with tourism values. Okisollo Channel, in particular, is an economically important corridor for its current and future wilderness tourism opportunities.

We question why WL 1970 received low visual sensitivity rating relative to the adjacent WL 1899.

Raven Bay

With continued rapid growth of both commercial and recreational sea kayaking in the area, a campsite at Raven Bay is essential. The tidal rapids at Surge Narrows force many paddlers to haul out (often overnight) while waiting for safe passage. Currently, there is only one suitable haul-out/campsite for kayakers, located 2 km distant at Freedom Point on Read Island. This site is full most nights during the summer. Groups would use Raven Bay (which is far better situated than Freedom Pt.) but a house near the beach (only recently abandoned) makes it look like a private residence. Since kayakers respect

private property, the site has not been much used, but it would be a great public amenity, and a safety feature for the area.

Representatives from the Cape Mudge Band showed no interest in setting Raven Bay aside for public amenity. If their concerns are about fire hazard, this could be reduced by posting a sign prohibiting fires. Local community and kayak companies would be willing to help with site clean-up.

Since even temporary log sorts/dumps/storage areas are usually incompatible with tourism activities, timber should be hauled out by road as soon as it is possible to connect the area by road. A wider area around the beach and the trail to Surge Narrows Marine Park should be given full preservation with designation as a reserve, forest recreation site, or public park.

### Surge Narrows Road, Main Lakes Provincial Park and WL 1899

It was without long vision and now unfortunate that Surge Narrows Road marks the boundary of Main Lakes Provincial Park. On the west side of the road we have a first class wilderness destination, and on the east side there is managed forest land mainly using clearcut harvest methods. We agreed that public roads through mature forest have become extremely rare anywhere in BC and this is a rare asset. Many visitors to Quadra Island are including the drive along Surge Narrows Road as part of their island-experience, with Surge Narrows Marine Park Trail the goal at the end of the road.

We requested that an appropriate amount of roadside along the east side of the road be given greater visual protection. We acknowledge that the 1899 WL tenure holder Mark Nighswander already operates with major constraints to VQ retention and reserve areas. We suggested that he be compensated with additional land from elsewhere, or reduced stumpage. We realize that this would be a significant undertaking for the MoF but would ensure a wonderful, long term asset for both the Quadra community and the tourism sector.

### Conclusion

Because Woodlots 1969 and 1970 were awarded without public bid process, there is no great incentive for the Cape Mudge Band to modify their proposed activities to accommodate concerns of the local community and the tourism sector. It appears that the best and perhaps only way to change woodlot plans is through directive from the Ministry of Forests.

We agreed that as District Manager your position and decision making authority puts you in a unique position to help (or damage) other sectors of the local economy.

We believe that the Discovery Islands are at an important crossroads and it is important that all new development plans include far-sighted vision and serious effort to achieve balanced economic planning for the area.

In our meeting, we appreciated hearing your insights about the complex history, context and opportunities relating to these concerns. We hope you will take this as an opportunity to further exercise your authority, insight, and discretion to ensure progressive and

balanced plans for managed forest on Quadra Island in a manner that doesn't jeopardize growing tourism interests and income.

Sincerely,

For:

Brian Gunn, Wilderness Tourism Association of BC

David Pinel, Adventure Tourism Programs, North Island College,

Ralph Keller, Discovery Islands wilderness tourism sector, Coast Mountain Expeditions

Cc: Hon Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests [FOR.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FOR.minister@gov.bc.ca)

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**2.3.1.10 David Shipway - Cortes Ecoforestry Society, Cortes Island**

District Manager, Campbell River Forest District

re: Woodlot Program expansion on Quadra Island

Dear Mr. Annett,

In response to concerns being expressed by residents of northern Quadra Island regarding proposed Woodlots in their neighbourhood, I hope you will be taking a broad consultative approach and encouraging deliberative public involvement in the area design and formation of Management Plans for any new Woodlots. As a resident of Cortes Island, where similar proposals are being fielded by the SCFD, I hardly need to point out that the concerns and needs of the residents are similar here.

I think it's important to be very clear about two aspects of the Woodlot program in moving forward. One is that this IS public land, and MoFR's duty IS primarily a public service. The second is that in regards to public benefit, it's a well-known fact that the entire Woodlot Program as currently contrived barely reaps enough stumpage revenue to enable MoFR to run and monitor the program, so the primary benefit is personal, to the Woodlot lease-holder.

Considering that these Woodlots are being designed within sensitive community interface areas with high biodiversity values, and where there are numerous important non-timber values like water supply and visual quality in need of full protection, it is essential that comprehensive community-based planning takes place before any Woodlot is put up for bid.

I'm sure I speak for many residents who feel that their interests and concerns about evolving forest practices have been cynically marginalized in the past, and that this fractious social situation needs a great deal of tact and sensitivity for there to be a positive outcome, especially for any eventual Woodlot Manager

entrusted with managing a public asset. MoFR has historically operated under the principle that timber values are a #1 priority in the TSA, and all other values are seen as a constraint to timber production. This way of thinking is myopic and hopelessly out of date.

Ecosystem-Based Management, much bandied about yet poorly articulated or implemented to date, still makes the mistake of forgetting that rural residents are an embedded part of the ecosystem, just as much as wildlife, but not necessarily more important than all other species. EBM is actually just a technical term for what the "radicals" have been saying all along: Earth First! I hope that doesn't cause alarm, since it's probably our only means of salvation.

On Quadra, as on Cortes, the local island economy is now highly diversified and complex, which is a good thing, and there are now many important and thriving businesses that are entirely dependant on the visual and ecological quality of the surrounding publicly-owned landscape. I hope that all stakeholders will have ample opportunity for involvement in all new Woodlot planning, and their interests and concerns are fully accomodated. Local residents also share the largest repository of wildlife information.

This complex social context on the islands will reduce both the operable areas and rates of harvest, and the strong winds we frequently experience will require careful planning for windfirm retention of critical structural forest values. Also, the shorelines of the islands have incredibly high biodiversity and habitat value, and should be minimally modified, preferably designated as OGMA's. These issues will combine to limit the flexibility and profitability to both private and public interests, but one of the first measures of sustainability should be "peace in the woods".

For further reading on public involvement in the 21st century, I recommend this website: <http://www.deliberative-democracy.net/>

Happy New Year,

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From: David Shipway [mailto:cortecos@island.net]  
**Sent:** Thu, January 25, 2007 3:53 PM  
**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Woodlots on Northern Quadra island



Thanks Rory. You're right, I hadn't realized that the Woodlots had already been awarded until this was publicised last week. I assumed that they were in the same preliminary stage as some Woodlot proposals on Cortes. The management objectives articulated by Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. sound reasonable, and the consultation commitments are a good start. I hope these consultations and the specifics of more detailed planning go well for all concerned, and the result is something in balance that everyone can feel good about. We all need that kind of success story on these smaller islands.

David Shipway  
Cortes island

Annett, Rory FOR:EX wrote:

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

***2.3.1.11 Cortes Island Tideline – Online Newsletter- Letter from Ralph and Lannie Keller***



Quadra folks ask for Help!  
Posted for Lannie and Ralph Keller: Help!

Sorry, but we are really up against the wall. There are plans for logging on Quadra Island that will have terrible impact on the natural beauty of the areas we have shared with so many people.

Public process in BC has been eroded and we have very little/no opportunity to comment on logging tenure proposals. There are no few/no requirements for companies to inform us about what they plan to do in the public 'crown' land areas identified. We know the new plans call for clearcutting and we know that 'visual qualities' are receiving minimal consideration.

We are rallying, but we are a small population. We need more people-power and we hope you can take a few minutes to write a short email. Please express your personal thoughts about the experience of being here...The huge importance of the forested view-scapes along roads and waterways... How much you appreciated the natural beauty and what a precious gift we have here! Tell them what you think about logging this uniquely accessible wilderness.



Please make reference to Quadra Island woodlot applications. The two most recent applications affect 1600 ha (3200+ acres) and many kilometers of the forested shorelines that people love to paddle. This includes logging adjacent to Surge Narrows Marine Park, Okisollo Channel, Octopus Islands Park, and the beautiful forested road to Surge Narrows & Main Lakes Park. Raven Bay beach is also affected – this area almost-approved for park is slated to become a log dump!

Please address your email to:

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Claire.Trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca (Member of Legislative Assembly, Quadra resident)

Please BCC your email:

coastmtn@island.net Please be sure you send us only a Blind Carbon Copy – We do not want to be associated with your letter, but we would like to know how much support we are mustering!

Thanks very much if you can take a few minutes to write a note. It can be really simple! Your letter really will help!

#### READER COMMENTS · 1

##### [Quadra Woodlot plans available online](#)

By David Shipway, CES Board

5th January 2007 ·

Some existing Woodlot plans for Northern Quadra can be viewed online at [www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com).

Downloadable PDF files for each woodlot contain some important details about management objectives and consultation commitments, along with inventory and rate of cut projections.

I hope these consultations and the specifics of more detailed planning go well for all concerned, and the result is something in balance with natural forests that everyone can feel good about. We all need that kind of success story on these smaller islands.

[email the commentor](#) · [edit](#) · [del](#)

## 2.3.2 Local Residents

### 2.3.2.1 *Hazel Trego - Quadra and Maurelle Islands*

Thanks for your patience and extensive information, Jerry.

Have a wonderful family Christmas.

warm wishes,  
Hazel

**2.3.2.2 Geraldine Kenny – Bold Point, Quadra Island**

Thank you, Geraldine. I have taken the liberty of passing your concerns and suggestions along the Cape Mudge Band for their response. I will be mindful of your thoughts as we work through the decision making process.

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From: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Sent: Wed, February 7, 2007 3:22 PM  
To: 'Geraldine Kenny'  
Cc: [coastmtn@island.net](mailto:coastmtn@island.net)  
Subject: RE: Revised letter to Rory  
Dear Geraldine Kenny:

Thank-you for your questions. I did not see any questions in your letter as they appeared to be comments, expressions of preference and recommendations. I'll respond as best I can.

You are correct that these plans do not have the same kind of information as Forest Development Plans (FDP's). The Woodlot Plans reflect new forestry legislation that requires the proponent to describe the results and strategies they will use for the management of the entire landbase rather than identifying specific roads and cutblocks. The comment we're hoping for is in the context of the proposed results and strategies. The cutblocks and roads that the proponent then develops will have to be consistent with any results and strategies that are ultimately approved.

There is no expressed legal requirement for the proponents of woodlots 1969 and 1970 to adhere to the Quadra Plan, however, I would expect them to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Quadra Plan.

Thank-you for the clarification on your recommendations on visual management.

I will ensure the Cape Mudge Indian Band is made aware of your additional recommendations and will consider them as well as the Band's responses to your recommendations in the decision on their final submissions.

Again, thank-you for your notes and thoughtful comment.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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From: Geraldine Kenny [<mailto:geraldinek@uniserve.com>]  
Sent: Tue, February 6, 2007 8:43 PM  
To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Cc: [coastmtn@island.net](mailto:coastmtn@island.net)  
Subject: Revised letter to Rory  
Dear Rory Annett,

Thank you for replying to my e-mail and for forwarding it to the Licencee for Woodlot 1969 and 1970.

However, I missed your response to my direct questions regarding logging practices on Quadra Island, as in the following;

"The current Form of Development Plans made available to the public do not give the necessary information on which to make informed comments as they lack detail regarding when and where logging and road building will take place".

How is a member of the public supposed to make informed comments on an issue when there are no details on which to base ones comments?

" if these cutblocks conform to the Quadra plan which requires a maximum block size of 5 ha for conifer types and 15 ha for deciduous types. "

Does the Licencee have to adhere to the Quadra Plan?

In my e-mail to you 4.2..2007 I wrote the following:

:It would be recommended that the view scape along Surge Narrows be offered high priority visual protection. To limit cuts in size, implement "partial retention" and avoid corridor cuts.

I meant to write " retention" or preferably " preservation"

I do have three further recommendations:

1. That the Surge Narrows trail be protected from harvesting activity and is included in the Reserve.
2. That old growth is not cut, but may stand as a sentinel to ancient nature and culture - so that new generations may be awed at the greatness of the biodiversity of the past.
3. I do not know if you have ever visited let alone lived in such places as Detroit or East Berlin, but for people who come from such places, what we have here on Quadra Island is a place of great natural beauty, mystery and awe. It is imperative that we think 7 generations from now, and the consequences of our actions on future generations.

I would wish to inspire Quadra Island Woodlot Licensees to rise to the challenge and practice the best forestry practices not only for their own inspiration but for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kenny

Dear Rory Annett, District Manager, Campbell River Forest District

I am writing to you concerning Woodlot License , 1969 and 1970.

I have a number of concerns regarding these Woodlots, such as:

The current Form of Development Plans made available to the public do not give the necessary information on which to make informed comments as they lack detail regarding when and where logging and road building will take place, and the size of cutblocks and if these cutblocks conform to the Quadra plan which requires a maximum block size of 5 ha for conifer types and 15 ha for deciduous types. We would encourage the Woodlot Licencee for 1969 and 1970 to adhere to this plan

#### Tourism Values and Visual Protection

These proposed woodlots are located in high profile areas for water and land based tourism. Tourists coming to Quadra Island are seeking a semi-wilderness experience. Rubber Tire tourists driving along Surge Narrows Road will be greatly dismayed and confused when they see a wonderful representation of West Coast Forest on one side of the road and clear cuts on the other.

#### Surge Narrows Road

Surge Narrows road is the most scenic rural road on Quadra Island. It is also a difficult and dangerous road to drive. It is also a very high traffic area in the spring, summer and Fall. Having increased logging trucks on the road is courting disaster.

#### Recommendation

:It would be recommended that the view scape along Surge Narrows be offered high priority visual protection. To limit cuts in size, implement partial retention and avoid corridor cuts

: It is recommended that Pilot Cars always precede a logging truck

#### Shorelines around North Quadra Island

Water based tourism embraces both kayakers and large yachts, all of which use their craft as vehicles for viewing shoreline vistas. Once again it is imperative that shoreline vistas receive high level protection. I can not over emphasize the fact that tourists to Quadra Island make a very large contribution to the Island's economy. We have received numerous negative comments from our guests regarding the clearcuts along West Road as well as the "destruction" (Guest Quote) of the trail into Shelalligan Pass.

#### Recommendation

: to continue the 100 metre elevation no logging buffer which the 1899 Woodlot licensee has implemented along Hoskyn Channel Reserve north and south.

: to implement sensitive logging methods so as to prevent "blowdown" and "erosion" on slopes

#### Raven Bay

Raven Bay was under consideration as a park due to its natural beauty and view scape. It is incomprehensible that such a "jewel" be considered as a log sort or log dump. This is especially unreasonable when the 100 metre "no logging" buffer is continued north and south. Also the long term viability of a log sort in this area should be researched for environmental impact on marine and bird life in the area. We also recommend that it is cleaned up and restored to its natural state.

There is a locally run tourism facility in the vicinity. The noise and disruption of an industrial site would be the kiss of death for the future viability of the lodge.

General Comments regarding Woodlots 1979 and 1980 Small patch cuts and individual tree selection systems should be the norm and not clear-cutting.

The SMZ designation is primarily concerned with forest management impacts on tourism and landscape or aesthetic impact.

SMZ designation emphasizes protection of ecosystem diversity, protection of coastal shoreland wildlife values and the maintenance of visual qualities especially in association with marine recreation and road corridors. As a significant landscape biodiversity reserve is in place along Hoskyn Channel (Woodlot 1899) where visual impacts affecting tourism will be reduced. It is imperative that harvesting activity be not visible from the ocean. It should also be noted that no herbicides will be used on the Woodlots.

The licensee would be encouraged to be active in Non-timber harvesting activities such as Salal and mushroom resources.

I urge the Woodlot applicant to follow the guidelines in the Quadra Plan and be exemplary in their logging practices.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kenny

#### **2.3.2.3     *Claudia Lake- Maurelle Island***

Ref: Management & Woodlot License Plans: W1970

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Claudia Lake & Family  
P.O. Box 124  
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February 2, 2007

Dear Jerry Benner,

I would like to thank you and the Cape Mudge Band for agreeing to extend the public information and comment period for W1969 and W1970, for providing copies of these plans at the Heriot Bay library, and for meeting with some of the Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee members along with Rory Annett at the Ministry of Forests' office in Campbell River on January 31, 2007. Just for the record I would like to say that without being shown where the future cutblocks and roads are to be located, it is difficult to make specific, intelligent and informed comment. I understand that this is an issue within the domain of the Minister of Forests, but I would like to know where the cutblocks and roads are proposed to be as plans are developed over time.

As permanent, long-time residents of Maurelle Island, my husband, our children (two of whom were born on Maurelle Island) and I are naturally interested and concerned about any proposals that will affect our beloved southern Okisollo Channel, both Quadra and Maurelle Island shores. Our family home is located on Maurelle Island overlooking the Okisollo Channel and we care very much about what goes on here and within the proposed W1970, part of which we see from our home. We hope that you, as the Woodlot Operators, will respect the area for its natural beauty as much as we do and that you will take every precaution to manage these special, forested slopes of northeastern Quadra Island with the utmost care and consideration.

My main concern is the preservation of the viewscape in the Surge Narrows/Okisollo Channel areas; both for the people who live here and those visiting from away. Hand in hand with this goes the protection of habitat for a wide range of species resident in or migrating through the area including the Great Blue Heron (of which there are a fair number residing in the Okisollo), Bald Eagle (who also nest throughout the Channel), Marbled Murrelet, Barred Owl and other bird species, Grey Wolf, Black Bear, and Cougar. I will have to trust that the Woodlot Operators as well as the Ministry of Forests are fully aware of these species (some of whom are at risk or worse) and are planning to take precautions to ensure their viability in the area. I would also like to point out that the shores of the North Yeatman Bay portion and the northern part of the Surge Narrows portion of W1970 lie within the Okisollo Channel Rock Cod Conservation Area (DFO Region SG3 Area 13 Maurelle-Read Island). This may be of importance when the siting of temporary log-barge facilities and associated industrial use takes place.

I would, however, rather see temporary barge-loading activity as a means of log removal than to see the construction of permanent logging roads across the forested slopes of Quadra Island facing the southern Okisollo Channel. I would like special attention paid to addressing the problem of windthrow (a.k.a. blowdown) as this is a distinct possibility thanks to the notorious Bute outflow winds as well as the regular northwesterlies that occur in this area.

My other major concern is the Surge Road, as we discussed at the meeting with Rory Annett et al on Jan. 31. The current state of the road is appalling, although better than it was a couple of weeks ago when I last traveled on it! We all know that much work will be needed in order to accommodate an increase in industrial traffic brought on by logging activities in the area. Poor maintenance and safety are already issues. Dodging fast driving tourists, loaded logging trucks, farmed salmon reefer trucks, Telus and Hydro repair trucks, kayak-carrying trailers, camping bands of trout fishing families, school buses and residents alike makes careful driving imperative and near misses a constant reality. At the same time, as Rory Annett mentioned, care will need to be taken not to compromise the ambience of that special scenic drive; swans on the marsh, glades of sworn fern and so on.

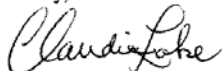
When professional fallers do come to the area (if not before) I would like to see someone take charge of the removal of the dead and dying trees (mainly alders) that abut the upper parking area at the end of the Surge Narrows Road which I gather from one of your maps is to be part of the woodlot area. Some of these trees have already fallen; into the creek, into the parking area and even, in the past, onto vehicles parked there. So far, neither the Ministry of Transportation, Emcon, nor the Regional District have felt the need to do anything about these danger trees. Perhaps the Ministry of Forests and /or the Woodlot Operators would like to take this one on as a community service.

I must point out that the Woodlot Plan map for W1970 as published in the Discovery Islander (lastly on Dec. 22/06) and also available on-line, is incorrectly labeled. Read Island is incorrectly spelled on this map. The Okisollo Channel is not actually labeled, but that name is given to Hoskyn Channel instead. As well, the map incorrectly shows a public boat launch located at the Hoskyn Landing end of the Surge Narrows Road. The improvements there came about through an informal partnership between local users of the dock and the Regional District. Together they contributed a combination of money, volunteer labour and donated materials which became the improvements at Hoskyn Landing. Inadvertently encouraging misuse (by publishing this misinformation on a map) as a boat launch only helps to jeopardize the condition of the steep, (4x4 only) lower end of the road. Outer Islanders have been told that this portion of the road will not be repaired or maintained beyond the initial upgrade which originated some time ago.

Looking out from my home I can compare the patchy industrialized look of Menzies Mountain to the west on Vancouver Island with the apparently pristine, steep, green slopes of Quadra Island south of Cyrus Rock. I really hope that the view of Quadra Island from my perspective will remain as unchanged as is humanly possible due to any activity that takes place on Woodlot 1970 or anywhere else in the Okisollo Channel. I do understand that the Woodlot License form of forestry management is intended to be a more benign form of management and in my opinion should be generally more acceptable to the conscious public. Personally, I would be much happier if the Okisollo Channel were, for the purposes of logging activity, designated as between Full Retention and Preservation Only from the shore to the height of land. I look forward to the day when the Ministry of Forests re-visits this topic.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,



Claudia Lake & Family

Cc Brian Kelly, Cape Mudge Band Manager  
Ted Lewis, Cape Mudge Band  
Rory Annett, District Manager, Minister Of Forests, Campbell River  
Jim Abram, Regional Director, Comox-Strathcona Regional District  
Claire Trevena, MLA, North Island  
Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee, Surge Narrows, B.C.

#### 2.3.2.4 Fern Kornelsen – Sonora Island

Jerry Benner RPF  
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Fern Kornelsen  
Box 30 Heriot Bay  
February 3, 2007

Dear Jerry Benner,

I am writing re: Comments For Woodlot License Plans 1969 & 1970.  
our family has lived on the Okisollo Channel for twenty-eight  
years and we care very much about what happens here.

Thank You for extending the comment period and for being  
available for meetings and discussion. I appreciate that these  
lands are Woodlots and that they will be managed carefully  
and sustainably by the Cape Mudge Band, but I am  
extremely concerned about what the logging will look like  
from our beautiful Okisollo Channel. Without knowing  
where specific cut blocks and roads will be within the  
viewscape, it is difficult to make a comment on the  
plan as a whole.

For the record, I firmly believe that logging activity  
along the shoreline to the height of land should reflect  
a VQO of Preservation, minimumly Retention. I hope  
you will employ the most careful selective logging  
methods in these very visible and sensitive areas.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Fern Kornelsen  
c.c. Brian Kelly, Rory Annett

#### 2.3.2.5 Albert Keller – Read Island

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern over proposed woodlot #1970  
for North Quadra Island.



As a local kayak guide, I take tourists on day and multi-day tours through Okisollo Channel and the Surge Narrows Marine Park. Visitors travel from all over North America and Europe to experience the beauty of this region. They never cease to be in awe of our pristine unlogged areas, and express disappointment when they see logged regions. Many tell me that they chose to visit the Discovery Islands specifically because of the pristine forests that exist here.

I am concerned for the quality of wilderness experience that I will be able to offer trip participants, and believe that logging will decrease the number of returning customers we receive.

I am also concerned with plans for a log loading facility in Raven Bay, immediately outside the Surge Narrows Marine Park. Raven Bay is a popular lunch stop and campsite in a region with very few suitable camping areas.

I believe that the proposed woodlot will deter tourists from visiting the Surge Narrows area, and thus negatively affect people like me that depend upon the tourist industry for a living.

I urge you to reconsider woodlot plans for this area.

Sincerely,

Albert Keller

#### **2.3.2.6     *Dale Rolfsen – Read Island***

Dear Mr. Annett,

As long-time residents of Read Island and members of the Surge Narrows Community Association, we would like to express our concern about logging along the shoreline of Quadra Island, as proposed in the woodlots 1969 and 1970. This is an area of great natural beauty and habitat for wildlife which will be adversely affected by logging activity, especially near the shoreline. It will also have a negative effect on the tourism industry which is a valuable part of the local island economy.

We ask that you take these concerns into consideration before granting licence to log these areas.

Sincerely, Dale Rolfsen and family

#### **2.3.2.7     *Reed Early - Quadra Island***

Hello Mr Annett

I am a 35 year resident of Quadra Island and also a kayaker. Recently I heard there were plans to log Surge Narrows.

I am not against logging, particularly when it employs Islanders. However I disagree with logging to the shore, and logging visually obvious areas. Please keep loggers away from Surge Narrows.

Also there is no need to truck logs across Quadra. These

logs can be transported by water. It is cheaper and its the traditional way of moving wood, and a whole lot safer for the drivers on Surge Narrows Road.

sincerely  
Reed Early

### **2.3.2.8     *Anne Tonkin and Roger Beriault - Read Island***

Dear Sir,

We have recently learned of proposed logging plans for wood-lots 1969 and 1970 which will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline. As property owners on Read Island we spend much of our time in this area and bring many visitors to experience the special beauty of the Discovery Islands. We would like to register the following concerns we have about this logging proposal.

#### 1. Shoreline Protection and Preservation

This is a beautiful shoreline area. From May to October we watch hundreds of sailboats and motor launches enjoying this area as they travel up Hoskins Channel. Numerous kayak groups also paddle along this Quadra shoreline. Will a significant border of trees be left all along the shoreline or will they be boating by huge clear cut scars to the landscape?

#### 2. Wildlife Protection

Last summer we sat in our little 14ft boat and watched a pod of orcas fishing in the Raven Bay area. Nearby a boatload of tourists on a whalewatching tour were equally thrilled to see this sight. We have heard this area might become a log storage and barge loading area. We even saw a baleen whale in this area. How will the wildlife that use this channel be affected? Over the years we have noticed that the whales and dolphins always travel north on the Quadra side of Hoskins channel.

#### 3. Road Safety

Finally after many years and a great need, residents have a community dock at the end of the Surge Narrows road. It is now so well used that during the warmer months you are lucky to find a parking place. From the Bold Point road turn off to the end of Surge Narrows road the journey is along a very narrow road with many blind corners . How will the safety of residents and visitors driving the road be assured? Meeting a logging truck on this road could be a dangerous experience as there are very few places to pull over. Would the parking at the end of the road now have to accommodate the workers involved in the logging operation thus reducing the limited parking even further?

#### 4. Impact on Tourism

Quadra Island is becoming increasingly popular with tourists as people go further north to find pristine beauty they can enjoy. The Discovery Islands are referred to

by many as the Riviera of the North. What impact will this have on tourism? This is a uniquely accessible wilderness adjacent to three provincial parks. The area is well used. We have encountered school groups, kayak tours, eco-tours, and many of the boating public. Will such a large logging proposal so severely damage the beauty of the area that tourists will choose other venues? What is being planned to protect the tourist experiences that have already been developed in the area?

In closing, we are extremely concerned and would like to have the above issues addressed in discussing the proposal and would like to be kept informed about decisions made.

Anne Tonkin and Roger Beriault  
Read Island

**2.3.2.9 Susan Westren – Quadra Island**

Rory Annett  
District Manager  
Ministry of Forests  
Campbell River

Dear Rory Annett:

I am writing to voice my concern about management plans for the newly designated woodlots 1969 and 1970 on Quadra Island. These woodlots include many kilometers of shoreline adjacent to Hoskyn Channel, Okisollo Channel, Main Lakes Provincial Park and two popular Marine Parks. It is totally perplexing to me that logging plans still take precedence over other uses of land and especially hard to believe that areas which are already significant to tourism are not strictly regulated. In fact I will go further and say that it is just plain stupid.

The impact of such unregulated logging will be felt for a few generations, not to mention the immediate impact on tourism on Quadra which is an important part of the island economy. Because of the unwillingness thus far of government to protect them, there are increasingly smaller areas which can be called "Beautiful British Columbia," This area is one which still qualifies. I believe that these woodlots should not have been granted at all and now if "visual qualities" are not given the highest value, an area rich in beauty and habitat which is used by larger and larger numbers of visitors to Quadra will be entirely destroyed.

As you are a resident of Quadra I know you are aware of the kayaking companies, the sailors, the tour boats, and all the other individuals who seek out this area because it is a wilderness paradise. I myself am amongst those who regularly kayak in Hoskyn Channel, the Surge Narrows area and out from Granite Bay into Okisollo Channel.

As it may not be possible now to halt logging even though no opportunity was given for consultation in spite of the fact that this is public Crown Land, I ask that you ensure these shorelines are fully protected and that no log dump is established on Hoskyn Channel. If it is possible to reverse the

woodlot granting process I ask that you do it. The Ministry of Forests should not manage the forests exclusively for loggers.

Sincerely,

Susan Westren  
Box 424  
Quathiaski Cove

copies to: Minister of Forests  
Minister of Tourism  
Premier Campbell  
Claire Trevena

**2.3.2.10 Pamela Vallee \_ Quadra Island**

I am sure that no one living in the area of Surge Narrows is pleased that logging activities are again proposed in their backyard. Nearly twenty years ago large commercial logging operations bowed to public opinion and did not log the area, much of which has since been designated as Provincial Park land.

Being cynically aware that the small local population will probably not have enough influence to halt logging altogether, I would ask that you covenant into Woodlot Plans being considered visual protection for the shoreline, for the sake of our Provincial Parks and also local enterprises making their living from water-based activities and travel.

Having lived in the area for a number of years I would also like to comment that "Bute winds" the notoriously strong winds coming off the glaciers at Bute Inlet directly impact the Woodlot Plan areas under consideration. Clearcuts could have a disastrous effect on remaining standing timber.

Please allow sufficient public input before approving Plans to insure that all concerns are addressed.

Yours truly,

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**2.3.2.11 Lovena Harvey – Whaletown, Cortes Island, BC**

Dear Anette Rory,

I am shocked to hear the news regarding the woodlot applications for Quadra Island. What a blatant example of short sightedness; logging such an area of pristine natural wonder, so uniquely accessible.

Our views from the waterways and roadways are what is keeping tourism alive in BC. We are one of the LAST pristine coastal wilderness locations in southern BC. Logging

3200 acres is going to have a tremendous negative effect on tourist visits, the tourism trade, wildlife corridors, quality of life on Quadra, and faith in the forest industry. It is so unsustainable logging on our small islands. The beauty is what brings residents here. NO ONE likes to look at a clear cut.

The recent clear cuts on Cortes Island have made life so difficult for all of us here. During the wind storms numerous trees have fallen onto the roads from the clearcuts. It has made driving hazardous as well as being the cause of many of the recent power outages. Also, the roads at the clearcuts are slick with ice during the snow storms we had as well. Worst of all, we have to look at the unsightly views every single day.

The choices the Ministry of Forests makes on behalf of our provincial government on behalf of we British Columbians, are not serving the population here.

We demand no more clear cutting of our pristine coastal wilderness. Our children's children will thank us.

Regards,

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**2.3.2.12 Ruth Riddell – Whaletown, Cortes Island, BC**

**From:** Ruth Riddell [mailto:ruthriddell@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Mon, January 29, 2007 7:31 AM  
**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Cc:** Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Logging Plans for Quadra Island

Rory Annett,  
District Manager, Campbell River Forest District  
Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my interest and concern about the logging plans for the Quadra Island woodlot applications in the Surge Narrows area and along the shoreline of Quadra Island. When logging takes place in such a delicate and beautiful environment we need to protect both the land and the visual impact onto the water. Clear cutting is not acceptable, nor necessary, it is simply the fastest way to make money out of a forest, damaging the ecosystem with no thought to the future.

This area is readily accessed by many travellers who enjoy the beauty of the islands and add to our local economy during their visit. These values must be protected as well.

I am particularly concerned about logging adjacent to Surge Narrows Marine Park, Okisollo Channel, Octopus Islands Park, and the road to Surge Narrows & Main Lakes Park. Is it true that Raven Bay is going to become a log dump? I thought that it was approved to become a park?

Sincerely,  
Ruth Riddell  
491 Whaletown Road  
Cortes Island

### **2.3.3 Provincial stakeholders**

#### **2.3.3.1 *SEA KAYAK GUIDES ALLIANCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA***

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February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Jerry Benner

North Island Woodlot Association

**[jbenner@oberon.ark.com](mailto:jbenner@oberon.ark.com)**

On behalf of the *Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia*, I would like to voice

concern over the new logging plans for Quadra Island and area.

The developments in question affect over 1600 hectares surrounding the scenic forested

road to Surge Narrows, as well as many kilometers of shoreline adjacent to Hoskyn and

Okisollo Channels. Many of these proposed cuts will occur between three parks in the

area – Main Lakes Provincial Park, Surge Narrows Marine Park, and Octopus Island

Marine Park. In addition, Raven Bay beach, a campsite much utilized by commercial sea

kayak operators and recreationalists alike, is now slated to become a log storage and

barge landing area.

The SKGABC represents over 300 members, many of which depend on the waters

around Quadra Island to operate their tours. For these operators to continue to offer a

premiere tourism product, continued access to wilderness areas with pristine shorelines

and high visual quality levels is essential. These woodlots will seriously impact the

continued viability for tourism in the area.

We ask that the impacts of these developments be reconsidered, public and private stakeholders alike be given the chance for further consultation, and that the highest possible Visual Quality Ratings be maintained for the area. This is vital for the sustainability of our guides and commercial sea kayak operators in the area.

This is a unique place, and special consideration should be given before allowing these woodlot licenses to seriously impact the area.

Regards,

Don Webster

Vice-President

Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia

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**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Sent:** Mon, February 26, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** 'websterdon@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Quadra Island Logging

Dear Donald Webster:

Thank you for your e-mail letter sent February 10, 2007 expressing your concerns regarding issuance of Woodlots 1969 and 1970 to the We Wai Kai (Cape Mudge) First Nation. I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of the Minister of Forests and Range.

Quadra Island has long been recognized as having significant recreation and tourism values, as well as significant values for the forest industry, and of the need to find a balance between these sometimes competing sets of values. This conversation was at the heart of discussions between the Ministry of Forests and the Quadra Island Forest Resources Committee through the 1980s and subsequently led to the development of the Quadra Plan in 1990. Among other things, the Quadra Plan provided advice for managing scenic landscape, recreation and tourism values and also recommended increasing the size of the woodlot program on the island in order to provide greater opportunities for local dialogue and smaller scale forestry.

The Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP), completed in 2000, also recognized a mix of values in designating the majority of Quadra Island as Special Management Zone that emphasized biodiversity, wildlife and visual qualities. This plan further emphasized recreational values in the Okisollo Channel area with the designation of the Main Lakes Chain, Surge Narrows and Small Inlet-Wiatt Bay Parks however, I should also note that for the remainder of Quadra Island, that forestry, tourism and public recreation values would be assumed to co-exist.

Since the time that VILUP was completed, I also established Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) for the Campbell River Forest District, including Quadra Island, as of December 2005. My Order to establish VQOs was completed following a lengthy and intensive consultation process with the public, First Nations, forest licensees, tourism operators, and other stakeholders in order to determine their priorities and preferences. My decision for the VQOs applied to the Surge Narrows and Okisollo Channel area considered all of

the prior planning context, as well as VQOs established on adjacent shorelines of Road and Maurelle Islands. I am satisfied that the final assigned VQOs strike a balance between the needs of tourism and forestry sectors while also providing a high quality of life for Quadra residents.

Consistent with the general tone set by the Quadra Plan, and later by VILUP, this district has continued with conversion of public interface areas on Quadra Island from Tree Farm Licence to Woodlot tenures as the opportunity arose. The areas facing Okisollo Channel, which are currently under discussion, were specifically removed from TFL 47 based upon the strongly articulated community preference for community based, low impact forestry. The We Wai Kai First Nation had a long-standing interest in having a woodlot tenure and when a Forest and Range Agreement became available to them, they chose this area for a woodlot.

The consultation process associated with review of the woodlot and management plans has been valuable both for myself and the tenure holder for highlighting local sensitivities and in particular, emphasizing the scenic values associated with the Okisollo Channel area. I have yet to see the We Wai Kai's final proposal, but I can assure you that an appropriate standard of visual management will be incorporated prior to approval.

Yours Truly,  
Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager  
Campbell River Forest District

***2.3.3.2 Don Cohen Coordinator, Outdoor Recreation Instructor, Physical Education Malaspina University-College***

Dear Rory;

I would like to thank you and your staff for soliciting public input into the logging plans proposed for Quadra and the surrounding area.

I am interested in this issue from a personal and a professional perspective.

On a personal level I have enjoyed sea kayaking and tidal rapid surfing in the area for decades. On a professional level I speak to the issues of balancing tourism and recreational values with the industrial requirements necessary to keeping our economy healthy. In my leadership and administration of outdoor recreation courses I strive to present a balanced view and encourage critical thinking on these complex issues.

To that end I am confident that your planning includes the consideration of these often contradictory values. I am concerned however that your staff may fail to recognize the impact that changes to the viewscape and the environment will have on many of the pristine popular areas currently enjoyed by recreation user groups and the marine ecotourism industry.

Logging plans may take into account recreational values based on current use statistics but often fail to recognize how the phenomenal growth of this sector will increase the user base in the future. One can only hope that your planning group will recognize how logging and the related road building and waterfront development will negatively impact the recreational experience and the environment, and that you will temper your plans accordingly.

My concern centers around the low values given to viewscape management, the implications to habitat protection and that you may not recognize the many other old



growth values such as the implications to fisheries, carbon conversion, first nations rights and the like.

At the risk of being seen as being against logging, and I am not, I would like to remind your planning group that the land base belongs to all of us and that public input should be given serious consideration when planning the development of our forests. We do have a duty to recognize all the values, monetary and environmental when planning to convert old growth forests into economic gains.

Thank you for this opportunity to express interest in and my concern for the planning of the development of this unique area.

I wish you luck with your planning and again I can only hope you give public input due consideration.

Sincerely

Don Cohen  
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Instructor, Physical Education  
Malaspina University-College  
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From: Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Sent:** Fri, February 9, 2007 3:19 PM

To: 'Don Cohen'

**Subject:** RE: Logging plans

Thank you for your comments. The Cape Mudge Indian Band has been awarded 2 woodlot licences for 1600 hectares in its traditional territory on Quadra Island. Woodlots, in general, tend to be managed on a low-impact, community sensitive basis. Before the First Nation begins logging, it must develop a management plan and a woodlot plan, solicit public review and comment on these plans, and then submit the plans to me for approval.

The plans were recently going through the public review and comment stage, which ended on Feb. 8th and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Cape Mudge Indian Band. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to look at the plans which can be viewed online at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> You'll see that the draft plans have proposed management strategies for wildlife, streams, visual quality, recreation, shoreline management, biological diversity, log handling, timber management and other measures relevant to managing the area. In submitting the plans to me for approval, the Cape Mudge Indian Band must show how public concerns are addressed. I must also be satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

We do strive to be mindful of trends around things like growth in various economic sectors, climate change, demographic shifts and the like as well as the inherent uncertainty around projecting trends into the future when establishing objectives for various values such as visual quality. Information like that has been incorporated into the existing objectives with an eye to achieving overall economic activity, diversity in sectors, avoiding critical limiting factors, balancing public access with commercial interests and a variety of other goals. We also recognize that we need to revisit our assumptions and the

resultant objectives from time to time and will do so to ensure we have the best information upon which to advance the public interest.

Thank you again for your comments.

Rory Annett, RPF

District Manager,

Campbell River Forest District

P.S. John Andres, our Stewardship Forester and a good friend of Kevin Borserio says Hi!

**2.3.3.3 Daniela Schwaiger – Ecosummer Ltd., Clearwater, BC**

Dear Ms. Annett,

It has come to our attention that there are plans underway to allow for logging in parts of Quadra Island that would forever change the visual quality of the shoreline. As a company in the business of selling the unmatched beauty of the wilderness on the West Coast of BC, we wish to add our name to what we are sure is a growing list of individuals and companies opposed to the signing of these woodlot agreements.

We understand that logging has been historically part of the economic growth of the island. However, ecotourism is on the increase and the islands have much to offer. Perhaps now is the time to assess the advantages of the long term gain, by keeping what is left of the old growth forests, as much of it has already been logged and much has been lost to major fires. Preserving the highest visual quality ratings of the Island's forested shoreline should be of utmost importance and as stewards of the environment we need to take a stand to protect what is left.

Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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**2.3.3.4 Dan Lewis, Rainforest Kayak Adventures \_ Tofino, BC**

Dear Mr. Annett,

I am writing today with regards for a proposed logging plan for Quadra Island.

I would like to bring it to your attention that Quadra is a bit of a hotspot for sea kayaking in British Columbia. Sea kayaking is one of the major sports for which British Columbia is famous. You may have noticed that images of sea kayaking are ubiquitous in materials

promoting tourism in BC, and such images are now fairly common in ads for everything from soda pop to SUV's.

As a paddler who has explored much of the BC coast, and as someone who makes his living guiding sea kayak trips, I can assure you that Quadra Island is a gem. It would be wise to protect the forests in the area simply as an economic driver for local communities.

There has been lots of logging on the coast already, and as you are surely aware, communities which have seen heavy logging have a much harder time making the economic transition when the logging ends and we all wait for the seedlings to reach harvesting age.

Hopefully you can find someone who understands what sea kayakers seek when they paddle off into the wilderness, someone who can help you come up with a plan that will not endanger the values kayakers seek.

In short, they will tell you not to destroy the viewscapes, that paddlers want a real experience of nature, not the illusion of nature; they will also tell you not to use good campsites (which are so important for kayakers, especially the lucrative Baby Boomers demographic who cannot paddle as far as they used to) for log dumps.

I look forward to hearing what steps you will be taking to ensure the survival of the sea kayak industry in BC, and specifically on Quadra Island.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
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Jack Rosen

**2.3.3.5 *Island Escapades - Salt Spring Island, BC***

To whom it concerns,

Feb. 7th 07

I have been operating a tourism based adventure company for the last 17 years. I am very upset at what the proposals are for Quadra Island. The government is constantly advertising the natural beauty of British Columbia yet most of what I see government doing is destroying this beauty. Natural B.C. must have large stands of trees, and maintain it's Island beauty. I am very concerned about the logging plans for Quadra Island, and I appeal to the government to stop these action and realize the tourism potential of the area.

I urge you to protect this area for its real and long term tourism value. It is an extremely important tourism area! I urge the logging plans to be stopped all together as it is imperative that amendments be made immediately to preserve visual quality of the forested shorelines adjacent to Okisollo Channel, Surge Narrows Marine Park, Main Lakes Provincial Park and Octopus

Island Marine Park. The area is a wilderness paradise truly representative of what you call "Natural B.C." in the advertising campaigns. This pristine area has high value with regards to tourism dollars and much value in terms of use by outdoor clubs and School Groups. To log the areas will take away its beauty and economic tourism benefits for decades.

I find it very frustrating that this is public Crown land yet the consultative process is limited to the surrounding local area, not giving the rest of the Province time to state their views. The plans thus far seem to not have any information about where and when logging and road building will begin. There is no specification as to whether clear cutting means will be utilized, and whether visual qualities are being considered with regards to the protection of these areas. I am also very worried about habitat protection and the diverse bird and intertidal life that will be affected by the logging. These woodlot agreements are binding for 10 years and no consultation process is needed before logging in this time frame. My feeling is you are just selling out the Province for short term gains and not looking at the long term tourism effects.

I urge you to re-think logging this area, think of long term jobs, tourism value and what British Columbia actually stands for. Look at the visual value and the potential effects you will have to the tourism industry. You are responsible to the British Columbian public to ensure an adequate public process has been given. There needs to be a more effective economic evaluation done to see how logging will have a huge impact on this small community of Quadra along and the greater B.C. (adventure) tourism industry.

Sincerely,

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**2.3.3.6 Roger Friesen - University College of the Fraser Valley**

February 6, 2007

Dear Rory Annett:

I am writing to you on behalf of the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV), and more specifically the Adventure Tourism Program. My primary role at the UCFV is to teach sport psychology, while also working as a sport psychologist. In this role I have traveled the world from one end to the other. One of my other roles at the UCFV is coordinator of the Adventure Tourism Program. I am also the instructor of the field courses within this program.

Serving in this position has allowed me the opportunity of exploring many wilderness places in BC. I have done so for my own recreational purposes, but have also taken students into these areas for the past 10 years. I have often found myself in a state of awe at the resources we have here in our own province. Often I have come home from some place on earth and have been reminded again of the most incredible resource we have right here. People from around the world come to Canada, and BC in particular to experience a place that is forever gone in so many places on our planet.

One of the wilderness places I have been coming to for many years is the area of Quadra and Read Island. I have taken students here for sea kayaking courses, and I have also sailed the waters around these islands. This region is one of the treasures of BC.

So, it was with sadness that I learned of the proposed logging activities in these areas. I understand the economic need for logging. I understand the livelihood of some connected to logging, but I am writing as an appeal to make a decision against logging in this region. I feel that the value of this area in its current state far surpasses the benefit derived from logging. Logging in this case has short term benefit to a small group, whereas the region in its current state has long lasting value to many – local as well as visitors to the area. I am hoping for an alternative strategy in realizing economic benefit.

I am adding my voice to the community of people who are hoping for a decision against logging. Please consider my request as coming from a concerned BC resident, who comes into your region for many reasons – one of which is to educate young people in our province.

Sincerely,

Roger Friesen  
University College of the Fraser Valley

**2.3.3.7 Kelly Comishin – Tourism and Recreation Management Program,  
College of the Rockies**

Hello Mr. Annett,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to log in the Surge Narrows area. I was a sea kayak guide in that area and had the opportunity to share that incredible stretch of water with hundreds of people. I have observed bears, porpoises, a plethora of sea life, eagles, and a possible whale sighting in the Surge Narrows area. As we alter our landscapes we lose these places that will host some of the greatest diversity in life. There is a lifestyle shared by humans, animals and plants in this area that is at risk in our province. It is less possible to live in an area that driven by ebb and flow of nature than by the economic forces of our cities. Each time we change these landscapes we not only reduce diversity but we also lose a values that no dollar could ever purchase again. These values however, are what many tourists are willing to pay to see and experience on their holidays. Un-altered or minimal impact/use wilderness have tourism, recreation, aesthetic and spiritual values that are important to consider when weighing out the costs of losing those values for the benefit of timber sales. There are people that live in this area that are making a living off of this land. By logging that area you take away long term jobs (100s of years) from others for a short term contract for a logging operation (10 years).

Please stop the plans to log in an area that is economically dependent on the tourism, recreation, aesthetic and spiritual values of Surge Narrows.  
Please consider the importance of visual corridors in an area that depends on aesthetic values for a successful tourist destination. Please do not log near shorelines.

Thank you for reconsidering logging in Surge Narrows,

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**2.3.3.8      *Ecosummer Expeditions Ltd., Daniela Schwaiger – Clearwater, BC***

**From:** Ecosummer Expeditions [mailto:office@ecosummer.com]  
**Sent:** Mon, February 12, 2007 12:17 PM  
**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Cc:** coastmtn@island.net; andy.schwaiger@ecosummer.com  
**Subject:** logging Quadra Island  
**Importance:** High

Dear Ms. Annett,

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We understand that logging has been historically part of the economic growth of the island. However, ecotourism is on the increase and the islands have much to offer. Perhaps now is the time to assess the advantages of the long term gain, by keeping what is left of the old growth forests, as much of it has already been logged and much has been lost to major fires. Preserving the highest visual quality ratings of the Island's forested shoreline should be of utmost importance and as stewards of the environment we need to take a stand to protect what is left. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Comishin, Kelly [<mailto:KCOMISHIN@cotr.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Tue, February 6, 2007 10:05 AM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Subject:** RE: Logging in Surge Narrows

Thanks very much for your response. I am glad to hear that this is a public process and that concerns will be considered in the logging plans. I hope that when on the ground work begins that there is effective monitoring that the prescription is followed by the logging operation. It is great to have plans in place, but if they are not followed all that planning effort is lost, along with the values that were to be protected by the plan.

Thanks again for your response and hearing my concerns,

Kelly Comishin  
Tourism and Recreation Management  
College of the Rockies

*"joy is in us, not in things"*

#### **2.3.4 BC & Canada or Unknown Residence**

##### **2.3.4.1 *Andrew Mason \_ Vancouver***

Dear Rory

During last summer I had the great fortune to take my family on a kayaking trip in the Discovery Islands. We explored true wilderness along the shoreline and saw little in the way of logging activity except when we drove through the managed areas of Quadra. I cannot imagine how logging these areas (Woodlots 1969 and 1970) will help preserve one of the most beautiful natural ecosystems in BC. It can only be detrimental to the coastline and associated wildlife with all the attendant traffic (both land and sea), pollution and destruction of the environment that will be involved. The process of climate change is accelerated by short sighted decisions such as this occurring all over the planet. Tiny communities such as Surge Narrows will be harmed permanently. Why would kayakers want to tour areas of scarred coast whilst they try and dodge log barges? The tourism industry is therefore also adversely affected. We have on our doorstep one of the most naturally beautiful coastlines in the world. Let's try and preserve it as well as the rest of the Earth for the generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Mason  
4038 W 12th Avenue  
Vancouver BC V6R 2P3

##### **2.3.4.2 *Ann Armor***

Dear Sir,

I am writing with regard to the proposal for logging around the area of Surge Narrows on Quadra Island.

My husband and I were married on Quadra Island in 2006 and spent part of our honeymoon kayaking around the Discovery Islands. We chose to come to the area after hearing of its outstanding natural beauty and reputation as an excellent spot for sea kayaking. We were not disappointed.

It was therefore distressing for us to hear of the proposals for logging in the area and the impact this could have, particularly on the visual beauty of the shorelines. The feeling of being in a wilderness area was one of the main things which attracted us to this place.

We hope you will act to protect the beauty of the area and preserve the features that attracted us there, and helped to make it a special experience for us,

Yours faithfully,

Ann Armor

**2.3.4.3 Allison Johnson \_ Calgary, Alberta**

Dear Mr. Annett:

Last summer, I had the great pleasure of spending several days kayaking in the Desolation Sound area. The time I spent appreciating the exquisite scenery and soaking up the experience will remain in my memory for a very long time.

I have learned that there are plans for clearcut logging on Quadra Island. This is of grave concern to me, as it will have a tremendous impact on the natural beauty of the area. It is this natural beauty that drew me from landlocked Calgary, and will draw me again so long as it remains intact. Seeing unscarred terrain from my kayak was part of the peace I found during my trip. It will be tremendously distressing to me, and other tourists to the area, to discover this natural beauty marred by short-sighted business interests. It would, unfortunately, prompt me to investigate other areas to travel, areas where land stewardship is considered with a longer term and broader view to preserving not only quality of life for its inhabitants (human and otherwise), but for generations yet to follow.

There are fewer and fewer areas of natural untouched beauty left in this world. Please review these applications with an eye toward preserving assets whose measure cannot be taken in a way that merely satisfies shareholders.

Yours sincerely,  
Allison Johnson,  
Calgary, Alberta

**2.3.4.4 Rosemary Clewes - Canada**

Dear Managers, Ministers and Legislative Member,

It has been brought to my attention that the integrity of Quadra Island's forests are being endangered by the present proposals for logging and that there is minimal opportunity for any public process around these decisions before implementation.

It is a serious breach of public trust that our government officials are negotiating with private companies without a completely transparent



accounting to those who live on and care about the land. Where is the environmental assessment followed by a public debate?

It has been my understanding, that logging companies have developed a more enlightened view of logging than was earlier practised. Clearcutting is a known blight on the ecology, and a deep wound in the heart and eye for those who have to live with the devastation after the fact. My understanding is that clearcutting is being considered here.

I spent time on Quadra Island last summer and I saw how logging had already made ugly inroads on the forested road to Surge Narrows and beyond. I am a regular tourist to the west and I help, as do others, to contribute to the economy of the area. How short-sighted to destroy what will continue to bring in much needed dollars. I will not come if I have to look at a Raven Bay log dump.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Clewes.

#### **2.3.4.5     *Barbara Lutz***

To Whom it may hopefully concern!

I am very upset about the news that major logging is planned in the Surge Narrows shoreline along Surge Narrows Road. The area is so pristine it should be a National Park, not an environmental disaster zone. The beauty of the Discovery Islands needs to be protected for future generations, not sacrificed for current commercial interests. Please stop this mistake and save the Discovery Islands and oppose the Woodlot Plans for 1969 and 1970.

With concern and love for this beautiful place on our planet,

Barbara Lutz

[barbaralutz@sprynet.com](mailto:barbaralutz@sprynet.com)

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#### **2.3.4.6     *Lisa Nagy***

I'm writing this Email to express my concerns about the newly proposed woodlots in the Surge Narrows area on Quadra Island.

Are the visual aspects of the foreshore protected? Are there any restrictions regarding the size of clear cuts within the lots. This area is adjacent to our Village/Main lake park: are pesticides and herbicides allowed to be used on these lots and possibly end up flowing into our lake system.

I have nothing against woodlots in fact I prefer them to other types of logging but I'm quite concerned about the location of these lots and the lack of available specifics that would protect this area and its environment.

Lisa Nagy

#### **2.3.4.7     *Catherine Rolfsen – Vancouver, BC***

Dear Mr. Annett,

It has come to my attention that there are new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline.

I am a frequent visitor of Quadra island and my family owns property on Read Island. I have enjoyed the shoreline in question as a kayaker, boater and resident. I am concerned about the effects of this proposed logging on the local environment and tourism industry.

Will there be a public consultation process? I would like more information, and a chance to voice my concerns before this decision is finalized.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Rolfsen

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Dear Mr. Annett,

Thank you very much for your quick response and the additional information.

Catherine Rolfsen

#### **2.3.4.8     *Richard Cook MD***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very concerned about plans to permit logging on Quadra Island and the Discovery Islands. Although I am not opposed to logging in general, I am opposed to unregulated logging which permits companies to conduct their business without clearly defined plans to protect the environment. An extremely important part of our heritage in Canada and British Columbia is the natural beauty of our islands and coastlines. As the world is becoming increasingly overcrowded and industrialized, places such as British Columbia are becoming increasingly rare and valuable. My family has had the great good fortune to enjoy some of this natural beauty by camping and kayaking along the shorelines of the Discovery Islands. In fact, my sister in law from New York said that her kayaking trip in Surge Narrows Park was the most memorable experience of her entire life!

If we allow logging to occur without implementing regulations to protect our environment, we will be forfeiting the value of our land for a relatively small profit. It is critical that we protect our islands, and regulate commercial activities on them in such a way that we will allow future generations to enjoy the natural beauty of our land for decades to come. I believe that we can allow our land to be logged in a responsible way, which

will allow companies to make a reasonable profit, while at the same time protecting shorelines, views, and natural habitats. I hope that those of you who are in positions of responsibility will act in a way that will preserve our natural heritage.

Thank you.

Richard C. Cook, MD

#### **2.3.4.9     *Dee Simmons***

We respectfully ask that you do NOT log Woodlots 1969 and 1970!

My family and I have visited the Discovery Islands area three times in the last few years. We love the natural beauty and wilderness of the entire area. We hiked and camped all along Vancouver Island, spent time on Cortes Island, Read Island and other small islands, but much of our time was spent kayaking, hiking, and camping on Quadra Island.

Now we hear that there are logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline.

And we are DISMAYED!

Please preserve the beautiful forests along the Quadra Island shoreline as well as the wonderful woods along the Surge Narrows Road! This whole area is a readily accessible wilderness which is adjacent to several provincial parks. It is a paddler's dream and is used by boaters and outdoor clubs as well as school groups. It provides a wonderful sense of peace, and isolation and is valuable for educational purposes.

We am very concerned about whether the shorelines have received high visual protection. We love this unique area and believe that cutting these forests may well create economic issues for the area because people do NOT want to visit places with logged-off waterfronts.

There does not seem to be a real plan to respect or manage old growth forests which are home to many diverse plants and animals. We believe that clear cutting is the wrong approach and that large old growth or second growth trees should definitely be preserved. Herbicide/pesticide use can cause its own environmental damage. What is the plan regarding use of herbicides and pesticides? Are there alternatives to logging? What logging methods will be used?

Please preserve the beautiful forests along the Quadra Island shoreline as well as the wonderful woods along the Surge Narrows Road! Please do NOT log Woodlots 1969 and 1970.

In summary, I offer this passage from Wallace Stegner which describes how we feel about this wonderful land you are thinking of logging:

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed, if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases, if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clean air and

dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last of the silence, so that never again will we be free in our own country from the noise, the exhausts, the stinks of human and automotive waste.

And so that never again can we have the chance to see ourselves single, separate, vertical and individual in the world, part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong in it.

Sincerely,

Dee Simmons

**2.3.4.10 Dr. Ellen Guttormson**

Thank you very much for sending this information. I have read through the north island woodlot web site and see that there appear to be all the required checks and balances in place to insure that logging of the two woodlots in question take place in an environmentally responsible way.

Thank you for sending the link to this information.

Ellen Guttormson

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Annett, Rory FOR:EX](#)

**To:** [Dr. Ellen Guttormson](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2007 1:23 PM

**Subject:** RE: Logging in the Okisollo area

Thank you for your comments. The Cape Mudge Indian Band has been awarded a woodlot licence for 800 hectares in its traditional territory on Quadra Island. Woodlots, in general, tend to be managed on a low-impact, community sensitive basis. Before the First Nation begins logging, it must develop a management plan and a woodlot plan, solicit public review and comment on these plans, and then submit the plans to me for approval.

The plan(s) are currently in the public review and comment stage until Feb. 8th and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Cape Mudge Indian Band. However, the nature of some of your comments lead me to believe that you haven't viewed the plans. I encourage you to look at the plans which can be viewed online at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> You'll see that the draft plans have proposed management strategies for wildlife, streams, visual quality, recreation, shoreline management, biological diversity, log handling, timber management and other measures relevant to managing the area. In submitting the plans to me for approval, the Cape Mudge Indian Band must show how public concerns are addressed. I must also be satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

I am writing to express my objection to the planned logging of Quadra Island in the area adjacent to the Surge Narrows Marine Park, Main Lakes Provincial Park and the Octopus Islands Marine Park. My husband, son and I spent time in this area over the past summer and are dismayed to find that there are plans for logging these areas in a less

than eco friendly manner. It is imperative that the visual qualities of this major tourism area not be affected. There is also concern for stream quality and wildlife habitat. I understand that under consideration for logging are woodlots 1969 and 1970 and that these woodlots contain a large area of shoreline. I also understand that Raven Bay Beach, formerly considered for a park, is to become a log sort. Please reconsider applications for logging of these areas. If they must be logged please take serious consideration to leaving the areas adjacent to the shorelines completely untouched.

Thank you  
Dr. Ellen Guttormson, Robert Glazier, Lee Glazier

#### **2.3.4.11 Sue Ferreira**

I understand that this week, a logging agreement is to be signed for the Woodlots 1969 and 1970, that border the coast at Surge Narrows and along several kilometres of the Quadra Island coastline.

Having kayaked this area of outstanding natural beauty, the proposal to clear cut and log is shocking. To clear cut is nothing short of primitive and retrogressive.

When is this province going to realize that it has more to gain by preserving these areas than by destroying them. The game parks in "Third World" Africa have realized that they gain more financially by protection than destruction but this message has not yet filtered through to "First World" British Columbia.

Obviously logging is necessary, but having no legislation visually to protect coastlines is so very backward. Already BC has a poor reputation for its logging and environmental practices. Clear-cutting in an area, where visitors come from around the world to enjoy the scenery and what is left of "wilderness" is frankly incomprehensible.

One can hope and ask for the highest level of visual protection for the shore lines of BC, but if there was the foresight to do so, a progressive government would already have this legislation in place and this logging would not be allowed.

But then BC is so very backward--- so sad.

Sue Ferreira

#### **2.3.4.12 Jo and Troy Papa**

I am writing in regards to the logging on Discovery Island and want to show our support for preserving the forested shorelines around Surge Narrows

We have spent time here and I appreciate the special beauty of the Discovery Islands.

There are new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares Along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline.  
How will this affect the beauty?  
And why is this needed??

You have complete paradise there and I only hope to return there and take our

Children back to where we fell in love!

This is an area we both treasure for incredible natural beauty. It is a uniquely Accessible wilderness (& paddlers' paradise) adjacent to three provincial Parks—places much used and highly valued by kayakers, the boating Public, outdoor clubs & school groups.

How will the logging affect them?

Is it really necessary?

Are there any plans for special management of new growth or habitat?

Please reconsider the proposal!!

Kind Regards

Jo and Troy Papa

**2.3.4.13 Geraint Lewis FRCPC Assistant Professor University of Ottawa Ontario**

Hi Rory,

I am writing to you as a concerned kayaker and ecotourist from Ontario. My friends and I have been very fortunate to have had 3 kayak trips in and around Campbell River and have heard with dismay the proposals for logging in and around Surge Narrows.

This is an area we all treasure for incredible natural beauty. It is a uniquely accessible wilderness (& paddlers' paradise) adjacent to three provincial parks—places much used and highly valued by kayakers, the boating public, outdoor clubs & school groups.

Representatives for the woodlot applicant stated their intention to run these woodlots as a 'business enterprise'. They said they will follow rules; their other commitment is to the bottom line. Public process in BC now offers little opportunity for comment on logging tenure proposals and there are very few requirements to inform the public about logging on Crown Lands.

- I understand that , while there are plans and proposals that outline the business case, the available plans do not contain any information about when and where logging and road-building will occur, making it impossible to make meaningful comments.

We believe that :

- **\*Shorelines have not received high visual protection**
- There will be clear-cutting.
- There are no promises about alternative logging methods.
- There is no specific plan for special management of old growth or habitat.
- Nothing mentioned about pesticide and herbicide use.
- **\*Raven Bay:** A perfect camp site near Surge Narrows tidal rapids (recently *almost* approved as a public park – nixed by Ministry of Forests) will become a log-storage and barge-loading area.
- There will be logging and logging trucks along Surge Narrows Road.

Surge Narrows is very small island community, and will be hugely impacted in the implementation of these proposals. It will definitely affect our and other tourists decisions as to where we will spend our tourist dollars. In addition, given the current electoral concerns over global warming, it behooves us all to rethink our current attitudes to our natural resources. I urge you to also consider the wider health of our global community and deny this application for logging.

Sincerely

Geraint Lewis FRCPC

Assistant Professor

University of Ottawa

Ontario

#### **2.3.4.14 Ilene Silver**

Dear Mr. Annett:

Thank you for your courteous response to my previous email. Your response implied that the concerns I expressed are addressed in the online plan. I actually have reviewed the plan, and found that it does not address the issues I raised. Here are a few specifics:

The visual protections are not nearly strong enough – all shorelines should receive guarantee of the HIGHEST visual protection. This is not stated in the current plan. Visual protection is directly related to the value of these lands for economic benefit from tourism activities, such as kayaking.

The protections related to timber harvesting are vague and non-specific. Vague guidelines are included, but the actual determinations of individual areas will be left to the timber harvesters. This is NOT adequate protection. Protection is specific. SPECIFIC areas targeted for harvesting must be open for review, prior to harvesting. For example, the plan states “A portion of the red cedar component is selected for retention when found as an old growth veteran, mature or understory tree.” What does “a portion” mean? How can that phrase be considered a specific plan? Further, the plan defines ‘old growth’ as trees older than 250 years. Really, that is quite a stretch. Trees should be considered old growth at half that age. Additionally, why would you be approving the wholesale harvest of old growth trees in the first place, with ‘a portion’ retained? Old growth forests are almost gone. They are unique in the life forms that they support.

There is inadequate consideration to alternatives to clear cutting for the vast majority of the land under consideration. There should be open to direct, specific scrutiny and review of specific areas targeted for harvest.

Here is another example: How can it be that Raven Bay Beach, which was almost approved as a regional park, is slated to become a log-storage and barge-landing area? This alone is an indicator of the gross insensitivity to the land, and the lack of balance in considering the value of the land for recreational, esthetic, and tourism purposes in the proposed plan.

I encourage greater cooperation with local parties in this process. Individuals involved in the economic growth of BC through tourism are business people. There are imperatives of maintaining the desirability of the area for recreational and visual purposes, related to

the growing tourist industry in the area. There is more at stake here than the direct profits for this timber sale.

Finally, it is inconceivable that once these plans are approved, they are approved for 10 full years of timber harvesting, without further public consultation. Lack of input for 10 years of potentially irreversible destructive effects cannot be countenanced as reasonable stewardship.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ilene F. Silver

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**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX [mailto:Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2007 1:32 PM  
**To:** [IleneS@comcast.net](mailto:IleneS@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Quadra Island Logging

Thank you for your comments. The Cape Mudge Indian Band has been awarded a woodlot licence for 800 hectares in its traditional territory on Quadra Island. Woodlots, in general, tend to be managed on a low-impact, community sensitive basis. Before the First Nation begins logging, it must develop a management plan and a woodlot plan, solicit public review and comment on these plans, and then submit the plans to me for approval.

The plan(s) are currently in the public review and comment stage until Feb. 8th and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Cape Mudge Indian Band. However, the nature of some of your comments lead me to believe that you haven't viewed the plans. I encourage you to look at the plans which can be viewed online at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> You'll see that the draft plans have proposed management strategies for wildlife, streams, visual quality, recreation, shoreline management, biological diversity, log handling, timber management and other measures relevant to managing the area. In submitting the plans to me for approval, the Cape Mudge Indian Band must show how public concerns are addressed. I must also be satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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I just heard with horror that you are planning to decimate the coastline of Quadra Island through a massive clearcut. We have returned to BC for summer vacations for the past seven years. All of those trips have involved kayaking through local outfitters. We have spent many days paddling to and around Octopus Islands Marine Park and in the Surge Narrows Marine Park. The exquisite and rare natural beauty of the shoreline and surrounding forests bring us back year after year. Who would want to kayak along a clearcut and decimated seashore???



I had thought that economic development was critical to BC. Why are you not working with local tourism-oriented businesses and ecologists, to develop a sustainable timber harvest that does not destroy habitat and the local economy? These are not mutually exclusive, but they cannot be accomplished without local input and thoughtful discussion. It is a travesty that you have not engaged in this process, and are moving forward with a view to total destruction, without these considerations, and without critical dialogue with individuals who will be irrevocably affected by your actions. Here you have an exquisite natural resource that you are going to destroy for the profit of a few logging companies, let alone the destruction of habitat for multiple species, some of them endangered, like the salmon. Are you not required to manage crown forests for the greater public benefit, and not just for short-term profiteering by the few? At this point in time, there is no excuse for such ill-conceived actions.

Neither BC, nor our planet, can continue to endure wholesale destruction, without thought for the consequences. NOW is the time to move beyond this model, for a sustainable quality of life, for all.

Sincerely yours,

Ilene Silver

**2.3.4.15 Jan Lockie**

We respectfully ask that you do NOT log Woodlots 1969 and 1970!

I visited the Discovery Islands area a couple of years ago and was very impressed with the area. I loved the natural beauty and wilderness there. I hiked and camped all along Vancouver Island, spent time on Cortes Island, Read Island and other small islands, but much of my time was spent kayaking, hiking, and camping on Quadra Island.

Now I hear that there are logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline.

And I am so very disappointed!

Please preserve the beautiful forests along the Quadra Island shoreline as well as the wonderful woods along the Surge Narrows Road! This whole area is a readily accessible wilderness which is adjacent to several provincial parks. It is a paddler's dream and is used by boaters and outdoor clubs as well as school groups. It provides a wonderful sense of peace, and isolation and is valuable for educational purposes.

I am very concerned about whether the shorelines have received high visual protection. I love this unique area and believe that cutting these forests may well create economic issues for the area because people do NOT want to visit places

with logged-off waterfronts.

There does not seem to be a real plan to respect or manage old growth forests which are home to many diverse plants and animals. I believe that clear cutting is the wrong approach and that large old growth or second growth trees should definitely be preserved. Herbicide/pesticide use can cause its own environmental damage. What is the plan regarding use of herbicides and pesticides? Are there alternatives to logging? What logging methods will be used?

Please preserve the beautiful forests along the Quadra Island shoreline as well as the wonderful woods along the Surge Narrows Road! Please do NOT log Woodlots 1969 and 1970.

Sincerely,

Jan Lockie

**2.3.4.16 Jason and Lois Bulch**

Dear Mr. Annett,

I find it very sickening to think that this well educated country still chooses to "clear cut" for the sake of a few extra dollars. With all of the clear cutting issues such as, destruction of fish habitat from run off, slower forest re-generation, destruction of wildlife habitat, etc., not to mention "GLOBAL WARMING", ANY poor logging practices are completely unacceptable and irresponsible.

My wife and I recently went seakayaking in the Surge Narrows with friends. It was one of the most beautiful places we have ever paddled. We were really hoping to bring our children back in a couple of years, however, if this logging takes place I cannot say we would return. In fact, we will specifically seek out a vacation in an area that has embraced the need for change and responsible management of the environment.

Please, do not allow this logging in the Surge Narrows, Quadra Island B.C!

Sincerely,

Jason & Lois Bulch

**2.3.4.17 Juli Rees**

To District Manager, Campbell River Forest District,

I am very concerned about the Governments intention to sign tenure agreements with for profit logging Company's to use the crown land without specific provisions that would protect the interests of the community living in and around the area and other British Colombians who use the area for recreational purposes.

I understand that there are new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline. The proposals do not contain any information about when and where logging and road-building will occur, both are cause for concern.

As a kayaker and wilderness lover I have spent much time in the area and highly appreciate the special beauty of the Discovery Islands, the forested shorelines around Surge Narrows and the Quadra Island shoreline and would like to see protections to preserve this wilderness area. This is an area treasured for incredible natural beauty. It is a uniquely accessible wilderness and adjacent to three provincial parks—places much used and highly valued by kayakers, the boating public, outdoor clubs & school groups.

Crown land is owned by the people and as such at very least it is incumbent upon the Government to properly consult the community and the public and take into serious consideration the community and public interest in the use of the land.

Before signing any agreement I urge the government to ensure that:

- Shorelines have received high visual protection
- There will be no clear-cutting.
- There are arrangements for alternative logging methods.
- There is specific plans in place for special management of old growth or habitat.
- There be no pesticide and herbicide use.
- Raven Bay be approved and protected as a public park.
- Logging plans, new logging roads and logging truck use along Surge Narrows Road be fully discussed with the Community, and there be a fair and adequate mechanism in place to resolve any concerns or disputes.

Your early attention and response to this very important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely Juli Rees

#### **2.3.4.18 Dan Potje - Drumbo, Ontario**

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the logging applications being considered for approval in the Surge Narrows area on Quadra Island.

I have visited this area in 2006 as a tourist and enjoyed an incredible experience that surpassed my family's expectations of a natural experience kayaking in a beautiful area. I can assure you that the Surge Narrows area has huge ongoing potential for attracting tourists and offering the associated economic benefits to British Columbia.

Of course, this would be harmed if the appropriate restrictions are not imposed by the British Columbia Government prior to any logging approvals being granted.

Please consider the following recommendations:

- Impose requirements to manage the old growth forest to minimize the impact to the habitat, including the use of less destructive logging methods and restrictions on the use of herbicides and pesticides
- Require that no logging operations be permitted that are visible along shorelines, including the protection of Raven Bay near the Surge Narrows tidal rapids

I am making this request, since I know that only you have the power to make a balanced decision that permits appropriate logging activities. This will result in the Surge Narrows area remaining as vibrant natural habitat that will continue to draw tourists from around the world.

Sincerely,

Dan Potje  
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**2.3.4.19    *Lois Sanford***

Dear Ms Rory,

I just heard that Surge Narrows and Raven Bay, beautiful wilderness areas, are about to be logged with little or no public consultation. I am concerned, among other things, about the lack of clear plan for management of old growth or habitats; I am concerned that this government's lack of meaningful public process, not only in this case but as a rule in this province, seems to indicate its disdain for the public it represents.

I urge you to act as a public representative - neither you, the government you work for, nor commercial interests owns these wilderness areas; they are only yours to steward.

I have lived in Campbell River and have hiked in many BC wilderness areas where logging has left ugly scars and destroyed habitats. It is fundamentally wrong that such short-term, human, money-driven activities can continue to do such far-reaching damage.

Sincerely,

Lois Sanford

**2.3.4.20    *Louise and Dragomir Jovanovic – Sidney, BC***

We are very concerned to know about some recently presented logging plans for Quadra Island. We wish to add our voices to those who are rallying support for preserving the natural beauty of forested shorelines adjacent to Surge Narrows Marine Park, Main Lakes Provincial Park and Octopus Islands Marine Park. This whole area is a wilderness paradise for sea kayakers and the boating public, much used and highly valued by tourism companies, outdoor clubs and school groups. The tidal rapids offer excellent training (and playground) for kayakers.

It would appear that Public process in BC has been eroded and we have very little/no opportunity to comment on logging tenure proposals. There are no few/no requirements for companies to inform us about what they plan to do in the public 'crown' land areas identified. We know the new plans call for clear-cutting and we know that 'visual qualities' are receiving minimal protection.

Please attend to the local area residents who have expressed their clear negative reactions to the logging plan and who sincerely commit to the values associated with this area in its

current state, values which are economic, environmental, educational and spiritual. This uniquely accessible wilderness should be preserved as one of our west coast treasures! As occasional visitors, we recognise how easy it would be for this tiny island to be decimated by plans for logging that would bear even dubious long-term benefit to anyone. LEAVE QUADRA ISLAND ALONE! Pick on some area that has a larger population who could engage in some reasonable dialogue and find some rationale for logging that would benefit the local population for more than the immediate season.

Louise and Dragomir Jovanovic

Sidney BC

**2.3.4.21 Max Fisher**

As a person who has visited this area many times for its beauty and remoteness will be appalled if this area is logged and used as a log sort.

I have paddled around the islands, surfed Surge and Okisollo Rapids, and hiked through the lush forests. This area is home to, the trees, the water and the animals that live there. Would you like it if your home was taken away? You're taking away the possibility of enjoyment that I and so many others have experienced. These areas should be protected not destroyed.

Please consider these thoughts before you allow mass deforestation of one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Cheers,

Max Fisher

**2.3.4.22 Bernie McCaffery**

January 30, 2007

Rory Annett  
District Manager  
Campbell River Forest District

I was recently made aware of the logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of the Quadra Island shoreline. My family and I have enjoyed several kayaking trips to this area, and have returned merely due to the beauty that surrounds this beautiful coastal stretch. There are few places in the world that are left untouched, and this is what we appreciated most about the Quadra area, its serenity.

I do have a few questions about these proposals;

1. Are there any plans for selective logging? Or are there only plans for clear-cutting?

2. If so, will the clear-cuts be visible from the shoreline?
3. Will the Raven Bay campsite be preserved?

The west coast is where our family spends majority of our recreation time and money. Prospectively, we wish to retire there as well, and looked forward to investing our time and dollars into our future there. It is also safe to say that a logged-off waterfront will affect our family's interest in returning for future kayaking trips. Please just take a moment to think about what good this could possibly bring. Think about the habitat and the old growth, and the destructive effects this will have on them. I believe these proposals are short sighted and would ultimately prove short term gain.

We will not retire somewhere that is visibly destructed by clear-cuts. It is understood that selective logging is necessary for economic growth, and I would not argue that this sort of logging is more than acceptable. Please share in my long term vision to restore one of the most special places on earth.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bernie McCaffery.  
[bernie.mccafery@ber-mac.com](mailto:bernie.mccafery@ber-mac.com)

#### **2.3.4.23 Peggy Gerein - BC**

Dear Mr. Annett,

It has come to our attention that there have been some recently presented logging plans for Quadra Island that we have great concern about. In particular the forested shorelines adjacent to Surge Narrows Marine Park, Main Lakes Provincial Park and Octopus Islands Marine Park have provided a wilderness paradise for generations of BCers and if these logging plans continue as presented many outdoor clubs, school groups, tourism companies and the general public, like ourselves, will loose a piece of what makes BC 'the most beautiful place' and the most unique place to live in the world.

Also, we would like to voice our concern with the Quadra Island woodlot applications which would affect pristine areas, some of which I have already mentioned, and especially Raven Bay beach which was well on its way to being designated a park and could soon become a log sort.

As BCers we are so very concerned that we have little opportunity to comment on logging tenure proposals, and we plead with you to hear our voices when considering these plans.

Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration,

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#### **2.3.4.24 Richard Riopelle**

To: Rory Annett District Manager, Campbell River Forest District

I am concerned about some disturbing aspects of the proposed logging plans for woodlots 1969 and 1970 in British Columbia, and hope that you will require that the plans be abandoned or that

they be modified to require that loggers and foresters do their best to protect the environment, the forest and animal biota, and the beauty and public use of the area:

The process for granting logging rights in British Columbia seems to offer little opportunity for public comment on logging and tenure proposals, and few requirements to inform the public meaningfully about such logging on Crown Lands.

Some concerns:

It appears the Woodlot Plans will be legally binding for TEN YEARS.

Maps and four 40-page documents of the plans for Woodlots 1969 and 1970, at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> are confusing and unspecific.

The plans do not clearly define when and where logging and road-building will occur.

It appear there will be clear-cutting, with no plans for alternative logging methods.

There appear to be no specific plan for special management of old growth or habitat.

There appear to be no limitations on pesticide and herbicide use.

Public use areas do not appear to be given meaningful consideration.

Logging and logging trucks along Surge Narrows Road and Raven Bay, will affect a wonderful campsites near Surge Narrows tidal rapids, and may become a log-storage and barge-loading area. The camp was almost approved as a public park recently but was nixed by Ministry of Forests.

Please preserve the beautiful forests along the Quadra Island shoreline as well as the woods along the Surge Narrows Road by acting quickly to make changes to the plans before they are finalized.

I respectfully ask that you do not allow logging of Woodlots 1969 and 1970.

Thank you,

**Richard Riopelle**

cc's:

- J. Benner: Consulting forester for woodlots licensee
- Gordon Campbell: BC Premier
- Claire Trevena: Member of Legislative Assembly, and Quadra resident
- Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee
- BC Minister of Forests
- BC Minister of Tourism, Sports & Arts

**2.3.4.25 Dr. Roger Harrington – Summerland, BC**

To All addressees,

I'm writing this brief note to draw your attention that North Woodlot logging licenses may be granted for sites 1969 and 1970. There are many of us not from the Quadra Island who visit for recreation, specifically in my case kayaking. As I read the license notes I did not see indications that clearcuts would not be allowed. My concern is with the steep terrain of the area, clearcuts will be blatantly visible, spoiling yet another vista in this incredibly beautiful province. Further, it has been brought to my attention that Raven Bay a camping area for kayakers is to be used as a booming area.

These two concerns specifically will result in impacts on other industries such as eco tourism. Would it be possible to use more limited harvest methods and other means of removal than booming?

As a business person, I am not a "Green" but am hoping for some relief in this area so as not to ruin this splendid area.

Yours truly,

Dr. Roger Harrington

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**2.3.4.26 Philip, Ruth, Ann, Ross and Jill Coleman – Calgary, Alberta**

To all those concerned with the logging practices on Quadra Island and around Surge Narrows,

We are most concerned with the proposed logging on Quadra Island and around Surge Narrows. For the past 20 years we have been visiting this pristine area with our family, camping, kayaking, hiking, swimming, beach combing and just being at one in nature. This area has become our retreat from the ever busy schedules of life. It is where we come to renew ourselves, heal our bodies and spirits. We have come to treasure this place above all others and dream of one day being able to retire to the community that has offered such solace.

Please, when considering the development of woodlots on Quadra Island and Surge Narrows, consider this pristine beautiful area to be worthy of preservation. Returning to an area that has been clear cut is not something we wish to consider. The fact that there are three provincial parks already in the area show that others have found the area worthy of preservation. We are concerned and we care what happens. Please reply with the good news that this area will not be logged.

Sincerely,

Philip, Ruth, Ann, Ross and Jill Coleman

Calgary, Alberta

**2.3.4.27 Ryan Stuart – Courtenay, BC**

Hello

I'm writing today to express my concern about logging plans on the north east side of Quadra Island near Surge Narrows and Okisollo Channel/Octopus Islands. I've paddled and boated through these areas many times. Not only are they beautiful wild habitat they are a valuable resource for tourism. Sea kayakers,



whitewater paddlers, sport fisherman, pleasure boaters and wildlife tours pass through this area throughout the spring, summer and fall because it feels remote, but is easy to access. There are no big clear cuts close to the water, there's tons of undisturbed wildlife and the water is pristine. Let's keep it that way.

I'm not against logging nearby, I just want to make sure the logging doesn't impact this important tourism and recreation area. Please allow the logging but have them leave a large buffer around the shoreline and not use Raven Bay as a log dump or loading area. While the logging revenues will last for five or 10 years the potential for tourism revenue on Quadra Island and Campbell River could last forever if this area is preserved.

Thanks

Ryan

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**2.3.4.28    *Thomas Hopkins***

Dear Rory,

Last year I visited the wonderful wilderness around Surge Narrows, Quadra and Read Island. A beautiful trip highlighted by largely unspoiled natural scenery, a trip I wish to repeat this year.

I have reviewed the complex (to the layman) woodlot plans 1969 and 1970 and am sceptical of the logging impact to this area of natural beauty. The plans are not clear on the areas that will be affected, the methods to be used and impact to local environment and tourism. There seems little assessment in the latter areas. As a recreational visitor I am greatly alarmed that the natural beauty remains unprotected from these proposals.

I enjoyed the remoteness, tranquility and freshness of the forests and shoreline that will be spoiled by logging trucks, storage areas and deforestation in places I found of particular wonder. It would mark it as a place not to visit or recommend. Please consider the impact on the local community and visitors. Please ensure that there is no visual impact on the wonderful coast line and the venerable older habitat is untouchable. Please protect more of this area than that to be harvested.

Regards,

Thomas Hopkins

**2.3.4.29 Mike Sell**

To whom it may concern,

I have been on vacation in the general area that will be affected by the possible logging enterprise planned. As a tourist I can state for the record that the proposed project would end or severely restrict tourism in this area.

If tourism is of any economic value I would suggest you not continue with the plans to log in this area.

[Michaelsell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Michaelsell@sbcglobal.net)

**2.3.4.30 Tony Sanz – Vancouver, BC**

Dear Mr. Annett:

It has come to my attention that there are new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline under consideration.

I like to register my opposition to any such plans as I am firm believer that these unique and pristine shore lines must be protected from clear-cutting, road construction and alteration of any kind. Its a paradise for paddlers, tourists and wildlife alike. Lets protect what is left in this area. Its a place that is accessible for folk that can not afford big charter boats and helicopter rides to get to the wilderness in BC.

So, I urge you not to proceed with any plans that eventually will lead to logging but rather lobby the BC and Federal Government to expand the parks in the area to include this beautiful section of BC.

I am counting on your sense of responsibility towards your wider constituency of BC citizens when considering your next steps regarding the subject matter.

Thank you

Tony Sanz  
concerned BC citizen, paddler and taxpayer

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#### **2.3.4.31 *Jacqueline Smith – Nanoose, BC***

Dear J. Benner

On behalf of my entire family and friends I am writing to implore you to be effective in preserving the magnificent beauty of the Surge Narrows and Quadra Island area. Family and friends have been overwhelmed with the awesome beauty of this area while kayaking with organized kayak excursions and on our own.

We worked and lived for many years in the US and there is no match for the beauty and pristine waters of this area.

I realize that logging affords jobs and the economy of BC, but do we ever learn from so many terrible mistakes of the past ?

The fishing industry is dying out from over fishing, mining is waning as is logging. One of the few things left for BC to truly become unique and known worldwide for are our magnificent wild places. Tourism may be our future strong economy. Should we not be preserving every bit of this for our future generations and the rest of the world to be in awe of?

Have you ever taken a boat or kayak trip along the shorelines we address here?

There are old clear cut areas healing now but most of these areas are absolutely breathtaking. Do you intend to destroy a great deal of this for a few immediate dollars in your pockets and then leave it ravaged for years and years to come? Please take your wives and children and grandchildren kayaking or boating and tell them all directly what you are planning to destroy so that they have the chance to see it before it's gone.

I would like to think that Canada is wiser these days and will not go the way that the States has in terms of destruction of irreplaceable forests. You would think we would learn.

What will you tell all the European tourists who come in 2010? Yes we knew what we were doing but we didn't care.

Please preserve this part of our world. Your great grand children will thank you and probably build a park bench with your name on it over the Narrows and you will be remembered for good things---or perhaps I will.

Sincerely

Jacqueline Smith  
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#### **2.3.4.32 *Audrey Woodget and Betty Tonset***

It has come to our attention that there is proposed logging of Quadra Island in the area adjacent to Surge Narrows Marine Park, Main Lakes Provincial Park, and the Octopus Islands Marine Park. We have spent several summers in that area and am appalled to find that there are plans to log in that area. It is imperative that the visual qualities of this major tourist area not be affected. Also there are concerns re the wildlife and the streams in the area. I understand that woodlots 1969, and 1970 which contain large area of shoreline are in the plan, but if logged please take serious consideration to leave the areas adjacent to the shoreline completely untouched. Thank You, Audrey Woodget  
Betty Tonseth

#### **2.3.4.33 *Sarah Watson***

Dear Mr Annett,

I have seen with alarm the proposals to develop the Surge Narrows and Quadra Island coastline and carry out logging in this area.

I came from England with my family for a wonderful kayaking holiday with Coast Mountain Expeditions in 2002, in this area. We were spellbound by being able to kayak here and camp on the unspoilt coastline. We have been looking forward to

a return trip, but would seriously consider returning if this proposed development were to go ahead.

You are so lucky to have such an area of unspoilt wilderness, in a world where this is increasingly rare. I urge you to reconsider this development, and preserve especially the coastline areas, so that tourists from all over the world can continue to come and enjoy your natural beauty.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Watson

**2.3.4.34 Darla Keller – Lantzville, BC**

To: Rory Annett, District Manager  
Campbell River Forest District

I am a very concerned Canadian citizen with respect to the proposed logging proposals of the Quadra Island woodlot application which affects shorelines in the Surge Narrows Marine Park area, Okisolla Channel, Raven Bay beach area, Octopus Island Park and Surge Narrows & Main Lakes Park areas. I have visited this area several times and recently experienced a kayaking adventure in this area and it would be a disgrace to see the picturesque, pristine natural beauty in this area succumbed to the scarring of clear-cut logging. This area of the Discovery Islands has people coming from all areas of the world because of the undisturbed charm and beauty and logging this area would be an unthinkable immoral undertaking. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

Yours truly,

Darla Keller  
7127 Benwaldun Road  
Lantzville, B.C., V0R 2H0

cc: BC Minister of Forests  
cc: BC Premier Gordon Campbell  
cc: BC Minister of Tourism, Sports & Arts  
cc: Claire Trevena, Member of Legislative Assembly

**2.3.4.35 Bernie McCaffery**

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**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Sent:** Fri, February 2, 2007 9:38 AM

**To:** 'Miles, Melissa - BMHO'

**Subject:** RE: logging in paradise

Thank you for your questions. The Cape Mudge Indian Band has been awarded 2 woodlot licences for 1600 hectares in its traditional territory on Quadra Island. Woodlots, in general, tend to be managed on a low-impact, community sensitive basis. Before the First Nation begins logging, it must develop a management plan and a woodlot plan, solicit public review and comment on these plans, and then submit the plans to me for approval.

The plan(s) are currently in the public review and comment stage until Feb. 8th and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Cape Mudge Indian Band. I encourage you to look at the plans which can be viewed online at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> You'll see that the draft plans have proposed management strategies for wildlife, streams, visual quality, recreation, shoreline management, biological diversity, log handling, timber management and other measures relevant to managing the area. In submitting the plans to me for approval, the Cape Mudge Indian Band must show how public concerns are addressed. I must also be satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

In response to your questions (and keeping mind that the draft proposal by the Band has yet to be fine-tuned in response to public comment), I offer the following:

Their plans contemplate both selective and clearcut silvicultural systems based upon site specific management goals. For areas that are visible from either the ocean or roads keeping the viewsheds looking nice is an explicit goal. Based upon their current proposal, I would expect to see either selective logging or very small clearcuts blended to fit into the natural landforms.

Raven Bay is not currently a campsite or even used much by the recreational community due to the fact that there are existing buildings and a fair bit of material spread around by the previous occupiers. It does have considerable potential to be used for public recreation (probably more for picnicing, etc, than camping) following clean up. It is also the only potential watering point for several hectares of Crown timber within the woodlot area. The current proposal is to clean up the site to improve the recreation use and to use the existing road coming down to Raven Bay to load timber onto barges. I envision a barge landing at Raven Bay for a couple of weeks once every few years to load logs with little or no site impact and the area being available for public recreation at all other times.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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**From:** Miles, Melissa - BMHO [mailto:[melissa.miles@ber-mac.com](mailto:melissa.miles@ber-mac.com)]  
**Sent:** Fri, February 2, 2007 7:12 AM  
**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Cc:** jbenner@oberon.ark.com; Minister, FOR FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, TSA TSA:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; [okispac@gmsil.com](mailto:okispac@gmsil.com)  
**Subject:** logging in paradise

January 30, 2007

Rory Annett  
District Manager  
Campbell River Forest District

I was recently made aware of the logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of the Quadra Island shoreline. My family and I have enjoyed several kayaking trips to this area, and have returned merely due to the beauty that surrounds this beautiful coastal stretch. There are

few places in the world that are left untouched, and this is what we appreciated most about the Quadra area, its serenity.

I do have a few questions about these proposals;

1. Are there any plans for selective logging? Or are there only plans for clear-cutting?
2. If so, will the clear-cuts be visible from the shoreline?
3. Will the Raven Bay campsite be preserved?

The west coast is where our family spends majority of our recreation time and money. Prospectively, we wish to retire there as well, and looked forward to investing our time and dollars into our future there. It is also safe to say that a logged-off waterfront will affect our family's interest in returning for future kayaking trips. Please just take a moment to think about what good this could possibly bring. Think about the habitat and the old growth, and the destructive effects this will have on them. I believe these proposals are short sighted and would ultimately prove short term gain.

We will not retire somewhere that is visibly destructed by clear-cuts. It is understood that selective logging is necessary for economic growth, and I would not argue that this sort of logging is more than acceptable. Please share in my long term vision to restore one of the most special places on earth.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bernie McCaffery.  
[bernie.mccafery@ber-mac.com](mailto:bernie.mccafery@ber-mac.com)

#### **2.3.4.36 John Cronin and Jonelle Soelling**

Dear Mr. Arnett

I write to express my concern about the current proposals for logging in one of the most accessible and beautiful wilderness areas in the region. My concerns are about WHAT IS NOT CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSAL!!!

There is no specific plan to preserve the shoreline.

There is no specific plan to protect the view corridor along surge narrows road.

There is no specific plan to protect old growth trees.

There are no specific proposals regarding use of herbicides or pesticides.

It is proposed that Raven Bay near the surge narrows rapids be used as a log storage and barge loading area!

My wife and I (along with countless others) Have visited this area to

enjoy the magnificent and pristine beauty of the area each year since we discovered it. We have referred many friends to vacation in the area and enjoy splendid kayaking in an easily accessible area.

The impact on us has been such that we are relocating to Vancouver Island from the east and will be starting a business once settled. ( we have met others "from away" who are doing the same) We WOULD NOT HAVE RETURNED TO AN INSENSITIVELY LOGGED COASTLINE ,NOR WOULD OTHER TOURISTS.

Increasingly officials facing decisions such as you must make in this case are recognizing that there are situations where THE REGION'S LONG TERM ECONOMIC HEALTH IS BEST SERVED BY CAREFULLY PRESERVING PRISTINE FORESTS.

We urge you to place very specific requirements on this proposal which address the concerns we and many many others have about logging in a manner that does not address meaningfully: view corridors, herbicide and pesticide use, protection of old growth trees, and destructive logging methods. We know that there must be economic considerations in decisions about how to transport logs from the area, but I have to believe that when long term economic health of the area is considered there are less invasive alternatives than using Raven Bay!!

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration John Cronin and Jonelle Soelling

#### **2.3.4.37 Drs. Jack and Karen MacKinnon – Victoria, BC**

We would like to express our dismay at learning about the plans for uncontrolled logging (Woodlots 1969 and 1970) near Surge Narrows B.C.

***This area is an unspoiled (at least recently) wilderness and home to many species of plant and wildlife.***

We have repeatedly returned to the Discovery Islands for sea kayaking adventures and are very concerned that the beauty and ecological importance of this area will be spoiled for generations to come.

Could you please tell us more about your plans to ensure that this commercial operation will protect the local natural environment in this area?

Drs. Jack and Karen MacKinnon  
Victoria B.C.

#### **2.3.4.38 Jillian Blair**

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Thank you for your very prompt reply.  
I have scanned this website but have not studied it in detail which I will now do.

Sincerely,  
Jillian Blair

To whom it may concern,  
Please take a moment to read this email from a concerned visitor to this unique area of Quadra Island.

I have been fortunate to have spent time kayaking along the shoreline of Surge Narrows and other shorelines in the area. It is unique in that it is unspoiled. The proposed logging of two woodlots in the Surge Narrows area including the establishment of a barge loading and log storage area in Raven Bay is of particular concern. My question to you is, how much public consultation and information sharing has there been with the community of Surge Narrows and with those of us who visit the area regularly? Also, what affect will the logging proposals have on the shoreline and on the community e.g. logging trucks using the narrows Surge Narrows Rd.?

The B.C. coast attracts people from all over the world because of its unspoiled beauty. This is fast disappearing. Sustainable small scale forest practices, just as with large scale, must take into account the multipurpose use of each area in which the forest practice is carried out.

Sincerely,

Jill Blair

#### **2.3.4.39 Kathy and Gary Wolfson**

**From:** Kathy Wolfson [mailto:gwolfson@shaw.ca]

**Sent:** Tue, February 20, 2007 10:11 AM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Subject:** Surge Narrows logging

Dear Sir,

Two years ago my husband & I kayacked in some of the marine parks off Quadra Island, including Surge Narrows.

The beauty of this area and the abundance of all kinds of wildlife make this a special & spectacular area. We feel that logging this area will be detrimental to both the small community of Surge Narrows and the natural surroundings.

The environmental impact of non-sustainable logging cannot be underestimated, including erosion, run-off, loss of hunting & nesting habitat, choked streams, noise pollution, possible herbicide use, as well as the real danger to a small community from logging truck traffic on narrow roads.

It seems ironic that the B.C. government promotes tourism to our province with the slogan "Super, Natural, British Columbia", while at the same time allowing those very areas to be exploited for short-term profit. The loss of pristine wilderness only happens once.

We urge you to reconsider logging Quadra Island.

Sincerely,

Kathy & Gary Wolfson

#### **2.3.4.40 Doug Margerm**

**From:** Doug Margerm [mailto:doug\_margerm@yahoo.ca]

**Sent:** Mon, January 29, 2007 2:08 PM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Cc:** Minister, FOR FOR:EX; Minister, TSA TSA:EX

**Subject:** Logging Around Surge Narrows



Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern about the apparent lack of control that the government is exerting on logging activities on and around Vancouver Island. We have a country home on Lake Cowichan and it frustrates me to see logging trucks going through that town every two minutes. I know that much of the land on the southern part of the Island is held privately but the government could still exert pressure to preserve sight-lines particularly along roads such as the one from Mesachi Lake to Port Renfrew. This area has been largely clear cut even though it is supposed to be a tourist attraction.

I understand that you are now opening Surge Narrows to logging and hopefully you will exert some control on how this area is developed. I have done a fair amount of kayaking in Desolation Sound and it would be a tragedy to ruin this area for tourism as well.

For what it's worth, my political affiliation provincially has been Liberal until now, but I am seriously reconsidering this support both financially and vote-wise given what is happening to our local forests.

Yours truly,  
Doug Margerm

**2.3.4.41 Ron Depner**

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Depner [<mailto:rondepner@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Mon, January 29, 2007 8:11 AM

To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX

Cc: okispac@gmail.com; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX

Subject: Re: Surge Narrows logging

My name is Ron Depner. I have traveled around the world-- 50 countries to date. Last year I ventured to Quadra Island, here in B.C., eager to see more of my own backyard. What I saw blew me away. It is simply an awesome place, unique and special. I wish to return again and again to continue in its discovery and serenity.

To hear that logging is planned for the area is offensive to me. Tourism would suffer, the ecosystem would be needlessly damaged, the local inhabitants who sought the area for its beauty and tranquility would be outraged, and I and many others like me would likely be extremely agitated to see such a beautiful area sacrificed for short-term economic gain.

Please consider highest level visual protection for shorelines!

Kindest regards,  
Ron Depner

**2.3.4.42 Miriam Semeniuk – Kamloops, BC**

-----Original Message-----

From: Miriam Semeniuk [<mailto:msemeniuk@sd73.bc.ca>]

Sent: Sun, February 25, 2007 5:04 PM

To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Subject: trees

I was on a kayaking trip around Read Island and Desolation Sound a few years ago. I was upset to hear about the decision to clear cut and to cut at the Quadra Island woodlot. Do not send our pristine forested islands to the dumps. I live in Kamloops where there has been clear cut logging around the Shuswap Lake and it was not only an eyesore but a huge mistake with all the silt running into the lake each spring. It ruined our riparian zone for baby salmon and land slides affect many residents. Please don't do the same with Quadra Island.

Sincerely Miriam Semeniuk, Kamloops B.C.

**2.3.4.43 Amy McKittrick – Unknown**

**From:** amy mckittrick [mailto:amymckittrick@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Mon, February 19, 2007 2:32 PM  
**To:** jbenner@oberon.ark.com; Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Subject:** WOODLOT NO.1970

Gentlemen,

This is in regard to the proposed planned logging on Woodlot "W 1970" on Quadra Island. I am sure you are aware that the North Yeatman and Surge sites are extremely sensitive from an environmental and recreational view point.

I urge you to delay final plans until there has more consideration to those who live along and frequently use these waterways. We know that there is need for timber to be harvested and to employee band members but there is also need to consider the noise, air and water pollution and the visual attractiveness of the Surge and Okisollo waterways used by thousands of visitors each year. When you consider there are now two important recreational and scenic parks close to these two sites, it is imperative to have more hearings for those who use these parks and the waterways close to shore. Once the roads are built and the trees cut it will be too late.

Are there not other areas on South Quadra that the Cape Mudge Band can log that are closer to their village which will be more economical and attract the work force from the band members?

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration, Amy McKittrick

**2.3.4.44 Arnie Burdick – Unknown**

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** A. Burdick [mailto:[aburdick@dimentech.net](mailto:aburdick@dimentech.net)]  
**Sent:** Fri, February 2, 2007 9:15 AM

To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Surge Narrows logging plan

Dear Sir,

I recently learned of the proposed plans for logging in the Surge Narrows area. I must say I was surprised and am greatly concerned that this beautiful marine environment would even be considered for a logging operation. I have visited Surge Narrows twice in the past few years. My friends and I still talk about the natural beauty and wonderful feeling of peace we experienced on our trips. Does the proposed operation intend to clearcut to the shoreline? Is there a plan for the management of old growth and wildlife habitat? These are important questions. Please consider the longterm impact of your decision for this valuable recreation area.

Thank you

Arnie Burdick

### **2.3.5 International**

#### **2.3.5.1 *Steve Truesdale - Manor, Texas***

**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Sent:** Tue, January 30, 2007 3:29 PM

**To:** 'Steve Truesdale'

**Subject:** RE: Woodlots 1969 and 1970 Read Island Logging Issues

I appreciate your concerns, Steve. Hopefully, I can allay some of your fear. The accountability for delivering on the plans is primarily vested on the woodlot licensee, in this case, the Cape Mudge Indian Band. We have several mechanisms to ensure that they are held accountable:

- We have a Compliance and Enforcement program that conducts routine inspections, has the authority to halt operations that are in non-compliance and that can bring alleged non-compliances to myself or to our judicial system for convictions and penalties in the event that the situation warrants it;
- We have a resource monitoring and effectiveness evaluation program that conducts monitoring against indicators for each forest value. This group reports out on the effectiveness of the plans we review and approve as well as the effectiveness of our legal framework with an eye to continuous improvement. This group also functions as a conduit to the professional communities;
- We have Professional Associations for foresters, biologists, geo-specialists, etc. that can hold members accountable for upholding the public interest and also serve as forums for resource professionals to debate matters of the public interest free from the fetters that employers may be inclined to place. It is a legal requirement for licensees to retain professionals for advice on preparing and implementing plans.

These mechanisms taken together have been highly effective at ensuring that the standard of forest management is high. The key part of this whole piece is to get the plans right in the first place, which is largely around getting the balance between resource values right, and hence the reason for this public review and comment process.

Best regards.

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Dear Mr. Annett:

Firstly, thank you largely for the prompt and professional response to my email. I am grateful and truly impressed with the response and especially that you would respond to someone so far removed from the "land at hand".

You are correct that, at the time of drafting my email, I had not viewed the plans for the Woodlots in question. I could not get into the site at the time and actually it was not necessary for my motivation to write. I have read them at this time and printed them for further study.

I very much believe that the Canadian Government and her employees have developed a good plan for the proposed harvest. After years of cruising timber, surveying forest roads for logging, and watching hundreds of miles of heavy highway be engineered, designed, and eventually built, my concern is with the vigilant follow through of plan enforcement and actual site inspection thereof. A plan with achievable milestones that do not allow further movement until each step is completed, inspected and accountable is best fitted for projects of this nature. By the way, SOMEONE should be accountable for each step. AND, someone who is accountable for that person's accountable actions will keep everybody honest and moving forward.

My fear is that a tremendous amount of biomass will sluice through the cracks of a nebulous and somewhat ambiguous plan (whether it is wood, water, fish, views, or money). I have learned from my contract experience that if I don't spell out nearly every breath to be taken that someone, somewhere, will take the opportunity not to ask permission but to continually ask for forgiveness. The damage is done. How does one present a plan for variance to a scoped proposal if the damage is done. Way too costly for everyone to mitigate (and usually with desperately hard feelings attached).

Anyway, again I applaud your efforts and am grateful for your time and consideration in answering my email.

Best Regards,

Steve Truesdale

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satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

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**From:** Steve Truesdale [mailto:sttruesdale@austin.rr.com]

**Sent:** Mon, January 29, 2007 3:47 PM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Cc:** jbenner@oberon.ark.com; Minister, FOR FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; okispac@gmail.com; Minister, TSA TSA:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Coast Mountain

**Subject:** Woodlots 1969 and 1970 Read Island Logging Issues

Dear Mr. Annett and others,

Greetings to all and hope this missive finds you in good spirits. My name is Steve Truesdale, and I am a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Texas. My educational background is an AAS degree in Forestry and and a BS degree in Wood Products Engineering from the College of Forestry in Syracuse, NY.

I am writing to express my concern over the logging issues on the subject lots near the Surge Narrows in British Columbia.

We visited the area this past May for a sea kayaking adventure with Coast Mountain Lodge. We spent over \$5000 US on the most memorable vacation of my life. I have had the good fortune of some memorable times in the remote areas of the CONUSA working for the Forest Service and other times in other countries for the US Army. I must say that this area is absolutely, hands down, fantastic resource for adventure sports and particularly for the sea kayak touring segment of tourism. This resource (i.e., money from eco-tourism) must be enhanced and MANAGED just like any resource man has the power to control.

Logging is an essential industry for the civilized world. I learned alot of things about forestry in school and in practice ("better-faster-cheaper") but alot of that has changed with the short time I have been in the taxpayer's guild. I truly feel that the logging industry does a good job of working woods and can do even better if they are in partnership and combining some collective brain power with other users of the same and related resources. A policy of clear cutting may be necessary in some areas, but truthfully not very many places. There is always a way to selectively cut and provide for the other users through buffer zones, watershed protection, and view corridor mitigation practices. My trip around the Read Island archipelago was so memorable because of these practices. I know the logging was going on because I saw the loggers leaving the marina in the AM and saw logging decks and landings in several locations along our paddle routes. Some of the selective cutting areas were downright beautiful!!!

I am making the effort to implore the Canadian Government to stand tall and be proactive in managing the resource for all users. The tourism segment of the economy there is quite vibrant at this point in history and should be maintained for the long run. Allowing certain practices and policies to falter, or not be enforced, will ruin the resource and the considerable economy that both tourism and timber harvesting brings to the area. PLEASE SEEK A BALANCE FOR ALL WITHIN YOUR MINISTERIAL POWER.

The balance will tip to either side at times but usually only when we don't pay attention to how the scale is loaded.

I am not a citizen of Canada, but I sure wish I was!!! I feel that I could contribute to the local society and be productive to the economy. Canada is truly a place of what I perceive as a model of serenity and balance (with its share of controversy I'm sure). We loved every minute we were in the area and can't wait to again share some time with British Columbia and the people providing stewardship to the resources in the near future!

Good Luck and Best Wishes to you and the great folks inhabiting the area. You are fortunate folks indeed!

Best Regards,

Steve Truesdale  
Manor, Texas

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**2.3.5.2 Campbell and Mairghread McLundie - Bridge of Weir, Scotland**

-----Original Message-----

From: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Sent: Tue, February 13, 2007 4:35 PM  
To: 'Midge and Campbell McLundie'  
Subject: RE: Woodlot Plans 1969 and 1970

I sure will. Thank you again for your comments.

-----Original Message-----

From: Midge and Campbell McLundie [<mailto:mclundie@sol.co.uk>]  
Sent: Mon, February 12, 2007 10:48 PM  
To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
Subject: Re: Woodlot Plans 1969 and 1970

Dear Mr. Annett,

Thank you for taking the time to reply to our e-mail, and for forwarding our comments to the We Wai Kai First Nation (Cape Mudge Band).

Despite appearances, we did download and look at the Management and Licence Plans for Woodlots 1969 and 1970. We acknowledge the broad range of issues covered by the Forest Management Objectives in the Management Plans (e.g.

wildlife habitat, economic development etc.), commitment to consult with the communities and First Nations who have a stake in the area, and the positive strategies for protecting and conserving cultural heritage resources, wildlife tree retention etc. outlined in the Licence Plans.

However, we are not in a position to assess whether these objectives can be achieved through the plans as stated, and represent logging on a 'low impact, community sensitive basis'. Large sections of the plans are in considerable detail, and use terminology unfamiliar to lay readers like ourselves. For example, it is difficult to quantify from the plans what 'Visual Constraints for Partial Retention' means in practice, or by whom the 'strategy for limiting visual disturbance' will be developed and monitored. The map in Licence Plan 1969 would suggest that there are sections of the shoreline not subject to additional visual protection.

While we were visiting last year, we saw the effects of previous logging on other areas nearby. It is difficult to see how the infrastructure required to support commercial logging, albeit on a smaller scale, including the transport of logs on land and on water, will not have a detrimental effect in this case.

Our aim in writing to you was therefore to:

- (a) register our concerns about the impact that this logging operation might have on the environment and natural resources of this area, and its effect on all the local communities whose livelihoods depend, in different ways, on these, and
- (b) demonstrate how much visitors from 'outside', like ourselves, appreciate the unique beauty, natural and cultural heritage of this area, and could provide economic support through, for example, sustainable tourism.

We trust that, through the good offices of yourself and all communities involved, a solution can be found which meets the need for economic development, but preserves the outstanding natural heritage of this area for existing communities and for future generations.

(I would be grateful if you would pass these further comments to the Cape Mudge Band, to keep the record of comment intact.)

Yours sincerely,

Mairghread and Campbell McLundie

on 7/2/07 23:37, Annett, Rory FOR:EX at Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca wrote:

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> Rory Annett, RPF  
> District Manager,  
> Campbell River Forest District  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Midge and Campbell McLundie [<mailto:mclundie@sol.co.uk>]  
> Sent: Wed, February 7, 2007 2:26 PM  
> To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
> Cc: jbenner@oberon.ark.com; Minister, FOR FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier,  
> Office PREM:EX; Minister, TSA TSA:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX;  
> okispac@gmail.com  
> Subject: Woodlot Plans 1969 and 1970  
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> Rory Annett  
> District Manager, Campbell River Forest District  
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> Dear Sir,  
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> We spent a wonderful holiday kayaking around Quadra Island and the  
> surrounding area last September. We were particularly struck by how  
> untouched the land was, and the beauty of the woodlands which cover  
> the island and provide a tranquil haven within reach of those who are  
> not blessed with such resources.  
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> It is therefore with considerable distress that we have learned that  
> there are plans to log 80% of substantial areas of the island. We  
> have tried to read and understand the planning applications but as  
> neither of us are logging company employees nor are familiar with the  
> detailed planning regulations of the area we have found it extremely  
> difficult to understand how this work will not devastate the natural  
> beauty we so appreciated.  
>> While we both come from commercial backgrounds and understand the need  
> for economic development, we would urge you to either fully reject the  
> logging proposals or significantly curtail them to minimise the impact  
> the operations will have, particularly on the shorelines. While there  
> are provisions in the applications to limit the effects, there are no  
> specifics; this could result in considerable damage which in the eyes  
> of the logging company may be acceptable, but not to those who seek to  
> maintain the legacy of the woodlands as they are.  
>> The stunning natural heritage of this area, of which this woodland and  
> its wildlife forms a significant part, is the source of a growing



- > tourism trade of which we are just one example. Logging on the scale
- > proposed would significantly impact this trade and deliver long term
- > damage in both economic and environmental terms to this small community.
- > We very much hope to return to Quadra Island in the future but our
- > plans would be affected if we were to be greeted by commercial logging
- > operations.
- > We urge you to reject the proposals in their current form.
- >
- > Yours faithfully,
- >
- > Campbell and Mairghread McLundie
- > Bridge of Weir, Scotland

#### **2.3.5.3     *Bruce Coffman - Olathe, KS USA***

To Whom It May Concern,

This e-mail is in regards to the Woodlot Plans affecting the Surge Narrows and Quadra Island areas. My wife and I spent our second anniversary kayaking this very special area in 2005 with a local kayaking guide company. We live in the Midwestern United States, and although we have some timber in our part of the world, most of the land has been converted for crop farming. Being able to travel to such a pristine, wooded landscape surrounded by water with a coastal mountainous backdrop made the decision to spend our travel money here an easy one.

Although we have many wonderful memories of the kayaking, wooded-island sights, seals, starfish, bald eagles, etc., my greatest memory is of a no-trail hike one of our guides took me on at one of the islands where we camped, at my request. The descriptions he gave to me of the trees and other lush vegetation were fascinating, also explaining to me the presumed history of the island and painting a remarkable picture of a place (except for the few scars remaining from a few long ago downed old-growth trees) that seemed untouched from the outside world. That hike and the beauty surrounding that trip is the reason I am planning on returning this fall with my brother to kayak, camp and hopefully see some coastal grizzlies. The thought of this magic going away or being greatly reduced for not just me but for all money-spending tourists and current residents, especially for the sole reason of landowners trying to make a profit that only they can benefit from, is very sad.

Much like hiking and mountain biking trails need visual protection from logging and other signs of construction or deconstruction throughout the length of their trails, it is very important that this area have the highest level of visual protection for their shorelines. Otherwise the magic goes away, as does the appeal, as do the tourists such as myself and my family. Could it ever then return? Surely not in our lifetime, perhaps never.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts, and for your serious consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Coffman  
Olathe, KS USA

**2.3.5.4 Michael Unger and Antje Schrader - Munich, Germany**

To whom it may concern,

We've heard of new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect approximately 1600 hectares of forest along Surge Narrows Road and Quadra Island shoreline. We're fully behind any attempt to "sustainably log" to support the local economy but clearcutting down to the shoreline in such a beautiful part of our world and so critical to the tourism industry is quite insane.

We came all the way from Germany to circumnavigate the Discovery Islands this past summer. Okay...we can live the the clearcuts in the distance but logging in and around Surge Narrow is nuts! We came to see nature and we've left with lifetime memories including our engagement on a solitary island.

Please reconsider your actions. We want to come back and enjoy the nature we've come to love in the Discovery Islands group.

Michael Unger and Antje Schrader - Posener Str. 23, 81929 Munich, Germany

**2.3.5.5 Albert Rau M.A – Brühl, Germany**

Dear Mr. Rory Annett,

I consider the West Coast of British Columbia and especially the Discovery Islands as one of the most beautiful parts of the world. I live in Germany, but after studying at the University of Victoria in the seventies, I have spent many memorable days and weeks there, feeling more and more attached to this particularly beautiful area. Paddling through this breathtaking scenery and spectacular beauty of the Discovery Islands in 2004 is only one of the many activities I fondly remember of the past thirty years. Moreover, I have always taken a special interest in how this beautiful part of the earth is preserved and I have also always taken particular interest in the B.C. government's logging plans and policies. Years back, for example, I expressed my deep concerns when there was the discussion concerning logging Clayoquot Sound. It still is, as I believe, a matter of concern.

Therefore, I have felt my duty to express my deepest concerns about the new logging proposals that will obviously affect a large area along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline. I can only ask you to preserve the forested shorelines around Surge Narrows. I am sure that you yourself are aware of the fact that this is an area treasured for its incredible natural beauty. It is a uniquely accessible wilderness adjacent to three provincial parks—places much used and highly valued not only by me, but by kayakers, the boating public, outdoor clubs & school groups, in general.

Moreover, considering the recent publication of the United nations concerning global warming and the preservation of the environment, I can only urge you to follow a policy of sustainable logging methods, if logging is necessary at all.. By the way I am an

English teacher and scholar and I have been involved in Canadian Studies for more than thirty years. logging in B.C., for example, has been a topic in my English classes, when the need for the protection of the environment is on the agenda.

What are your plans for this area? Will the shorelines be visually protected? Are you planning on clear-cutting or are you considering alternative logging methods? What are your plans for log-storage, barge loading and transportation? All these are essential questions to be considered.

I am well aware of the fact that the timber and lumber industry forms a major part of B.C.s economy, but also the tourist industry poses an essential factor. If, for example. the shoreline and waterfront is clear cut or storage sites etc. catch my eyes when paddling this beautiful area, I really have to reconsider whether I should come back again

Again, all things considered, do all you can to preserve this uniquely accessible wilderness area, for environmental and educational reasons and I am sure, for economic ones, too.

Yours Sincerely

Albert Rau

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Germany

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**2.3.5.6     *Didier Palita – Avoudrey, France***

Didier PALITA  
23 la Fuvelle  
25690 Avoudrey, France  
33 381 432 592

Jan. 31st, 2007

Dear District Manager of the Campbell River Forest,

Last Summer 2006, on Quadra Island, while touring and spending a tremendous time on such a privileged place (I've been in numerous various places throughout the world and this one is a dream to live on) we became friends with a couple who have been living and working on the island for the last 30 years. They've been just alerted us about two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline.

If I take some time to write it's because I really feel concerned about the irreversible destruction it involves. Not that I'm against wood logging (it was my father's and grand

father's business in Picardy, North of Paris, from 1920 to 1985... and I have grown up seeing good and bad jobs being done depending on the areas).

Here, around Surge Narrows, the wilderness is such and so well preserved that it really deserves (fast) to obtain the status of a natural reserve, a protected area as you and we have in both our countries in order that special care is taken about all the activities pursued in such an area. I took many pictures of the splendid furs along one of the hiking path we used, with plenty of birds around. But it's also a place where we enjoyed the majesty of such huge and beautiful trees running up towards the sky with a tremendous straight body. It's just incredible and not so common. How come that you can plan disposing of it, not thinking that you are to wreck a treasure (as the talibans did with the Banya's huge budhas) ?

In some areas, North of Campbell and around Telegraph Cove, I've been shocked but some of the exploitations made. Clear and full cuts along huge areas on mountain slopes making enormous scarves. It's impossible that there is no land or mud slides in some places after such cuts. Moreover, even if trees can re-occupy the area years later, it's a real blow and visually awful (for me as a tourist) contrasting with so many beautiful places that you are proud of for yourselves and to show to visitors. Making money on wood logging is to be respected if the practice doesn't destroy and what I've seen in many places on Vancouver island make me fear of the worse to come for Surge Narrows area.

Please postpone the adjudication, and work with all people concerned (loggers from outside QI and all types of islanders living and working there) to find a way where the area could become prevented from destruction (especially woodlot 1970). In Paris, these 3 days, there are a world meeting about climate changes and it's time to invert the pendulum : we all need to be careful with the way we treat the surrounding nature. Its wealth is not unlimited. Taking out natural resources with no concern about its consequences is, nowadays, criminal... as nobody can ignore what is ahead of us throughout the world. There is only ONE earth.

Hopefully, there'll be enough voices raising up to convince you about the need of reconsidering what has to be done to avoid an irreversible blow.  
Thank you for letting me know what you'll be doing in the area concerned.

Yours sincerely,  
Didier Palita

**2.3.5.7     *Louisa Arndt - Marin Canoe & Kayak Club, San Rafael, Ca.***  
Gentlepeople,

I'm writing both as a concerned individual and as a representative of our 60-member Marin Canoe & Kayak Club. We are dismayed at the proposal to log some 1600 hectares of forest along the Quadra Island shoreline and the forested lands along the Surge Narrows Road.

This uniquely accessible wilderness - a paddlers' paradise - is much used and highly valued by kayakers, the boating public, outdoor clubs, school groups, and

the general public. Surely the recreational benefits added to the value of conserving a magnificent wilderness area for coming generations deserve high priority in the decision-making process.

There are also many unanswered questions about these two wood-lot plans regarding the specifics of the proposed logging, clear cutting as opposed to alternative methods, road-building, preservation of old-growth areas, the use of pesticides and herbicides, the impact of equipment and logging trucks on Surge Narrows Road, the destruction of the Raven Bay camp, reconsideration of Raven Bay as a public park, and impacts on the residents of the community of Surge Narrows.

We implore you to preserve and protect these beautiful forests. At the very least, we ask that you slow down the permit-approval process so that an in-depth analysis can be made of all the ramifications of these logging plans.

Very respectfully yours,

Louisa Arndt  
Treasurer/Membership Chair  
Marin Canoe & Kayak Club  
810 Idylberry Road, San Rafael CA 94903-1273  
415.472.1758

**2.3.5.8     *Stephen J & Susan M Klarquist – Portland, Oregon***

Dear Mr. Annett,

My wife and I live in Oregon, and are frequent visitors to British Columbia. We've made numerous sea kayak trips in your general area, and two in recent years to Quadra Island and surrounding areas, and intend to keep coming. We've done trips on our own, but more recently we've taken guided trips with local B.C. kayak tour companies (as we get older we need more creature comforts). The beauty of the area is what draws us. We don't have particular details about the logging plan, but would be very dismayed to see extensive logging or clearcutting along shorelines. It would negatively affect our experience, to say the least. We fervently hope your plan will preserve the scenic beauty of the area, and camping opportunities.

As backwards as we may seem at times down here (e.g., healthcare), when it comes to forest practices it seems that British Columbia is still managing forest lands as if it were the early 20th Century, not the 21st Century.

Don't take your natural beauty for granted.

Stephen J & Susan M Klarquist  
754 SW Westwood Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97239

**2.3.5.9     *Sara Watson - England***

Dear Mr Annett,

I have seen with alarm the proposals to develop the Surge Narrows and Quadra Island coastline and carry out logging in this area.

I came from England with my family for a wonderful kayaking holiday with Coast Mountain Expeditions in 2002, in this area. We were spellbound by being able to kayak here and camp on the unspoiled coastline. We have been looking forward to a return trip, but would seriously consider returning if this proposed development were to go ahead.

You are so lucky to have such an area of unspoiled wilderness, in a world where this is increasingly rare. I urge you to reconsider this development, and preserve especially the coastline areas, so that tourists from all over the world can continue to come and enjoy your natural beauty.

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Watson

**2.3.5.10 Peter Watson – England**

To whom this letter may reach.

I have heard about the proposed logging in areas around Surge Narrows today from relatives who live far away in The Lake District of England. They have come in other years with their sons to this lovely place and have shared with us walks through the enchanting forests and have kayaked on the surrounding waters.

You know as I do that clear cut logging is a ruthless way to harvest timber and that it may take eons for the forest to regenerate--certainly long after our demise. We were never meant to supply computer paper to the whole world from this small bit of heaven or let others profit who live far away and have no knowledge of the beauty of Quadra Island and the surrounding area.

I appeal to you to make decisions to protect these spectacular places so that they can be shared by others who will come after us.

Yours Sincerely Stephen Watson

**2.3.5.11 Doug Smith**

Dear Rory Annett:

Jan. 27/2007

I am writing to express my serious concern over recent logging proposals for two woodlots along Surge Narrows Road on Quadra Island.

The proposal is very vague and does not seem to address many environmental issues such as; visual protection of the beautiful shoreline, protection of the shrinking wildlife habitat especially in old growth forests, the use of pesticides and herbicides which should leach into the water system and disrupt the delicate near shore ecology, control of logging truck traffic, the destruction of camping at Raven Bay, and alternative logging techniques other than clear cutting.

I recently returned from a 3-week trip to Costa Rica and feel that Canada could learn from the environmental initiatives taken by a third-world country. Over 1/3 of the country's land mass has

been set aside as National Parks and rain-forest preserves. They recognized very early the value of preserving their unique and dwindling environments. Their eco-tourism industry is flourishing and is now their #1 tax generating, sustainable business. Many farmers are allowing the rain forest to grow back especially along their coast lines and with the return of the animals they are profiting from eco-friendly tourism, educating local populations and giving back to the land rather than exploiting it for short-term gain.

The pristine beauty of the BC coast is unrivalled anywhere in the world. Sometimes I wonder if we really know how lucky we are and wonder if you really don't know what you have until you lose it. Losing yet another old growth forest along an absolutely beautiful part of the coast (I was kayaking there last summer) will impact this region's ability to attract tourists, will create an eye-sore for the local residents not to mention the destruction of shrinking wildlife habitat. Why is the human species the only creature that destroys its environment? Shortsighted exploitation is the only explanation. I will think twice about returning if this project is approved.

I am a businessman and understand that we all need wood and the logging industry is an important economic sector however our coastlines should be spared. They are delicate, rare ecosystems and are one of the most beautiful and pristine environments in the world. I am proud to describe them where ever I travel and would be prouder to know we were preserving them for future generations.

Yours Truly

Doug Smith

**2.3.5.12 Andy Hall – Gwynedd, Wales**

Dear Sir,

Last summer my family and I travelled all the way from Wales UK especially to sea kayak in this area of pristine beauty and almost unique tidal rapids. You probably don't realise the special nature of the land entrusted to you in an international sense.....all I can say is that this place *is internationally special* and you should keep the coastline as pristine as you can. If you need to log it (and you don't) then please don't mess up the coastline.....it will never be the same again. You have a great responsibility weighing up the pro's and cons of these choices.....just remember it's on your head, and the coast will not recover. Tourism is your long term asset here, not logs.. you have those in abundance throughout Vancouver Island. It wouldn't happen here in Wales.....but we've learnt from our mistakes.....don't make yours!

thanks,

Andy Hall,

Headteacher

Arthog Outdoor Education Centre

Gwynedd

Wales

UK

**2.3.5.13 Robert Hanson – California Alpine Club**

Dear Mr. Annett:

I understand that you are about to approve a plan for shore-line logging in the vicinity of Surge Narrows.

While I have not kayaked this particular area, I have enjoyed sea kayaking in other coastal areas of B.C., and strongly feel that it is short-sighted not to preserve your magnificent shores from the visual scars of logging.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Hanson, Past President  
California Alpine Club

**2.3.5.14 Jim Wodehouse - USA**

Dear Sir

As a Canadian citizen and former BC resident, temporarily residing in the USA, I am appalled at the short sighted view of the management of the BC resources. I am referring of course to the logging of the woodlots 1969 and 1970 in the Surge Narrows area of Quadra Island.

I have spent many weeks in the area renting cabins, staying in bed and breakfasts, eating in the Heriot Bay Inn, renting kayaks and bicycles, and taking kayak/camping holidays with nearby tour companies. In short, I spend money in the area and RECOMMEND the area to all my friends here in the USA. But with all the other places to go for holidays from Alaska to Costa Rica, why would I go to BC and particularly the Discovery Islands, when it is being logged and defaced, and I certainly will NOT RECOMMEND it to friends in case they find the area defaced.

I am sure you will say that the beauty of the area will not be ruined by this logging. Show me by providing details on the Web of where the logging will occur and how it will be controlled, so the public can judge for themselves.

Jim Wodehouse  
email: [jim.wodehouse@sbmimodco.com](mailto:jim.wodehouse@sbmimodco.com)

**2.3.5.15 Dan Weston – Portland, Oregon**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to comment on the proposed logging plan for the Surge Narrows area of Quadra Island in British Columbia. As a long-time frequent visitor to the area, I can say that Quadra Island is one of the most beautiful natural areas in the world, but I will be much less inclined to visit, and spend money in the local economy, if the proposed logging is implemented.

Although it may be enticing to look at the short-term economic gains of logging these areas, I believe that the long-term economic prospects of the the entire local community will be significantly damaged by the degradation of the natural



landscape. A broad cross section of people on Quadra Island have been working to create a sustainable economy based on eco-tourism. Communities all over the world have come to realize that an economic base that preserves and maximizes natural resources is preferable, and more economically viable, than a model that simply harvests resources and leaves behind barren and ravaged local communities, which then require government aid to survive.

As a resident of the United States, I have often looked north to Canada for inspiration in governmental actions, since Canadians often seem to have a more common-sense approach to public policy. In this case, I would ask you to apply that good sense and see that the long-term economic health of the Quadra Island is best served by policies that preserve and protect the natural resources and beauty of the area.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Dan Weston  
2614 NE 17th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97212  
USA

**2.3.5.16 Clive Brooks – Brighton, UK**

Dear Rory,

Last year I visited British Columbia with my partner and three children and we had one of the most fantastic and rewarding holidays ever. We were all sorry to hear that plans were being considered to log parts of Quadra Island, under the woodlot applications.

I realise it is easy for me to say, but coming from a part of the world where there isn't much of the natural environment left, let alone the wonderful forest that you enjoy, I think you might just be making a mistake. Please, please make sure you consider the options and their impact long and hard, for once you decide to lose it, it trully is lost.

The natural beauty of Quadra Island is wonderful, don't give it up. We hope you make the right decision.

Thanks for reading this.

Clive, Natalie, Alice, Louis & Mary

Brighton, UK

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### **2.3.5.17 Charles Wenzlau - Bainbridge Island, Washington**

Hello Rory,

I wanted to express my concern about the proposed logging at Surge Narrows. We have taken our family to your island area multiple times and believe it is one of the most beautiful places we have been. I am an architect and understand the need for wood products. I hope that if this is approved it is done in a manner that will not harm the environment or the local community. I would probably not choose to return to this area if it were altered as I am concerned it will be.

Charles Wenzlau  
Bainbridge Island, Washington

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**From:** Charles Wenzlau [mailto:charles@bainbridge.net]

**Sent:** Mon, February 5, 2007 8:13 PM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX

**Subject:** RE:

Thank you for forwarding the information. It appears comprehensive. As typical with most projects, the proof will be in how well the guidelines are followed.

Charlie Wenzlau

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**From:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX [mailto:Rory.Annett@gov.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2007 8:40 AM

**To:** Charles Wenzlau

**Subject:** RE:

Thank you for your comments. The Cape Mudge Indian Band has been awarded 2 woodlot licences for 1600 hectares in its traditional territory on Quadra Island. Woodlots, in general, tend to be managed on a low-impact, community sensitive basis. Before the First Nation begins logging, it must develop a management plan and a woodlot plan, solicit public review and comment on these plans, and then submit the plans to me for approval.

The plan(s) are currently in the public review and comment stage until Feb. 8th and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Cape Mudge Indian Band. I encourage you to look at the plans which can be viewed online at <http://www.northislandwoodlot.com/woodlots.html> You'll see that the draft plans have proposed management strategies for wildlife, streams, visual quality, recreation, shoreline management, biological diversity, log handling, timber management and other measures relevant to managing the area. In submitting the plans to me for approval, the Cape Mudge Indian Band must show how public concerns are addressed. I must also be satisfied that their proposed strategies will adequately protect and manage the above-mentioned values.

Rory Annett, RPF  
District Manager,  
Campbell River Forest District

**2.3.5.18 *Eloise Bates - San Francisco, CA USA***

Sir -

Over a ten-year span from the late 80's to 90's, my ex-husband and I had four wonderful vacations in your province. Each time we were based at the Gorge Harbor Resort on Cortes Island, and over the course of each three-to-four weeks' stay, we spent long wonderful summer days exploring the Discovery Passage with our Boston Whaler. From the first visit we were totally enthralled by the quality, variety and abundance of marine and animal life, and the amazing water, islands, mountains and forests. Coming from the wonderful, but crowded and congested San Francisco Bay Area, this part of BC seemed like a Paradise to us. In my mind, it is still a place I would love to return to.

While my ex-husband was very much an independent, do-it-yourself type, my enthusiastic ravings of the beauty and unique features of the Discovery Passage prompted several friends to seek out an outdoors outfitter and operator for guided vacations in the area. They, too, returned several times because of the unique opportunities and wonderful ambiance provided by your accessible wilderness.

**I can't imagine ever coming back to see clear-cutting along the coasts of islands, or seeing industrial-looking log storage or barge operations in Surge Narrows.**

**Clear-cutting logging operations next to the shore will foul your crystal waters, diminish your wildlife stock, and destroy the majesty of your Paradise. Why would tourists want to see a wasteland created by logging?**

**Please consider these logging applications carefully, and mitigate their impact on beauty, wildlife, and tourism and the people whose livelihoods depend on it.**

Sincerely

Eloise Bates  
San Francisco, CA USA

**2.3.5.19 *David Berry – San Antonio, Texas***

I've recently read that there are new logging proposals for two woodlots that will affect 1600 hectares along Surge Narrows Road and many kilometers of Quadra Island shoreline. These proposals deeply concern me. For the last three years, I have vacationed on Quadra Island and on surrounding area due to the high quality of hiking, biking, camping, and sea kayaking. I deeply value these experiences. It is highly likely that I would re-evaluate the Quadra Island and surrounding area as a vacation area should logging leave shorelines without a high level of visual protection, mar the scenery with clear cutting, or reduce the number of ideal camping sites due to log storage and to barge loading.

Regards,

David Berry  
18207 Lemans  
San Antonio TX 78258

### **2.3.5.20    *Andy Buddington - USA***

**From:** Andy Buddington [mailto:abuddington@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Mon, January 29, 2007 5:04 PM  
**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX  
**Cc:** jbenner@oberon.ark.com; Minister, FOR FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office  
PREM:EX; okispac@gmail.com; Minister, TSA TSA:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX  
**Subject:** woodlots Surge Narrows

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Andrew Buddington and my wife and I are both Americans that have spent time sea kayaking, whale watching, hiking, and sight-seeing in the Quadra Island and Campbell River areas. We are not Canadian citizens thus we have no voting rights in Canada. But we do have a great fondness for the wildlands and waters of your great Province and country. Because of our admiration for the spectacular natural beauty of Quadra Island, Surge Narrows, and Raven Bay, we enjoy spending our holidays and money coming to your region and touring with various eco-nature companies. We write this plea so you will seriously consider what the decision to log the Surge Narrows Road woodlots will have on the continued natural attraction of your region for tourists such as ourselves. We definitely do not want to plan and spend our future holidays in an area that has undergone logging and ecosystem disturbance.

We understand that the woodlot cutting plans will involve clearcutting with little regard for old growth or shoreline protection. From a visual point of view, kayaking along a shoreline with hillslopes extensively logged is NOT visually appealing at all. We beg for you to consider the highest level of visual protection for the shoreline areas. We have also heard that the Ministry has decided to possibly sacrifice a special camping area, Raven Bay, for logging rather than park use. We feel this is particularly short-sighted when considering the long-term tourist revenue potential from people like ourselves. And the tourist dollars spread widely through out the local economy. We would pay significant sums to enjoy natural, pristine areas rather than go to places that have undergone such destructive practices as clearcut logging and coastal/hillslope disruption. Why would we want to spend \$3000-5000 for a two week kayaking holiday on Vancouver Island in an area than has undergone needless logging when we can go elsewhere to experience a pristine natural environment? The area in and around Quadra Island is so special! This logging activity will definitely have a negative effect to the natural setting that makes it so special.

Let the area continue to recover from years past activities and please consider the negative effects a decision to grant logging will have on the growing and healthy tourist industry in this area.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns.

Respectfully,

Andrew & Teresa Buddington

**2.3.5.21 Jim Nelson - Boulder Creek, Ca. USA**

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Nelson [<mailto:gardenmntns@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Fri, January 12, 2007 11:58 AM

To: Annett, Rory FOR:EX; Minister, FOR FOR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, TSA TSA:EX; Claire.Trevena@mha.bc.ca

Subject: Quadra Island woodlot applications

Dear Sirs/Madames,

This summer (Aug. 2006) I had the pleasure of a 10 day vacation visit to the Quadra Island area, including a week kayaking in these beautiful islands.

I was captivated and refreshed by miles of pristine, deeply forested shoreline. By kayak this wilderness is uniquely accessible and a rare and treasured recreational resource. You have a precious gift on these islands and kayaking, boating, camping, restaurants, and Inns were thriving and making a major, and sustainable contribution to the local economy. I am recommending the area for adventuring to my friends and relatives. In considering logging proposals, please give highest priority to preserving forested view-scapes along roads and waterways. Please adopt sustainable, rather than clearcutting forestry practices. If this area is significantly impacted by unrestrained resource extraction, people such as myself will not return. Thank you for your careful consideration. James A. Nelson

131 Camp Joy Rd.  
Boulder Creek, California, USA  
95006

**2.3.5.22 Stephen Watson - Lake Country, UK**

**From:** STEPHEN WATSON [<mailto:stevie76@shaw.ca>]

**Sent:** Thu, February 8, 2007 10:04 AM

**To:** Annett, Rory FOR:EX; ANTHONY WATSON

**Subject:** Proposed Logging in Surge Narrows

To whom this letter may reach.

I have heard about the proposed logging in areas around Surge Narrows today from relatives who live far away in The Lake District of England. They have come in other years with their sons to this lovely place and have shared with us walks through the enchanting forests and have kayaked on the surrounding waters.

You know as I do that clear cut logging is a ruthless way to harvest timber and that it may take eons for the forest to regenerate--certainly

long after our demise. We were never meant to supply computer paper to the whole world from this small bit of heaven or let others profit who live far away and have no knowledge of the beauty of Quadra Island and the surrounding area.

I appeal to you to make decisions to protect these spectacular places so that they can be shared by others who will come after us.

Yours Sincerely Stephen Watson

### **2.3.6 Ministry of Forests and Range**

#### **2.3.6.1 *Jim Simpson - District Woodlot Licence Coordinator***

WLP

1. Check licence naming "Woodlot Licence W1970".
2. I am the district "Woodlot Licence Coordinator"
3. WLP term?
4. Map;
  - 4.1 fish streams
  - 4.2 private property, lot 237 at Bold Point.
5. Mention Gar orders (visual and Recreation).
6. RMZ modification as per Reg?
7. Definitions of Visuals?
8. Please clarify Individual Wildlife Tree characteristics and conditions where they can be removed.
9. Consider use of clean gravel.
10. Describe where Stocking for specified Areas will be used.
11. Please summarise changes in a cover letter.

## **2.4 Revisions Made as a Result of Comments Received**

The Draft Woodlot Licence Plan was amended after receiving comments from:

- a) Public open house on Nov. 28, 2006 at the Quadra Community Centre where ten residents attended and reviewed the Plans and maps (Appendix II)
- b) Public open house on Jan. 8, 2007 at the Cape Mudge Band Office where thirty residents attended and were given a presentation and reviewed the Plans and maps and had discussions regarding concerns (Appendix II)
- c) Public open house on Jan. 31, 2007 at the Campbell River MOFR Office where seven members of the Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee attended and were given an opportunity to receive a presentation from the District Manager Rory Annett and staff regarding the methodology of VQO ratings and also discussed with the Cape Mudge band and RPF specific operational strategies; reviewed the Plans and maps and had discussions regarding concerns (Appendix II)
- d) Eleven local stakeholders that were either community organizations, private business or a local online newsletters (Section 2.3.1)
- e) Eleven local residents or families (Section 2.3.2)

- f) Seven provincial stakeholders that were either community organizations, private business or academics (Section 2.3.3)
- g) Thirty eight individuals or families from BC, Canada or residence unknown (Section 2.3.4)
- h) Nineteen groups, individuals or families from outside Canada (International) (Section 2.3.5)

The required amendments to the Woodlot Licence Plan for W1969 were minimal despite the numerous objections to the Plans received in the consultation period. The primary reason is that the Plans do contain all of the required elements that will give both the Ministry and the public the results that are being asked for, within the parameters of the Woodlot Licence tenure. A specific item brought to our attention by Sierra Quadra was the past presence of a goshawk nest. The research was conducted and the information received from Erica MacLean of MOE who led a long term research project on goshawks on Vancouver Island and radio tracked the specific female to the nest on Quadra Island. The recognition of the potential effects was inserted into Sec. 1.3 (Areas where harvesting will be avoided).

The Management Plan for W1969 will have specific additions that are a result of suggestions from the stakeholders (e.g. narrow road commitment by Sierra Quadra) that were part of the overall strategy but not articulated in the Draft Plans.

#### **2.4.1 Jim Simpson – Woodlot Licence Plan Review**

WLP

1. Check licence naming "Woodlot Licence W1970". [Completed](#)
2. I am the district "Woodlot Licence Coordinator" [Completed](#)
3. WLP term? [Completed](#)
4. Map;
  - 4.1 fish streams [Completed](#)
  - 4.2 private property, lot 237 at Bold Point. [Completed](#)
5. Mention Gar orders (visual and Recreation). [Completed \(Section 1.2 and Appendix III\)](#)
6. RMZ modification as per Reg? [Completed-added existing roads in RMA \(Section 1.4\)](#)
7. Definitions of Visuals? [Completed \(Section 1.2 and Appendix III\)](#)
8. Please clarify Individual Wildlife Tree characteristics and conditions where they can be removed. [Completed – Reviewed and made small edits \(Section 1.611 and 1.612\)](#)
9. Consider use of clean gravel. [Completed – Reviewed and made edits \(Section 1.7\)](#)
10. Describe where Stocking for specified Areas will be used. [Completed –\(Section 1.91 and Appendix IV\)](#)
11. Please summarize changes in a cover letter. [Completed](#)

#### **2.5 Community consultation:**

Public consultation was conducted through a variety of methods and over an extended time period to accommodate the needs of the community (bad weather, power outages and more time for discussion). The major dates, places and events are listed in Appendix II. In addition meetings were held or phone call discussions took place with many of the individual Local Stakeholders and

Residents and the correspondence is presented below. The Woodlot Plans and Management Plans were available in their entirety online at [www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com). In addition the specific response to comments are embedded in the letters below.

Most of the comment letters were addressed to the District Manager and Rory Annett replied with an initial form letter or subsequent responses informing the writers of the process and answering questions (Sections 2.3.1 to 2.3.5). Many of these non-resident letters received their information originally from an email letter writing request from the Coast Mountain Expeditions owned by Ralph and Lannie Keller (example from the online Tideline publication Section 2.3.1.11). The Keller letter contained mis-information such as the following quotes; “visual qualities receiving minimal consideration” and “terrible impact on the natural beauty” Consequently the non resident letters are full of outrage and threats of boycotting the area due to the perceived environmental disaster that the letter portrays. Rory Annett has done a superb job of explaining the referral process and giving the website location of the Plans where they can find the commitment to the very stewardship values that they feel are absent or threatened. The technical nature of the Plans limit the complete comprehension by a lay person but many of the second comments received do express an understanding of the Plans, the relative scale of the Woodlot and also the checks and balances that do provide a security and relative guarantee of excellent stewardship principles that this Plan and the band has committed to.

Consultation will continue as described in the Management Plan with all First Nations and affected and interested groups or individuals. Specifically all of the Local Stakeholders that have made comments and are responded to in this Plan will be part of the ongoing consultation.

#### **2.5.1 OPAC Consultation**

Okisollo Planning Advisory Committee  
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Jan 10, 2007

#### **Re: Public consultation questions on W1970 Woodlot Licence Plan**

Dear Sir/Madame:

I would like to thank you for attending the public consultation presentation and discussion that occurred this week at the Cape Mudge Band office regarding the Band's Woodlot Licence Plan and Management Plan for the two new Woodlot Licence's W1969 and W1970. The Band and I believe that the meeting has been very beneficial in establishing a dialog with individuals and specific groups such as OPAC. Subsequent to the meeting, I have received many comments expressing thanks for the meeting and a confidence that the tools are in place to adequately manage both the legal and the community expectations for consultation. The We Wai Kai First Nation has demonstrated a firm commitment to manage these Provincial forest tenures in a responsible manner that includes meeting all forest regulation and legislation. The



band is highly motivated to utilize the woodlot as a training and capacity building opportunity for its members with a mandate to establish a sustainable environmental and economic system. These commitments are primarily found in the Management Plan but are also in the Woodlot Licence Plan. A specific commitment will be included in the final submission to the MOFR that will identify OPAC as a consultation group for the specific recreational, tourism and visual landscapes on W1970. Many of the questions you have asked were answered in the meeting.

1. The public consultation process is a legal requirement but in the new world of FRPA and Professional Reliance, a new system has evolved. The Band has committed to an open door relationship and is willing to consider the comments of the public; however, it was made clear at the meeting that they plan to make the management decisions based on the statutory requirements of the licence.
2. The Liberal Government has tried to remove "social forestry" from all tenures. However, the inherent nature of a woodlot and specifically those located in our community has remained deeply involved. These "social objectives" include providing recreational opportunities through enhancement or construction of trails and harvest planning to minimize impacts to known features. Providing employment and contract opportunities to the community is another benefit. The Cape Mudge Band has an entire community of their own that they wish to provide these social benefits.
3. The first choice for log transportation is trucking to the existing Gowlland Harbour Sort owned by TimberWest. There are locations where the development of a truck road would not be feasible and in those cases, a landing barge would be utilized. One of those sites is the North Yeatman block, however there is a possible road access already built but deactivated that could be utilized once a new woodlot is awarded to the west of the block.
4. We do not plan to develop a log dump on the Okisollo.
5. Raven Bay is a log dump from the 50's and has been maintained as an access for log transport to a barge. This access point would only be utilized for harvesting the area adjacent to Raven Bay on the lower slopes. The trail reserve would be a no harvest/activity area. The impact of a barge site will be minimal considering it will be very infrequent and only requires access to the high tide line, which has been used in the past. The area would still be in the designated visual/recreation management area and would be given priority for maintaining a minimum disturbance for tourism uses.
6. The Management Plan details the calculated rate of harvest based on the growing site, age and stand composition for the entire area of W1970. This rate is 5,045 m<sup>3</sup>/year or roughly 140 highway truckloads a year. The harvest for the first five year cut control is expected to be taken from cutblocks that are all connected to the Surge Narrows Road and are not in areas visible from the water.
7. The public road is maintained by the Province. The condition of the road will depend on the emphasis that the Ministry of Transport and Emcon gives to the maintenance and improvement.
8. Each Cutting Permit (CP) is appraised using the Market Pricing System (MPS) and will be unique to the amount and type of development required (roads, culverts and bridges), distance to haul, logging method and then compared to the stand value from the perspective of a BC Timber Sales market logger.
9. The logging techniques will be site specific. Primarily the areas in the beginning will be harvested in the standard ground based hoe-forwarding (by grapple excavator), forwarder or skidder method. Other forms that will be employed in specific locations will be cable yarding using mini-towers or skylines where steep slopes and partial cutting are prescribed. In the future (e.g. 50 more years) when stands become more mature and more valuable helicopter logging could be considered or whatever technology is developed.
10. The Visual Quality Objectives (VQO) are all identified on the maps as Retention (R) and Partial Retention (PR). The rationale and other information is available on the

Campbell River District website at [http://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/DCR/external!/publish/CRFD\\_legal\\_direction/Scenic/Vqo/Rationale/](http://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/DCR/external!/publish/CRFD_legal_direction/Scenic/Vqo/Rationale/) and gives the background of the decisions that led to the setting of the VQO Order for Quadra Island. The South Island District website has a better layout for following the hierarchy of FRPA and the relevant VQO's: [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dsi/Stewardship/Objectives\\_for\\_Visual\\_Quality.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dsi/Stewardship/Objectives_for_Visual_Quality.htm) The Visual Impact Assessment Guidebook is from the Forest Practices Code era and is available at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/TASB/LEGSREGS/FPC/FPCGUIDE/visual/htoc.htm#cont> and is a good resource for the procedures and definitions.

11. We have not seen the need for Digital Terrain Modelling at the present. In the future if a specific need is seen for a cutblock in a sensitive area and the MOFR requires a DTM then this would be done. It is not anticipated as necessary as the size of the openings will be small and the partial cutting where applied will be visually neutral. I have been told by the MOFR that Valdez Road is an example of PR.
12. The reserve along the shoreline corresponds to the VQO Retention area. The Visual/Recreational management area is as found on the maps with all distances in horizontal measurements.
13. The benefit of this woodlot to the community is the small scale size of the tenure. With that, the needs of the community and Licensee are better managed through direct contacts and the inherent community values that Woodlot Licensees triumph. All of the work is expected to be performed by individuals and businesses that are local. As the Band members become trained, it is expected that they will become the main source of employment. Mike Craddock has been a long time contractor for the Band and is currently the Logging Manager.
14. The Band has committed to performing as a Licensee in an exemplary fashion that will see a benefit accrue to the Band and the community.
15. I will continue as the Professional Forester and will provide the supervision that enforces the approved Plans. In addition, the MOFR has the Woodlot Coordinator Jim Simpson who oversees the activities and then Compliance and Enforcement handles any infractions.

Please address all correspondence to myself and also the Cape Mudge Band Manager, Brian Kelly.

With respect,

Jerry Benner RPF

### **2.5.2 Quadra Island Forest Watch Consultation**

Response comments embedded in letter in red font.

Quadra Island Forest Watch

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February 7, 2007

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Attention: Ted Lewis and Jerry Benner, R.P.F.

RE: Management Plans for W1969 & 1970  
Woodlot Licence Plans for W1969 & 1970

The fundamental goal of forest watch is to serve local interests through careful scrutinizing of forestry plans on behalf of the public. Review and documentation are combined with an understanding of ecological principles and forestry law to promote environmental stewardship and social responsibility in public forests. Quadra Island Forest Watch has responded to TimberWest's and the Quadra Island Woodlot Licensees' Management Plans and Development/Woodlot Licence Plans since 1998.

We would like to thank the band for extending the time for public response and for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Open House. The meeting was informative and helped to answer a number of questions regarding the plans. However, we still have a few questions and concerns as outlined below.

#### Management Plans

- We feel the commitment to consult with the community is too limited. The plan notes it will establish a consultative association with the specific community and First Nations organizations that are active stakeholders about the forest management activities on the woodlots. It then goes on to specify Quadra Island Recreation Society, the Quadra Island Trails Committee, and the Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society. Though we are pleased to see these groups noted we know there are many other organizations and individuals that are interested and concerned about forestry activities. Including tourism, Sierra Club, Forest Watch, adjacent private property owners etc. Timberwest and the other woodlots have used wording that is more inclusive rather than exclusive and we feel that wording to actively solicit input from the general public regarding forestry activities should be included. The idea of woodlots and in particular woodlots in a Special Management Zone is to include the community in their planning. We would also like a reference made to consult with B.C. Parks as Woodlot 1970 in particular shares many of its borders with provincial parks. **The term in the commitment "active stakeholders" includes all of the groups or the general public mentioned above.**
- Retention of all old growth has been an important commitment to the community as far back as the days of the Quadra Island Forests Resources Committee. All other licensees on Quadra have

recognized their importance to biodiversity by committing to this retention. Your management plans however only commits to retaining a representative sample of old growth trees and we feel your woodlots, like the others, should commit to retaining all of these trees. The other woodlots have a smaller number than the W1970 and there may be old growth trees that the Band wishes to utilize for CHR. They are part of the wildlife tree strategy included in WTPs and as individual WTs in cutblocks.

- As well, other licensees have committed to retaining trees that exist in low numbers within their woodlot, for example big leaf maple, western red cedar, western white pine, cascara, arbutus. What are your plans for these types of trees? These are all part of the wildlife tree strategy and have specifically been added to the Plan along with more of the less common species.
- The use of herbicides and pesticides has also been an ongoing community concern. At the meeting Mr. Lewis noted that the band has also opposed its use in the past. Therefore we would like to see this commitment included in the plan. I would agree to include the ban; neither has really been used on Quadra or needed that much.
- Although there are no community watersheds within either woodlot there are some domestic water supplies, both registered and unregistered. However, there are no commitments to consult or recognize these users and areas in your forestry plans. Again, other licensees have and we feel the same should occur here. Where these exist, I am only aware of the two in Granite bay, I would agree to consult with the users regarding plans near there supply. However they are in riparian reserves and will not be disturbed.
- Keeping forestry roads as narrow as possible is another area that differentiates woodlots from TFLs. Will these woodlots commit to adopting this practice? Yes, that was an oversight of mine that is easy to add.
- SMZ 19 - We trust that all the original values and objectives for this special management zone will be noted by the licensee and not just the VILUP HLP order. I'll check this out, I think it is good enough to cite the order rather than everything else, will check with Jim

Timber Supply Analysis Report: We have a number of questions and concerns regarding this report.

- The silviculture system will be modelled as clearcutting and no thinning of stands will be modelled. How is this consistent with a SMZ and what we hope is the philosophy of most woodlot licensees - to apply a variety of silviculture systems? The model does not adequately simulate thinning so therefore the areas that have

reduced harvest constraints are given a percentage netdown of the area before the polygon is entered into the polygon data in the model.

- A 5% and 10% area netdown in each polygon for partial retention and retention VQOs prior to modelling appears to be a small reduction. This is SOP for all modelling done on the Coast and reflects the actual amount of constraint due to the harvest rate over a full rotation. The harvest constraints have been adjusted so that a further 5% area netdown for the entire THLB was implemented. Effectively this gives a 10% netdown for Partial Retention and 15% netdown for Retention. You note that wildlife tree retention will not be modelled as an additional netdown. How does this correspond with the commitment in the licence plan to continually be looking for more WLTPs? The model uses Variable Density Yield Program (VDYP) for the initial unmanaged polygons. This has consistently produced lower volumes than what actually exists across a wide range of site index. In addition VDYP accounts for areas that have areas of NP or low density. Another netdown used by the model is the use of Operational Adjustment Factors (OAF's) and are used to account for unproductive areas (holes in the forest) and losses towards maturity (pests) found operationally in new forests.
- An area netdown of 2.5% is applied for future roads. How does this correspond with the default of 7% for permanent access structures in the Licence Plan? The netdown for future roads have been estimated with the calculation of an existing road network or the right of way. The 7% is the maximum allowed in individual cutblocks over 5 ha, and 10 % for cutblocks under 5 ha. The existing roads are already netted out of the THLB.
- We are concerned that the THLB standing volume has a decrease from the current 250,000 to 165,000 m<sup>3</sup> and that the portion that is mature and contributing to multiple resource values declines from 165,000 to 5,000 in WL 1969. In WL 1970 you predict a reduction in the mature forest from 175,000 to 25,000. How does this sustain forest ecosystem structure and function within the woodlot? We feel that a sustainable cut for a woodlot would plan for more mature forest throughout the woodlot and not just within the reserves. As stated in both MPs the large area of reserves in both woodlots will be producing/growing an old growth forest that exceeds the minimum required for a sustainably managed forest. The model of course does not simulate the same method of cutblock design or silviculture system and does not have the ability to show the forest structure and diversity that will be present on the ground. It is a model and is primarily designed to produce a harvest rate based on the site index and the specific netdowns outlined above.

## Roads

- At the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, your presentation noted that the main hauling road access for WL 1969 would be from the Granite Bay Road using the Luoma ML through TW cutblock 12-51. Use of this road will require updating an old road presently located within the riparian management zone of a W2 wetland. We have not had an opportunity to look at this location in the field but plan on doing so in the next month. Every effort should be made to find a more appropriate location for this road. A precedent was set for relocating a road out of a RMZ when the old section of the Open Bay ML was deactivated and the new road located away from the wetland/stream. **The plan for reactivating the North Mountain Mainline has not been undertaken yet but will be one of the first tasks. The MOFR has confirmed that the specific section does not have to be relocated since it is already in existence. The Plan now includes the necessary statement (Section 1.4.1).**
- For WL 1970, your presentation noted that a road coming off of the Surge Narrows road would become the main haul road and that the old road grade going down to Raven Bay, due to gradients, would not be reopened. Please confirm this in writing. **This will be confirmed in the Plan.**
- For both WLs there are local and tourism traffic concerns. Consultation with the Granite Bay and Bold Point communities and tourism organizations should occur regarding hauling times. For safety, pilot cars should be used through narrow sections of the road, in particular on the Surge Narrows/Village Bay Lake Road. **The Forest District has agreed to the organization of a Road User Group that will engage the MOT and develop a long-term plan to mitigate safety, schedule road upgrades and maintenance. The solutions lie in a combination of controlling the interaction of logging trucks by pilot cars and limitations of hauling in peak times with the addition of adequate turnouts and unsafe corners and narrow sections. The CM Band will commit in the MP to working with this group and specifics such as pilot cars for Surge Road. An additional option that will be explored for engineering and cost feasibility is the connection of existing roads that are in W1899 so as to avoid log hauling entirely on the Surge Narrows Road.**

## Raven Bay

- You noted at the meeting that only timber harvested from the area adjacent to Raven Bay would be barged out from the bay. Where will the logs be stored prior to barging and how much clearing will be done to facilitate this? **The plan is to have logs stored out of view on the existing right of way with minimal clearing to facilitate storage.** It has been noted previously and at the meeting of the

importance of this area for recreation. As well the overall management guidance for SMZ 19 was to “maintain scenery/recreation and tourism values associated with shoreline, major road corridors and high recreation use areas, as well as maintenance of coastal wildlife habitats”. Ideally, Raven Bay has the potential for a recreation site for kayakers and trail users and in such a location users would expect a clean and natural looking setting. We feel therefore that this site needs to be cleaned up and a commitment from either the band or Ministry of Forests towards this goal should be made. **The CM Band has received a commitment from the MOFR that the cleanup would be paid for and undertaken by the government or contracted to the Band with local stakeholder participation.**

- Plan 1969 notes that current reserves and management objectives are sufficient in providing the habitat requirements for regionally important wildlife. TimberWest had noted in their previous plans a goshawk nest in Kanish Bay, which is known to government agencies. However Jerry, at the meeting you seemed unaware of this nest. Has this nest now been taken into consideration i.e. is it located within a reserve? **Nest was not located using the MOE coordinates. Goshawk identification will occur using field search and recorded call playing. If presence is found appropriate management actions will be taken. Specific comments have been added to the Plans.**

#### Areas Where Timber Harvesting Will be Modified

- For both woodlots, under visual constraints for Partial Retention, you note that where stands are highly visible a retention silviculture system will be utilized.
  - First of all, who and how will the decision be made as to what is “highly” visible and from where? **That is our responsibility as the Licensee; we have already received lots of input and will be consulting with the stakeholders in the future. Present harvesting plans will not be in the visual areas.** We are very concerned that this will be an area of contention between the public and the licensee.
  - Secondly, are we to assume that retention systems will be the only system to be used - no shelterwood or selection cutting? **All of the partial cutting systems will be available for the specific site and the outcomes that are prescribed for visual as well as operational feasibility.** It is not clear in these documents or the management plan if clearcutting is going to be the main type of harvesting conducted on the remainder of the woodlot, with a retention silviculture system being used only in retention and partial retention VQOs and selection harvesting only noted for use adjacent to the



Granite Bay Park and in the Surge Narrows visual/recreational reserve that contains the Raven Bay Trail. The majority of the woodlots are in PR and R, the remaining areas will have silviculture systems that will include small clearcuts and patchcuts as well as the other systems where prescribed as appropriate to meet objectives in that specific site. The Plans will have more detailed information added.

- It is very confusing for the general public when retention silviculture systems and retention and partial retention VQOs are referred to. Possibly defining retention silviculture systems in the document might help. A definition will be included.
- Granite Bay Regional Park. We would not like to see clearcutting (openings) right next to the small park/road buffer, both for visual and windthrow concerns. As above the site specific system will be prescribed when the harvesting is planned. Windthrow potential and visuals will be part of the assessment for every cutblock.
- Surge Narrows Road visuals – We don't feel that the statement "a retention silviculture system that will be designed and implemented to mitigate visual disturbances and meet the definition of retention" is a clear and measurable outcome. As these visuals are not at a distance but right next to the road we question that a retention silviculture system will adequately address the public's concerns and expectations. This is an area where a selection silviculture system in the conifer and mixed conifer/broadleaf stands could be utilized. Approx. half of the Surge narrows road has been placed in a reserve; the remaining half will have either a single tree selection system or a retention system that meets the legal definition for Retention VQO.

#### 1.5 Protecting and conserving cultural heritage resources

- The strategy under Traditionally used Plants, Foreshores and Tidal Marine Resources and Foreshore and Tidal Cultural Resources states that the Licensee or a First Nation's person can identify new areas for protection. Will only the licensee or a First Nation's person have this ability, or will the general public, government agencies etc also be able to identify areas? As the CHR are identified specifically as a First Nation's result and strategy the limitation is deemed appropriate. However the presence of any CHR would always be welcome information to the Band.

#### Raven Bay Trail Reserve and Telegraph Reserve

- We feel that the Raven Bay Trail Reserve and the Telegraph Reserve should be widened. The reserve should give a wider buffer to the existing Surge Narrows (upper) trail, should include all of the old growth trees presently located just outside of the reserve, the old growth trees will be protected with the management objectives identified in the Individual Wildlife Tree (Section 1.6.1) and should



include the location where the trail enters the park. A new access to the park can be developed through the Telegraph Reserve and the old access can be maintained outside the reserve area, the trail user can decide if they wish to use the upper trail in the working forest. Our reasons for this request include:

- Woodlot 1899, located to the south of Surge Narrows Road, has a reserve up to the 100-meter elevation - wider than what is proposed in WL1970. The reserve in WL 1899 was established just to protect the visuals from the channel whereas WL 1970's management areas (corresponding to retention VQO) are to protect the visual and recreation values. The VQO ranking was a MOFR GAR order (see Appendix III) and the relative geography is part of the decision.
- We do not feel that a retention silviculture system will adequately protect the "Visual and Recreation" features within this management area. Especially as these features are viewed up close i.e. from a trail not from a distant location. The actual Plan (Section 1.4.3) which gives a single tree selection system as the harvest system for the VMA will be able to protect features that are valuable.
- This section of WL1970 is located at the entrance to the Surge Narrows Provincial Park and will be the only land-based access to the park. The future development of roads will give more access to the different sections of the Park.
- The present Surge Narrows trail has been used for years by residents and more recently by tourists. Keeping the natural setting of the entire trail is important. The relocation of the trail on the Raven bay end was suggested by the Ministry, located and flagged by the Trail committee and subsequently used as the location for our planning. The upper and older portion of the trail can be continued to be used with the knowledge when an official Trail agreement is reached with the MOFR that harvesting activity will take place. Coordination with the Trails committee will allow notification and posting during that short period of activity. Subsequently the trail can be re-established.
- Presently all the other licensees have a higher percentage of their woodlots placed in reserves than the 9.7% that WL 1970 has proposed. (i.e. WL 0025 is 10.4%, WL 1897 is 20%, WL 1611 is 11.8%, WL1899 is 11% etc.) Therefore widening this reserve would be in keeping with the amount of land other woodlots have placed in reserves. The total is actually 11.9% when the RRZ and inoperable areas are included (Table 3) and for all practical purposes many of the low site polygons are on the operable margin and will either

be undisturbed or at least for a very long time. In addition the entire V/RMA will have very low disturbance levels and can function as quasi-reserves.

- It would be consistent with the objectives of SMZ 19 as noted above under the Raven Bay section.
- The Plan does give the priorities required by SMZ19.

We look forward to your response to our comments.

Yours truly,

Judy Leicester

CC: Rory Annett, District Manager  
Charlie Cornfield, Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Arts

### **2.5.3 Quadra Island Trails Committee**

Response comments embedded in letter in red font.

Quadra Island Trails Committee

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February 8, 2007

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Attention: Ted Lewis and Jerry Benner, R.P.F.

Re: Management Plans for W1969 & 1970  
Woodlot Licence Plans for W1969 & 1970

We would like to thank Jerry Benner & the Licensee for the information meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are an important part of the public consultation process and Trails Committee appreciated the time you made available for this.

In Table 1 and the Surge Narrows Portion Map you identify the Raven Bay Trail Reserve & Telegraph Reserve as Wildlife Tree Retention Areas. As well you show a Visual / Recreational Management Area. **Yes they overlap**

*It would appear that the line drawn on the map for the Visual / Recreational Management Area is the line established by the Ministry of Forests for the established VQO's of Retention. **Yes**. To adequately protect the Recreation experience of this area, both from the water and from the trail, we feel this line should be set at a higher elevation than is presently shown on the map. **No**. As*

*recreation is part of this management area the boundary does not have to mirror the VQO line. The Retention VQO style management practices will benefit the recreation experience. Outside the “line” the area is all partial retention and will provide reasonable protection of the recreation experience but still allow harvest opportunities that are practical, such as the harvest of the small but over-mature alder stands.*

We would also like you to clarify the type of harvesting that will be implemented in these reserve areas. Am I correct in assuming that there is NO harvesting in the Wildlife Tree Retention Reserve, **Yes** but there will be individual tree selection along the trail within the Visual / Recreational Management Area. **Yes**

The Surge Narrows Portion map shows both the existing trail location as well as the lower trail around Raven Bay, and refers to the Raven Bay Trail. It is our intention to establish both of these routes. This would allow for a round trip over a large portion of the trail as well as provide easier walking and biking access to Surge Narrows Park over the existing location. **The relocation of the trail on the Raven Bay end was suggested by the Ministry, located and flagged by the Trail Committee and subsequently used as the location for our planning. The upper and older portion of the trail can continue to be used with the knowledge when an official Trail agreement is reached with the MOFR that harvesting activity will continue to take place. Coordination with the Trails Committee will allow notification and posting during that short period of activity. Subsequently the trail can be re-established or relocated if that meets the mutual interests of the parties. The Band is strongly committed to providing excellent examples of small scale forest management.**

The lower trail closer to the water would also access the bluffs north of Raven Bay; this however would be more challenging and not suitable for all trail users. **Once a trail in the new section is built I do not think it will be any more difficult than sections of the existing trail.**

The trail has been known as the Surge Narrow Trail for a long time and is presently identified this way on our trail maps. We will therefore continue to recognize the existing location as the Surge Narrows Trail and will add the name Raven Bay Trail to the lower route. **We will make the appropriate name change on the map.**

#### Under Section 1.9.13 Resource Features

You accept default: WLPPRs.56(1)

“Ensure that forest practices do not render ineffective a resource feature”.

We would like the following to be included in this section.

- Where Forest management activities are conducted on or adjacent to the Surge Narrows Trail and Raven Bay Trail, the Quadra Island Trails

Committee will be consulted, specifically in regards to impacts on the trail feature. Defaults accepted mean there are no additions necessary; we have already made the commitment in Sec. 2.1 of the Management Plan.

The inclusion of this statement will, 1) allow the licensee and our committee to limit potential concerns from the public that may occur when harvesting or road construction plans take place in close proximity with recreation areas. 2) The committee has adequate time to post signs to warn trail users of localized harvesting operations.

TimberWest and other Woodlot Licensees that have trails within their operating areas have already agreed to this.

We agree that this will make for an efficient and harmonious management of the trail and have added a commitment specific to this in the Management Plan.

After receiving approval of the Management Plan and Forest License Plan we would like to walk the trail with you so as to clearly locate the position of the trail in relation to the Recreation Management Area boundary that is established.

We agree.

Yours truly,

Richard Leicester

Chairman Quadra Island Trails Committee

CC: Rory Annett, District Manager  
Charlie Cornfield, Ministry of Tourism, Sports & Arts

## **2.6 Efforts Made to Meet With First Nations**

Art Wilson (Cape Mudge Band Member) of the Hamatla Treaty Society Office and Jerry Benner RPF made the contacts and referrals for the First Nation's information sharing. The Plans were presented to the Campbell River, Homalco and Klahoose Bands (Information sharing letters in Appendix V).

The Hamatla Treaty Society responded with a letter (Appendix V) urging the immediate approval of the W1969 and W1970 Plans. Co-operation was offered and will be accepted in the event of an archaeological find and the resulting necessary protocol to follow.

The Homalco Band has responded with a letter (Appendix V) from Chief Darren Blaney who reviewed the Plans and has no concerns regarding the content. The Band was pleased to see particular interest given to protection of Cultural and heritage Resources and requested notification if such a resource is discovered in operations or planning. The Cape Mudge Band maintains this commitment to all the First Nation's whose territories exist within the Woodlot Licence.

The Klahoose Band was contacted and the Treaty Office Manager Kathy Francis replied that they will defer comments to the Homalco Band. Chief Hansen noted their appreciate for the commitments made regarding the protection of the Cultural Heritage Sites. A letter to that affect and signed by Chief Hansen was received by email (Appendix V).

## **2.7 EXEMPTIONS**

An exemption for measures to mitigate effect of removing natural range barriers is applied for in this Woodlot Licence Plan due to the inapplicability.

### **3 APPENDICES**

Appendix I    Schedule B (Crown) Map

Appendix II   Public Open House Sign-Up And Comment Form

Appendix III   Government Actions Regulation and Visual Quality Objective Definitions

Appendix IV   Stocking Information for Specified Areas

Appendix V    First Nations Referral Letters

### **3.1 Appendix I      Schedule B (Crown) Map**

### 3.2 Appendix II Public Open House Sign-Up And Comment Form

#### 3.2.1 Public Open House – Quadra Island Community Centre - Dec. 28, 2006

#### 3.2 Appendix II Public Open House Sign-Up And Comment Form

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Public Open House – Cape Mudge Band Office – Jan. 8, 2007-02-07

Public Consultation Meeting

Jan. 8, 2007

W1970 + W1969

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**Public Open House – MOFR Campbell River District Office – Jan. 31, 2007**

Campbell River MOFR District Office

Meeting Sign-in Sheet Jan. 31, 2007

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**3.3 Appendix III Government Actions Regulation and Visual  
Quality Objective Definitions**  
**3.3.1 CRFD VQO Order**



File: 16290-20

December 14, 2005

Dear Reader:

**Establishment of Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives  
for the Campbell River Forest District**

Pursuant to Section 2(2)(a) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, I have been delegated the authority to establish scenic areas and visual quality objectives.

Pursuant to Section 7(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation (GAR)*, I hereby establish scenic areas for the Campbell River Forest District (CRFD) as depicted by all polygons that have a designated visual quality objective on the attached maps, numbered 1 through 7, titled *Campbell River Forest District - Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives*, December 14, 2005. These scenic areas reflect adjustments and corrections to the scenic areas originally made known in my letters of October 2, 2001, and February 26, 2003.



Also, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the *GAR*, I hereby establish visual quality objectives (VQOs) for the Campbell River Forest District as shown on the attached maps, numbered 1 through 7, titled *Campbell River Forest District - Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives*, December 14, 2005. These VQOs cancel and replace those established under the Sayward Landscape Unit Plan on February 26, 2003, as well as the October 2, 2001, visual quality classes which were continued as VQOs pursuant to Section 17 of the *GAR*.

These VQOs apply as mapped to all Crown lands in the CRFD, and also as mapped to all Schedule A private lands forming part of *Forest Act* tenures in the CRFD.

Yours truly,

Rory Annett, R.P.F.  
District Manager  
Campbell River Forest District

Attachments: *Campbell River Forest District - Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives*, maps 1 through 7, December 14, 2005

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December 14, 2005

**Subject: Determination Rationale for the December 14, 2005 Order to Establish Scenic Areas and Visual Quality Objectives for the Campbell River Forest District**

### Authority

Authority to establish scenic areas under Section 7(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (GAR) has been delegated from the Minister of Agriculture and Lands to District Managers, Ministry of Forests and Range (MoFR) in a letter dated November 21, 2005.

Authority to establish visual quality objectives under Section 7(2) of the GAR has been delegated from the Minister of Forests and Range to District Managers for the MoFR in a Memorandum dated May 31, 2005.

### Legislation

Sections 2, 3, 4 and 7 of the *Government Actions Regulation* provide specific guidance for completion of this Visual Quality Objectives (VQO) Order.

### General Background and Planning Context

Planning for visual landscape management has been ongoing for some time in this district and has been the subject of repeated public consultation over the years. These issues were reviewed under the Quadra Plan of 1990 and the Western Strathcona Local Advisory Council report of 1991. Subsequent to this, the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP) of 2000 provided general direction for visual landscape management

throughout the plan area and more specific direction within Special Management Zones where visuals were identified as a primary objective or value.

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My letter, and map, of October 2, 2001, set out scenic areas with recommended visual quality classes for the Campbell River Forest District. Around the same time and subsequent to my October 2, 2001, letter, visual landscape inventories (VLI) were updated for most TFLs in this district. The net outcome was that two parallel standards emerged for visual landscape management in this district which led to confusion over how the standards should apply in operational planning.

My express purpose in completing this Order is to establish one clear standard for visual landscape management in this district which incorporates the most recent inventory information and which fully considers the range of public interests regarding visual landscape management.

#### Information Sources Considered

- Quadra Plan, 1993
  - Report from the Western Strathcona Local Advisory Committee, 1990
  - Vancouver Island Land Use Plan, 2000
  - Sayward Landscape Unit Plan, 2003
  - Nootka Coastal Land Use Plan, 2001
  - Kyuquot Coastal Plan, 2003
  - Johnstone-Bute Coastal Plan, 2004 Draft
  - Sensitive Area designations for Hyacinthe Point, Heriot Ridge, Saltwater Lagoon, and Nootka Trail, 2003
  - Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plan (CCLRMP) – working draft of visual resource management regime
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- Visual Landscape Design Training Manual, Ministry of Forests, 1994
  - Visual landscape inventories and updates for the Strathcona TSA and for those portions of TFLs 19, 25, 39, 45 and 47 within the Campbell River Forest District
  - Consultation with visual landscape specialists (both within and outside government), forest licensee representatives, tourism operators, environmental organizations and members of the public.
  - CRFD VQO Order - Summary of Public Input Comments

All of the above-cited information sources were subject to public review and comment as they were being completed.

#### Summary of Consultation and Public Advertising

Starting in early 2004, my staff met both individually and as a large group, with TFL holders to review TFL visual landscape inventories and discuss the process for completing this Order.

The TSA visual landscape inventory was sent out to licensees for pre-advertising review on May 12, 2005, requesting comments by the end of the month – no comments were received in response.

Following this consultation, the VQOs proposed for this district were compiled onto one map which was then advertised for public review and comment starting June 1, 2005, and officially ending on July 29, 2005. In addition to advertising in local newspapers, letters  
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requesting review and comment were sent to all district licensees, First Nations, local communities, and members of the public who were known to have an interest in this issue.

A number of parties expressed concern that insufficient time had been allowed for comment. In response, my staff informally extended the timeline for response until early December 2005 (5 months + in total). In addition to two open houses held in July, there were many e-mails and letters exchanged, several field trips and numerous meetings including an all-licensee meeting on August 17, two large group meetings at the Stuart/Sonora Island area, and one large group meeting on Quadra Island.

#### Review of Comments Received

All comments received during the course of this process have been summarized in a document titled CRFD VQO Order – Summary of Public Input which includes general and site-specific comments.

#### TFL 19:

My staff worked with Western Forest Products (WFP) staff in 2004 to review the TFL 19 visual landscape inventory and reach general agreement on the polygons and VQO classes which would be advertised for review. This general agreement was reached by October of 2004.

Once the formal review and comment process began in June of 2005, WFP staff provided additional advice on the VQO establishment process. In addition to a number of general comments about this process, WFP staff also requested less constraining VQOs for Little Espinosa Inlet, Tahsis and Zeballos Inlets, all areas with fishing closures, Tlupana Inlet including Valdez Bay, Zeballos Lake and Muchalat Lake.

BC Timber Sales (BCTS), which has operations within TFL 19, also requested a relaxation of proposed visual constraints in the Burman River/Matchlee Bay area.

There were no responses received from the public, tourism operators, or First Nations regarding proposed VQOs within TFL 19.

In response to these concerns, final VQOs were adjusted to reduce visual constraints for portions of the Matchlee Bay, Zeballos Lake, and Hisnit Inlet. These changes were made to areas anticipated to have less prominent views or lower recreational user

levels/expectations. Prior to considering any further changes requested by WFP, I am of the view that further canvassing of local communities and user groups is required.

TFL 25:

My staff also worked with WFP staff in 2004 to review the TFL 25 visual landscape inventory and reach general agreement on the polygons and VQO classes which would be advertised for review. This general agreement was reached by October of 2004. Subject  
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Specific to Block 2 of TFL 25, WFP generally advised that district should not establish VQOs over that area given the new visuals regime proposed under the CCLRMP. WFP provided no site-specific comments about Blocks 2 or 3 of TFL 25.

Block 3 of TFL 25 is now managed by BCTS and their staff requested that an area of upper Tiessum Creek mapped as Partial Retention be changed to Modification VQO. This request was supported by digital terrain modelling which illustrated to my satisfaction that views from the Johnstone Strait would be brief enough and distant enough to warrant the change to Modification VQO.

There were no responses received from the public, tourism operators, or First Nations regarding VQOs proposed for Blocks 2 or 3 of TFL 25.

TFL 39:

My staff worked with Weyerhaeuser (now Cascadia) staff, starting in early 2004, to review the existing inventory to assess its suitability for use in establishing VQOs. After this review, Cascadia staff elected to have an update done for the inventory in Block 2 to refine VQOs proposed in the Schoen-Strathcona SMZ (Victoria Peak) and along Highway 19. This updated inventory was submitted to our office in January of 2005 and following review by my staff was accepted for use in this process as submitted.

In part, the reinventory of Highway 19 was responding to concerns raised by the Forest Practices Board in their recent audit of harvest performance in visually sensitive areas for the Campbell River Forest District. Harvesting along the highway edge was noted as an area requiring additional planning and relating to this, one key issue was whether scenic areas and VQOs should be based upon a hypothetical “trees down” model (i.e. all trees along the roadside removed) or a “trees up” model (i.e. all trees along the roadside retained).

In practical terms, application of the “trees down” model would identify all areas of potentially scenic landscape – thus providing greater certainty for scenic values – but would also result in a much larger area mapped as scenic and this in turn could lead to additional, perhaps unnecessary, constraints to modelled timber supplies and subsequent reductions in allowable harvest levels. Conversely, the “trees up” model more closely approximates current visibility and maintains constraints to timber supplies more in line with current expectations however, this carries some risk to scenic landscape values if critical (i.e. vegetative) screens are not well managed.



In their review comments, Cascadia expressed a preference that we focus upon design considerations rather than percentage alteration values when assigning VQOs within the Highway 19 corridor.

BCTS recently assumed management responsibility of that portion of TFL 39 within the Tsitika and Eve River watersheds and they inquired what direction would be provided for management of the highway corridor.

Two comments were received from the public regarding VQOs proposed within Block 2 of TFL 39. One member of the public expressed concern with the appearance of harvesting along Highway 19, while the second writer requested the maintenance of a 60 metre buffer on Subject Page 5 of 15

the north side of the White River Mainline where it is adjacent to White River Provincial Park.

One tourism sector writer requested economic tourism zone in the Johnstone Straits, including a part of TFL 39 - Block 5, however no site-specific comments were provided.

No comments were received from First Nations regarding proposed VQOs within TFL 39.

In consideration of the input received, I have decided to establish VQOs for TFL 39 as submitted by Cascadia, including a number of minor edits to the VQOs previously established within TFL 39 under the Sayward Landscape Unit Plan.

Specific to the VQOs I have assigned to the Highway 19 corridor, I am mindful that the definitions for categories of visually altered forest landscape (VQOs) described in Section 1.1 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation was not designed to apply to the management of foreground views. I am also mindful that there is a need to address the issue of roadside visual management and that the tools provided in the FRPA need to be adapted to fit the circumstances. The existing VQO management regime was designed to manage views in mid-ground and background areas and this issue highlights the need for additional research and public perception studies of acceptable levels and patterns of visual alteration in foreground viewing areas. Forest Practices Branch staff have such studies underway however it may be one to two years before the final results are available. I have discussed this matter further under the Implementation section of this Rationale.

#### TFL 45:

“Pre-consultation review” of the 2001 visual landscape inventory for TFL 45 commenced in early 2004 and as a result, some changes were made to reclassify polygons in the Loughborough Inlet area from Partial Retention to Modification in order to maintain consistency with the “VQO buyback” which followed from the 1996 Practices Code Impact Analysis.

In addition to general process concerns, Interfor had outstanding concerns with VQOs proposed for the Phillips and Frederick Arm areas. One submission from Interfor, which included a consultant's report examining visual landscapes within "TFL 45-South", proposed that this Order establish VQOs based upon "primary viewpoints" associated with main travel corridors or "secondary viewpoints" associated with lower significance, less frequently travelled areas. A covering letter for this submission also provided an estimate of potential adverse impacts on delivered wood costs where a VQO of Partial Retention was strictly maintained.

Interfor also provided a summary of their consultation efforts over the past 5 years which included data gathered by Recreation Resources Ltd. for the 2001 update of the recreation features inventory and visual landscape inventory, comments provided during the 2000 and 2002 Forest Development Plan reviews, ad hoc queries of local service providers (water taxi, charter airlines, etc), and comments gathered from their participation in the two meetings at Stuart and Sonora Island area. Subject Page 6 of 15

One general comment was received from a tourism operator requesting an economic tourism zone in the Johnstone Straits, which included portions of TFL 45, however no comments specific to VQOs proposed for this TFL were received.

No comments were received from First Nations or the general public regarding VQOs proposed within this TFL.

I am mindful of government's commitment to expand the size of the tourism sector in the province and also, that the tourism sector is significant in this locality with potential to expand over time. At the same time, I am also mindful of the significance of these forest operations within the local and provincial economy. To examine this issue further, my staff and licensee staff from Interfor, TimberWest, and BCTS met twice with residents and lodgeowners in the Stuart/Sonora Island resort area and I personally attended the second meeting on August 23/05. This trip included a meeting held at Sonora Resort followed by a field review of scenic landscapes visible between Sonora Resort and Phillips Arm. I have also been informed of ongoing eco-tourism activities associated with upland areas around Phillips Arm and particularly along the reach of Phillips River downstream from the Lake. I have also considered available information and research regarding balancing forestry and tourism economic activity and the associated management of viewsapes.

In consideration of all input received, I have established VQOs for the portion of TFL 45 within the Campbell River Forest District. I acknowledge that there are some outstanding unresolved issues with the application of viewpoints when cutblocks are designed as well as the need for ongoing monitoring of public and tourism operator use levels in this area and I have discussed these issues further under the Implementation section of this Rationale.

TFL 47:

“Pre-consultation review” was also done of the 2001 visual landscape inventory for TFL 47 and final agreement was reached later in 2004 for the VQO classes proposed for review and comment.

Two writers proposed an economic tourism zone for the Johnstone Straits area with one focusing on lodge concentrations at Stuart/Sonora Island and Blind Channel/Cordero Channel areas. A number of residents and tourism operators living on Quadra Island or along adjacent waterways of Okisollo and Hoskyn Channels proposed very restrictive VQOs along shorelines, trails, and prominent viewpoints. Specific to Quadra, major road corridors received significant comment and were field reviewed with residents, tourism operators, and licensees – this issue is discussed further under Implementation. In response to input received and following review with my staff, I have increased the visual constraints in the vicinity of Morte Lake.

Two residents from Owen Bay, on Sonora Island, requested that hillsides around nearby Hyacinthe Lake be recognized as scenic landscapes. My staff reviewed this issue with TimberWest staff who confirm that they have met with local residents in the past. While I recognize the significance of this area to some local residents, I am not satisfied that this could be considered a significant public viewpoint as described in the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation as it is not widely known or accessible to the general public. Based Subject Page 7 of 15

upon this assessment, I have not assigned scenic areas or VQOs to hillsides around Hyacinthe Lake. I encourage residents that use Hyacinthe Lake and TimberWest to maintain a dialogue and to continue to work together to manage this area for mutual benefit.

No input was received from First Nations regarding VQOs proposed within TFL 47.

In consideration of all input received, I am satisfied that the VQOs I have established for TFL 47 strike a reasonable balance between the needs of the forest and tourism sectors as well as those of the recreating public.

Strathcona TSA and Woodlots: As noted previously, TSA licensees were notified of the imminent advertising for review and comment of proposed VQOs for the Strathcona TSA; however, no comments were received prior to formal advertising.

As with TFL 47, there were significant amounts of comment received for the Quadra woodlots and many of the same issues were raised along ocean shorelines, along trails and associated significant viewpoints, and along the “major roads” as provided for under VILUP. In general terms, tourism operators and some members of the public favoured more restrictive VQOs which they felt would better support expansion of the local eco-tourism industry. Conversely, woodlot licensees expressed concern that more restrictive VQOs would increase costs and reduce available harvest volumes and cited the significance of forestry to their livelihood and the local economy.

I have considered all of this input and all prior planning context including the Quadra Plan, VILUP, Sensitive Areas established at Heriot Ridge, Hyacinthe Point, and Saltwater

Lagoon, and VQOs established in adjacent areas on the west side of Discovery Passage and along the shorelines of Read and Maurelle Islands. I have made a number of changes which, on balance, increase the overall emphasis on visual resource management for Quadra Island. I am satisfied that the final assigned VQOs strike a balance between the needs of the tourism and forestry sectors while also providing for a high quality of life for Quadra residents.

Tourism operators in the Stuart-Sonora Islands resort area requested more restrictive VQOs while emphasizing the importance of scenic values to the successful operation of their resorts. These operators noted the particular significance of Denham Bay as local fishing grounds for them and requested that the most restrictive VQOs be assigned. In addition, local tourism operators also expressed concern that reactivation of the existing log dump at Denham Bay, and subsequent industrial activity, could negatively impact their businesses. BCTS, who has operations in this area, indicated that they could probably work with more restrictive VQOs but expressed concern that the potential loss of the log dump would make operations on this hillside uneconomic given the limited volumes which would be available.

I have considered the needs of the various sectors, and have assigned a Retention VQO to the hillside above Denham Bay but I must emphasize the importance of maintaining the option for BCTS to continue to use the old log dump site at Denham Bay. Both parties will need to work together co-operatively to find a means to ensure that the use of this site respects and meets the needs of both the forestry and tourism sectors. Available research suggests the economic interests of the public will be best served by the coexistence of both sectors. Subject Page 8 of 15

TimberWest requested that one polygon on a north-facing slope in Call Inlet be reclassified from Partial Retention to Modification based upon low use levels and following review of this issue with my staff, I have agreed to this requested change.

Specific to the Nootka SMZ, WFP inquired if multiple visual standards could apply to the same area based upon different viewpoints. As I have noted previously in the discussion under TFL 45, there is no provision for me to assign two or more VQOs to the same polygon. At their option, the licensee could propose results or strategies that develop this concept with a commensurate level of analysis and supporting rationale. Any rationale attached to such a request would have to consider any context provided by plans completed to date as well as an assessment of user levels and trends, user expectations and impacts to other sectors.

WFP also requested that less restrictive VQOs be assigned along Tahsis, Zeballos, and Espinosa Inlets, the Port Eliza area, and in areas with fishing closures or lower traffic areas. I have made some adjustments to the VQOs near Bodega Island which retain VQOs adjacent to the most significant anchorages and shallow water passages while applying less restrictive VQOs for locations that I judge to be more industrial settings. Otherwise, I have maintained VQOs in the Nootka Sound portion of this TSA as they were originally advertised. Prior to considering further changes, I would need to see the

results of more complete canvassing of local communities and user groups and I have discussed this matter further under Implementation.

The Kyuquot/Checleset First Nation requested that more restrictive VQOs be assigned based upon the rationale that the changes would provide scenic conditions that would be conducive to growth of local eco-tourism opportunities and to support a higher quality of life for families in this area. Specific locations identified were the entire outer coast of the Kyuquot Sound area and in particular areas near the communities of Kyuquot/Houpsitas, as well as the travel corridor from Fair Harbour to Kyuquot/Houpsitas, the Cachalot/Amai Inlet area, and Kashutl Inlet. Some of these concerns were acknowledged in the original VQO package advertised in June of 2005. In addition, I have made some adjustments to VQOs in the Cachalot/Amai, and Union Island areas. Prior to considering further changes for VQOs in the Kyuquot Sound area, I would like to see additional information describing recreational use patterns and user needs and have discussed this further under Implementation.

BC Timber Sales requested the relaxation of VQOs on the shores of John Hart Lake. After further evaluation, I have concluded that it would be appropriate to reclassify polygons previously classed as Preservation VQO under the Sayward Plan to Retention VQO.

Finally, similar to TFL 39, there was significant discussion with licensees, notably BCTS and the holder of Woodlot Licence 1942, regarding operations proposed along the Highway 19 road corridor and the discussions I have summarized under the TFL 39 section of this Rationale also apply to the TSA areas adjoining Highway 19.

#### Legislative (GAR) Tests

As delegated decision-maker in this matter, I have considered the legislative tests set out in the Government Actions Regulation (GAR) as follows: Subject Page 9 of 15

#### GAR 2

(1) In addition to the criteria and procedures to be followed by a minister in making an order under any of sections 5 to 15 in relation to an area specified in the order, the minister must be satisfied that:

(a) the order is consistent with established objectives,

BC Timber Sales inquired how the new VQOs relate to approved higher level plans while WFP expressed concern that proposed VQOs are more restrictive than what they anticipated under VILUP (both within SMZs and Enhanced RMZs) and would add substantial costs to licensees.

The VQOs established under this Order are consistent with the VILUP Higher Level Plan Order. VILUP identified a number of SMZs in this district where visuals were a primary objective and visual landscape inventories were updated as required to acknowledge this direction. In the case of Quadra Island, the VILUP Summary Plan document identified

“major road corridors” as a primary visually sensitive area but left the interpretation of “major roads” to this process.

I have considered WFP’s concern that VQOs proposed in Enhanced RMZs are more constraining than what they anticipated under VILUP. I have reviewed the VILUP Summary Plan and note that all Enhanced RMZs in this district were assigned a General rather than Basic visual management regime. I take this to signal an overall tone of timber harvesting emphasis which at the same time acknowledges local nodes, usually adjacent to settlement areas or significant tourism infrastructure, where scenic landscapes are also significant.

The Nootka Coastal Land Use Plan, 2001, while not a Higher Level Plan was an interagency plan developed with full participation of local communities and licensees and provided significant additional context for assignment of VQOs within the Nootka Sound region.

This Order incorporates VQOs as they were established in 2003 under the Sayward Plan with the exception of incorporating new inventory information for TFL 39, assigning VQOs for Highway 19, and some minor changes for VQOs assigned to John Hart Lake.

Finally, this Order is consistent with Sensitive Area designations completed in 2003 for the Nootka Trail and three areas on Quadra Island.

Some licensees also requested that VQOs not be established within the Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plan (CCLRMP) area given that completion of that process was imminent. I considered this option early on in this process; however, my decision to proceed with establishment of VQOs is predicated on the fact that legal direction around visual management and implementation tools arising from the CCLRMP discussions will not be competed for some time.

(b) the order would not unduly reduce the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests,

Two forest licensees as well as forest industry associations questioned which “benchmark” should be used to assess impacts to timber supplies and costs to forest operations.

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My intention in this process has been to maintain “environmental equivalency” in general terms in the transition from the Forest Practices Code of BC, while allowing for site specific or localized variations based upon the merits of the arguments presented.

Since the time of my 2001 letter, visual landscape inventories were updated for most management units in this district and two parallel standards were emerging for scenic landscape management. This key factor was complicating licensee planning and the review of proposed plans by my staff, and also significantly complicated auditors’ work

in a recent Forest Practices Board audit of visual landscape management in this district. Most TFL holders expressed a clear preference to use these newly updated inventories in their operational planning. Taking into consideration these expressed preferences, that the net impact to timber supplies from any of the changes would be minor, and finally that these new inventories respond to government's commitments under VILUP for management of scenic values within SMZs as well as context arising from an assortment of planning processes, I have determined that this VQO Order should be based upon the most currently available inventory information. It should be expressly noted that these inventories as well as the order itself were the subject of public review and comment to ensure public interest issues were comprehensive and current.

(c) the benefits to the public derived from the order would outweigh any

(i) material adverse impact of the order on the delivered wood costs of a holder of any agreement under the Forest Act that would be affected by the order, and

(ii) undue constraint on the ability of a holder of an agreement under the Forest Act or the Range Act that would be affected by the order to exercise the holder's rights under the agreement.

Many writers, from a range of sectors, requested the opportunity to review a full analysis of the benefits and costs of proposed VQOs to the people of BC, and various sectors of the economy, prior to this Order's completion. Forest sector representatives emphasized the potential reductions in timber supplies and increased costs associated with establishing VQOs. Conversely, tourism representatives emphasized the importance of wilderness and scenic area qualities to their sector and the importance of diversifying their operations to service clients with a wide range of interests including fishing, eco-tourism, etc.

I am mindful of government's commitments to expand the size of the tourism industry as well as potential associated impacts to timber supplies or delivered wood costs. I have made every effort to respond to these often-competing interests in a balanced manner with full consideration of all available information. I encourage ongoing canvassing of local communities and user groups to monitor their interests and use levels and this VQO Order can be revisited as new information becomes available over time.

### GAR 3 (1)

Before a minister makes an order under any of sections 5 to 15, the minister must provide an opportunity for review and comment,

(b) in the case of any other order, to the holders of agreements under the Forest Act or the Range Act that will be affected by the order. Subject Page 11 of 15

The formal review and comment period ran from June 1 through July 29, 2005. This included advertising in local papers as well as letters and e-mails to district licensees, First Nations, community representatives, and members of the public and tourism operators who had previously expressed an interest in this process. This review and

comment period was informally extended to the end of November and during this time, there were numerous meetings with all parties who requested meetings. One formal all-licensee meeting on August 17, 2005, which I personally attended, included representation from all TFL holders, TSA licensees, many district woodlot holders, and Ministry of Forests' representatives from Victoria, Nanaimo, and neighboring districts.

All licensees tenured in this district under the Forest Act had the opportunity for review and comment for a minimum period of 5 months and in some cases as long as 22 months. A Record of Consultation is on file which details all of the meetings, letters, and significant contacts over this period of time. As well, all written comments were summarized in a Summary of Public Input which is also on file.

Having reviewed all of the foregoing, and having personally participated in many of the contacts, I am satisfied that adequate opportunity for review and comment has been provided and that this test has been met.

### GAR 3 (2)

A minister before making an order under any of sections 5 to 12, 14 or 15 must consult holders referred to in section 2 (1) (c) on whom the order may have a material adverse effect.

District staff consultation efforts and my review of comments received are documented in earlier sections of this Rationale. Having reviewed all of the work prepared by my staff, and having personally participated in many of the proceedings, I am satisfied that consultation requirements set out by Section 3(2) of the GAR have been met.

### First Nations

Letters were sent to all First Nations claiming traditional territory within this district on June 16 and July 26, 2005, requesting comments on proposed VQOs. No responses were received to these letters.

An October 14, 2005, letter from the Kyuquot/Checleset First Nation to Interfor (cc'd to our office) regarding Interfor's Forest Development Plan major amendment indicated their intention to contact the provincial government about visual landscape management. In response, my staff sent a letter to the Kyuquot/Checleset First Nation requesting comments on the proposed VQOs. A response letter, dated November 1, 2005, from the Chief outlined a number of general concerns with scenic landscape management and provided site specific comments which were discussed earlier in this Rationale.

A November 1, 2005, letter from the Tlowitsis First Nation responded to the now-completed timber supply review for the Strathcona TSA but also incidentally requested that their office be contacted regarding any "future proposed activities within our traditional territories". My

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staff sent out a letter on November 14, 2005, requesting comments on the proposed VQOs; however, no responses were received to this letter.



#### GAR 4

(1) Notice must be given in accordance with this section of an order made under any of sections 5 to 15.

- (2) The notice required under subsection (1) is sufficiently given if the notice includes a copy of the order or contains particulars or a summary of the order and is
- (a) posted on the website of the ministry of the minister who takes the action,
  - (b) published in the Gazette, and
  - (c) made publicly available at the regional office of the forest region to which the order relates.

(3) An order made under any of sections 5 to 15 takes effect on the later of

(a) The effective date specified under section 2 (3) (b)

(b) The date notice is posted under subsection (2) (a) of this section, and

(c) The date notice is published under subsection (2) (b) of this section.

This VQO Order was signed on December 14, 2005, advertised in the BC Gazette on December 15, posted to the Ministry of Forests and Range website on December 16, 2005, and made publicly available at the Coast Forest regional office. Therefore, pursuant to Section 4 of the GAR, I conclude that sufficient notice has been given and that this Order is effective as of December 16, 2005.

Finally, letters and e-mails advising of the completion of this process were sent to all district forest licensees, First Nations, community leaders, as well as tourism operators and members of the public who participated in this process.

#### GAR 7 (1)

The minister responsible for the Land Act by order may establish an area as a scenic area if satisfied that the area

(a) is visually important based on its physical characteristics and public use, and

(b) requires special management that has not otherwise been provided for by this regulation or another enactment.

As noted previously, authority to establish scenic areas has been delegated to district managers by the Minister of Agriculture and Lands November 21, 2005.

Three licensees inquired how proposed scenic areas and VQOs compare with those previously set out in 2001. These concerns were reviewed with staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and visual landscape specialists from District, Region and Branch of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Having considered all of the information available to me, and considering that the scenic areas establishment is based upon the most currently available inventory information, I am satisfied that all scenic areas identified under this Order are visually important and require special management not otherwise provided for by this regulation or another enactment. Subject Page 13 of 15

## GAR 7 (2)

The minister responsible for the Forest Act by order may establish for a scenic area visual quality objectives that are consistent with subsection (1) and are within the categories of altered forest landscape prescribed under section 1.1 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation.

As previously discussed, the authority to establish visual quality objectives has been delegated to district managers by the Minister of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

I therefore initiated this process and made the order consistent with my obligations, in consideration of advice from visual landscape specialists of the MoFR District, Region and Branch, considering the need to provide direction on visual management until the CCLRMP process is completed, considering the need for certainty for licensees and other resource interests, and to provide clear direction for licensees in their forest stewardship plans and cutting permit development.

The VQOs established under this Order are consistent with the scenic areas established under Section 7(1) of the Gar and conform to Section 1.1 of the FPPR.

### Implementation Issues

#### Managing visuals adjacent to roadsides

Assignment of a visuals management regime to road corridors was probably the most challenging technical issue tackled under this Order and carried with it some of the most vigorous debate and discussion which I have summarized under earlier sections of this Rationale.

Based upon all of these discussions, my staff identified four key visual design parameters which should be considered where logging is proposed along major road corridors:

- 1) size, shape, timing, and aggregated total of harvest entries along these roads,
- 2) location of roads – both within-block and as they connect with major roads,
- 3) general appearance of logging (slash management, cutblock edge feathering, placement of reserves, etc.)
- 4) management of “critical” roadside screens and the attendant effect on creation of new areas visible from the roads and viewpoints.

After analysis of all of the information available to me, I assigned VQOs of Retention or Partial Retention to road corridors on Quadra Island based upon my consideration of the balance of values represented. Specific to Highway 19, I have decided that an overall tone of Partial Retention VQO is appropriate along this highway corridor, particularly where topographic screens exist; however, I am mindful of the potential risk where “critical vegetative screens” exist and for these areas have assigned a Retention VQO.

I am also mindful that the VQOs I have assigned within the specified road/highway corridors do an imperfect job of conveying government’s intentions for scenic landscape management along road/highway corridors. However, this is the only tool available in legislation. Forest Practices Branch staff in Victoria has public perception studies underway which will Subject Page 14 of 15

provide us with better understanding of the site and stand conditions along roadsides to which the public respond favourably or unfavourably. As noted previously, it may be one to two years before the results of this work are available. In the interim, I encourage licensees to develop results and strategies under their Forest Stewardship Plans or Woodlot Licence Plans which would essentially interpret what consistency with these VQOs would mean. Ideally, these results and strategies would be developed collaboratively with other licensees sharing the same road and in consultation with local communities and interest groups.

### Viewpoints

There was also significant discussion about which viewpoints should be used for operational planning and the relative significance of various viewpoints. Licensee input included suggestions that the Order specify viewpoints which apply or that multiple VQOs be assigned to a single landform based upon viewpoints with different levels of significance.

I have considered this input and decided that I would not specify viewpoints in this Order. My rationale is that VQOs apply to the polygon or landform which in turn may be visible from any number and combination of viewpoints. Viewpoints are used during the VLI process to help determine visual sensitivity and are also used operationally to determine if a VQO will be achieved. I also note that viewpoints and their significance can evolve over time as a function of both changes in vegetation (for example, screening or lack of it) and changing use by the public and stakeholders. I am of the view that prescribing foresters should use their professional judgement, along with existing guidance and the assistance of qualified professionals, to determine which viewpoints should apply when designing roads or cutblocks within scenic areas.

Licensees are free to propose results and strategies to address the VQOs established under this Order. In doing so, they will need to consider all relevant planning context and an understanding of user levels and expectations as well as the impacts to other sectors. Essentially, what this means is that professionals employed by licensees will have to determine for themselves what consistency with these objectives means relative to guidance provided by the Association of BC Forest Professionals through papers such as

the Definition of Professional Reliance, September 2004 and Interpreting the Publics' Interest, May 31, 2002.

### Blended Scene Management

A number of licensees expressed interest in combining adjacent VQO polygons when they are developing operational plans for roads and cutblocks. These scenarios might combine a number of foreground units or alternately a mix of foreground, midground and background units. This concept was also favoured by Forest Practices Board auditors in a recent visuals audit for this district based upon the view that the public evaluates the scene as they see it rather than on an individual landform basis.

With few exceptions, this approach has focused upon managing percentage alteration values (i.e. area disturbed within total scenic area). These values are helpful in that they provide one indicator of the potential acceptability of a cutblock within a scenic landscape; however other design parameters are also very important. I note that definitions of VQOs, found in Subject Page 15 of 15

Section 1.1 of the FPPR, focus on overall size, general "fit" in the landscape, and general appearance as primary factors to be considered in determining whether or not a VQO has been met.

In any event, it seems clear that a blended scene management will necessitate increased levels of collaboration between licensees sharing viewsheds. Harvesting on private land, although beyond the current sphere of the provincial regulatory environment, could also form part of the analysis as the public often has no way of distinguishing between private and Crown land harvest and simply assesses the visual impact of harvesting as they see it.

### Additional Community Consultation required

There were numerous instances where changes were requested which I was unable to accommodate as the requests were not accompanied by sufficient assessments of the public's or cross-sectoral issues and interests.

Before I could consider further changes, I feel that more complete consultation is required with local communities, user groups, economic sectors and First Nations to assess the potential benefits and costs to the public or sectors from any additional changes to VQOs established under this Order. Such processes could be led by the forest sector or government; however, at this time, I can make no commitments on such processes other than to confirm our interest in and willingness to participate in such information gathering.

### Determination

Having satisfied myself that I have considered all pertinent details related to this issue, and having balanced the important social and economic objectives of all stakeholders, I have concluded that scenic areas and visual quality objectives should be established through a GAR Order. Accordingly, I have approved the scenic areas and VQO Order, and its associated Maps 1 through 7, as dated December 14, 2005, for the Campbell River Forest District.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rory K. Annett", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rory Annett District Manager Campbell River Forest District

### 3.3.3 **Categories of visually altered forest landscape:**

[Forest Planning and Practices Regulation 1.1 \(FPPR\)](#) "For the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "altered forest landscape" in section 1, the following categories are prescribed, each according to the extent of alteration resulting from the size, shape and location of cutblocks and roads:

(a) **preservation**: consisting of an altered forest landscape in which the alteration, when assessed from a significant public viewpoint, is

(i) very small in scale, and (ii) not easily distinguishable from the pre-harvest landscape;

(b) **retention**: consisting of an altered forest landscape in which the alteration, when assessed from a significant public viewpoint, is

(i) difficult to see, (ii) small in scale, and (iii) natural in appearance;

(c) **partial retention**: consisting of an altered forest landscape in which the alteration, when assessed from a significant viewpoint, is

(i) easy to see, (ii) small to medium in scale, and (iii) natural and not rectilinear or geometric in shape;

(d) **modification**: consisting of an altered forest landscape in which the alteration, when assessed from a significant public viewpoint,

(i) is very easy to see, and (ii) is (A) large in scale and natural in its appearance, or (B) small to medium in scale but with some angular characteristics;

(e) **maximum modification**: consisting of an altered forest landscape in which the alteration, when assessed from a significant public viewpoint,

(i) is very easy to see, and (ii) is (A) very large in scale, (B) rectilinear and geometric in shape, or (C) both."

### 3.4 Appendix IV

### Stocking Information for Specified Areas

The specified areas are the zones identified on the W1970 Map and cited in the text as Riparian Management Zone (RMZ), Visual/Recreational Management Areas and VQO areas of retention or partial retention where a single tree selection or retention silviculture system is prescribed.

#### Reference Guide for FDP Stocking Standards

Single Tree Selection  
All British Columbia

#### Uneven-aged Stocking Standards\* -- Single-tree selection only

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5
Target from Table A standards	Layer**	Stocking***			Target from Table A standards	Layer**	Stocking***		
(stems/ha)		Target pa	MIN pa	MIN p	(stems/ha)		Target pa	MIN pa	MIN p
		(well-spaced/ha)					(well-spaced/ha)		
1200	1	600	300	250	800	1	300	150	150
	2	800	400	300		2	400	200	200
	3	1000	500	400		3	600	300	300
	4	1200	700	600		4	800	400	400
1000	1	400	200	200	600	1	300	150	150
	2	600	300	250		2	400	200	200
	3	800	400	300		3	500	300	300
	4	1000	500	400		4	600	400	400
900	1	400	200	200	400	1	200	100	100
	2	500	300	250		2	300	125	125
	3	700	400	300		3	300	150	150
	4	900	500	400		4	400	200	200

MIN - minimum

\* Maximum regeneration delay is seven years. For a seven-year regeneration delay, the early free growing is 12 years and the late free growing is 15 years. Regeneration delay can be met immediately following harvest if the residual stand has no significant damage or pest problems and meets minimum stocking standards. If regeneration is achieved immediately following harvest, earliest free growing date is 12 months after completion of harvest and the latest date is 24 months after completion of harvest.

#### \*\*Stand Layer Definition

Layer 1	Mature	trees $\geq$ 12.5 cm dbh
Layer 2	Pole	trees 7.5 cm to 12.4 cm dbh
Layer 3	Sapling	trees $\geq$ 1.3 m height to 7.4 cm dbh
Layer 4	Regeneration	trees $<$ 1.3 m height

\*\*\* pa - preferred and acceptable species      p - preferred species

Preferred and acceptable species and "Target from Table A standards" are as specified in Table A by biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification (BEC) site series.

### **3.5 Appendix V First Nation's Referral Letters**

#### **3.5.1 Homalco Indian Band**

##### **3.5.1.1 *Information Sharing Letter***

June 7, 2007

Homalco First Nation  
1218 Bute Crescent  
Campbell River, BC  
V9H 1G5

Re: First Nation's Referral of Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970

Dear Chief Darren Blaney and Council:

Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. under the direction of the Cape Mudge Band Council is the Licensee for two new Woodlot Licences offered in 2005 as part of the Forest and Range Agreement between the Province and the We Wai Kai First Nation. The two new woodlots are located on Quadra Island; W1969 is located adjacent to Kanish Bay and W1970 is in separate blocks running from Conville Bay past Surge Narrows and Yeatman Bay on the Okisollo Channel. Jerry Benner RPF has prepared a Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) and a Management Plan (MP) for each of the two woodlots. The WLP requires all sensitive and highly valued areas of the woodlot be identified and either placed in reserves or management areas that will have modified harvesting. In addition the WLP has stated in the Cultural Heritage (Sec. 1.5) that the "We Wai Kai First Nation has given priority to protecting and conserving the cultural heritage resources on the area of W1969 and W1970". The MP includes the Licensee commitments and the timber supply analysis that was used to determine the AAC.

It is our responsibility to make inquiries regarding any information about site specific traditional uses in the area. In accordance to the statement made in the MP (Section 2.1), Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. remains committed to submit referrals and consult with the Homalco First Nation, the Hamatla Treaty Society, the Klahoose First Nation or any other First Nations for planning and operations within areas of the woodlot that may contain any of the cultural heritages, fisheries, wildlife and spiritually significant values. We would be pleased if you can review our draft WLPs and MPs at your earliest convenience. If you require a meeting to discuss the details of the forest activity, location or any other aspects of our WPs or MPs and how they may affect your traditional rights and title, we are willing to meet at your office or on the woodlot if you would like a tour. If there are specific traditional uses and history in this area we would appreciate your input.

Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. and their Forester, Jerry Benner RPF look forward to a continuing productive relationship with the Homalco First Nations. We would appreciate your prompt review and response. We have provided the option of viewing the Plans with maps in the paper copy or digital documents in pdf format.

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[www.northislandwoodlot.com](http://www.northislandwoodlot.com)



Sincerely,

Jerry F. Benner RPF  
Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd.

**3.5.1.2 First Nation's Response to Information Sharing Letter**



**HOMALCO INDIAN BAND**

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Cape Mudge Band Council  
P.O. Box 220  
Quathlasi Cove, B.C.  
V0P 1N0

Attn: Jerry F Benner R.P.F

Re: Woodlot 1969 and 1970 Referrals

Dear Jerry

We are in receipt of your letter and two Woodlot Plans dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regarding the above mentioned referrals. We have reviewed the plans and have no concerns regarding their content. We are pleased to see particular interest given to protection of Cultural and Heritage Resources and would ask that we be notified should a resource be discovered during operations or planning.

Sincerely

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Darren Blaney  
Chief Councilor  
Homalco Indian Band

**3.5.2**

**Hamatla Treaty Society**  
**3.5.2.1 Information Sharing Letter**  
June 7, 2007

Hamatla Treaty Society  
1441A Old Island Highway  
Campbell River, BC  
V9W 5W8

**Re: First Nation's Referral of Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970**

Dear Art Wilson and the Hamatla Treaty Society,

Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. under the direction of the Cape Mudge Band Council is the Licensee for two new Woodlot Licences offered in 2005 as part of the Forest and Range Agreement between the Province and the We Wai Kai First Nation. The two new woodlots are located on Quadra Island; W1969 is located adjacent to Kanish Bay and W1970 is in separate blocks running from Conville Bay past Surge Narrows and Yeatman Bay on the Okisollo Channel. Jerry Benner RPF has prepared a Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) and a Management Plan (MP) for each of the two woodlots. The WLP requires all sensitive and highly valued areas of the woodlot be identified and either placed in reserves or management areas that will have modified harvesting. In addition the WLP has stated in the Cultural Heritage (Sec. 1.5) that the "We Wai Kai First Nation has given priority to protecting and conserving the cultural heritage resources on the area of W1969 and W1970". The MP includes the Licensee commitments and the timber supply analysis that was used to determine the AAC.

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Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. and their Forester, Jerry Benner RPF look forward to a continuing productive relationship with the Hamatla Treaty Societ. We would appreciate your prompt review and response. We have provided the option of viewing the Plans with maps in the paper copy or digital documents in pdf format.

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Sincerely,

Jerry F. Benner RPF  
Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd.

#### **3.5.2.2 *First Nation's Response to Information Sharing Letter***



**HAMATLA TREATY SOCIETY**  
1441 Old Island Hwy.  
Campbell River, BC V9W 2E4  
Phone: (250) 287-9460  
Fax: (250) 287-9469  
Toll free No. 1-888-900-5720  
email: hamatla@island.net  
Web: <http://www.hamatla.com/>

Thursday, March 01, 2007

Cape Mudge Band Council  
P.O. Box 220  
Quathiaski Cove, BC  
V0P 1N0  
Phone: (250) 285 3316  
Fax: (250) 285 2400

Dear Mr. Benner:

Re: First Nation's Referral of Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970.

I am writing to you regarding your referral dated November 30, 2006 concerning Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd.'s Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970. As you may know, the Hamatla Treaty Society (HTS) represents its member Nations, the We Wai Kai (Cape Mudge Band), Wei Wai Kum (Campbell River Band), and Kwiakah (Phillips Arm). HTS entered the Treaty Process in February 1994, and is now in Stage 4 of the six-stage process "Negotiating an agreement in principle" (AIP). The goal of stage 4 is to reach the major agreements that will form the basis of the treaty.

HTS fully supports Cape Mudge Band in their plans for sustainable economic development opportunities such as Woodlot Licences and Timber Sale Licences. Economic development within our member bands is very important to HTS and we support them in every aspect.

HTS has no objections with Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970. However, we would like to remind you that there is potential for this development to unearth archaeological remains. If this occurs, we will work with you to ensure that proper protocol is followed.

HTS is satisfied that meaningful consultation has been satisfied through the consultation with HTS conducted by Jerry Benner on behalf of Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. and that our interests and concerns have been adequately addressed.

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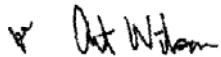
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No further consultations or meetings regarding these particular woodlots are necessary.  
We request that the Ministry of Forests please proceed with the approvals for W1969 and W1970.

Please contact Art Wilson, Forestry Coordinator at 287-9460, if you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

  
Dan Smith  
Chief Negotiator  
Hamatla Treaty Society

cc. Member Nations  
Aaron Smeeth, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, M.O.F (Fax: 286-9490)

### **3.5.3 Klahoose First Nation**

#### **3.5.3.1 *Information Sharing Letter***

June 7, 2007

Klahoose First Nation  
Box 9  
Squirrel Cove, BC  
V0P 1K0

Re: First Nation's Referral of Woodlot Licences W1969 and W1970

Dear Chief Duane Hansen and Council:

Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd. under the direction of the Cape Mudge Band Council is the Licensee for two new Woodlot Licences offered in 2005 as part of the Forest and Range Agreement between the Province and the We Wai Kai First Nation. The two new woodlots are located on Quadra Island; W1969 is located adjacent to Kanish Bay and W1970 is in separate blocks running from Conville Bay past Surge Narrows and Yeatman Bay on the Okisollo Channel. Jerry Benner RPF has prepared a Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) and a Management Plan (MP) for each of the two woodlots. The WLP requires all sensitive and highly valued areas of the woodlot be identified and either placed in reserves or management areas that will have modified harvesting. In addition the WLP has stated in the Cultural Heritage (Sec. 1.5) that the "We Wai Kai First Nation has given priority to protecting and conserving the cultural heritage resources on the area of W1969 and W1970". The MP includes the Licensee commitments and the timber supply analysis that was used to determine the AAC.

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Sincerely,

Jerry F. Benner RPF  
Cape Mudge Forestry Ltd.

### ***3.5.3.2 First Nation's Response to Information Sharing Letter***

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Chief Councillor Duane J. Hanson](#)

**To:** [jbrenner@oberon.ark.com](mailto:jbrenner@oberon.ark.com)

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2007 10:09 PM

**Subject:** Woodlot W1969-W1970

Dear Jerry Brenner

Please accept this e-mail as an official response to your letter received November 30, 2006 in regards to Woodlots W1969 and W1970.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the plans submitted. We will defer our comments to the Homalco First Nation at this time and appreciate the commitments made regarding the protection of the Cultural Heritage Sites.

Best Regards,

Duane J. Hanson  
Chief Councillor  
Klahoose First Nation



