

# Juvenile Spacing Workshop

Participant's Workbook







**Ministry of Forests**Forest Practices Branch

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# **Workshop Objectives**

# The primary objectives of the workshop are to:

- 1. Discuss where and why juvenile spacing is done in the province;
- 2. Review the Ministry of Forests suggested stand selection procedures;
- 3. Identify information sources to aid in selecting post-treatment densities;
- 4. Show how spacing is to be handled in the Stand Management Prescription;
- 5. Discuss how to create spacing prescriptions to meet a range of objectives; and
- 6. Review contract monitoring.

# **Learning Objectives**

# After taking this workshop, participants should:

- ▲ Understand that higher level plans in SPs drive spacing prescriptions;
- ▲ Understand the stand selection methodologies and decision criteria;
- ▲ Be aware of information sources to help choose post-spacing densities;
- ▲ Be aware of how spacing fits into the SMP; and
- ▲ Understand how to monitor a spacing contract.

# **Target Audience**

This workshop has been designed for people who are responsible for preparing or monitoring juvenile spacing prescriptions. It is meant to provide clarification of the *Spacing Guidebook*. It is not recommended for those familiar and comfortable with the contents of the spacing guidebook and juvenile spacing implementation in general.

# **Juvenile Spacing Workshop**

# **Agenda**

# **Introductions**

During the introduction the facilitator will:

- ▲ introduce themselves and any others that may be presenting the session;
- ▲ outline the purpose of the workshop;
- ▲ allow the group to get to know one another better;
- ▲ review the contents of the workbook; and
- ▲ describe the agenda of the workshop and provide information on logistics for the day (i.e., coffee, lunch arrangements, washroom locations, etc.)

# Why Space?

- ▲ Links to higher level plans
- ▲ Some possible objectives for spacing

# Coffee

# **Stand Selection Process and Post-treatment Densities**

- ▲ Appendix 1 Biological criteria for ranking stands for spacing
- ▲ Field Guidelines for the Selection of Stands for Juvenile Spacing
- ▲ Issues relating to post-treatment densities

# Lunch

# Spacing and the SMP

▲ Project development issues

# Coffee

# **Contract Administration**

▲ Inspection methodology

# Wrap-up

Lesson 1	Why Space?
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# Why Space? Why Space? More options for: **B.C.**'s competitive advantage Habitat and non-timber vegetation • Most of our pulp wood is from chips • Future generations • Earlier harvests Wood quality on the coast • End products • Commodities in the interior • • • • • • JUVENILE SPACING WORKSHOP 1 • 2 • • • • • • • JUVENILE SPACING WORKSHOP 1 • 3 **Notes**

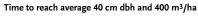
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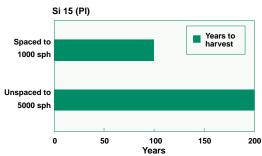
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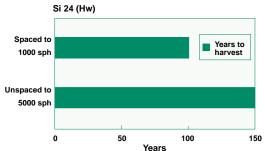
# Interior Example

# **Coastal Example**

Time to reach average 25 cm dbh and 185  $m^3/ha$ 





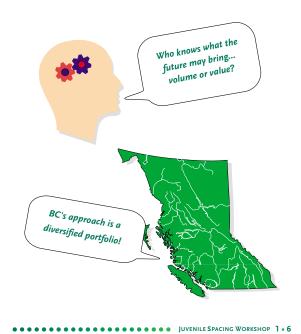


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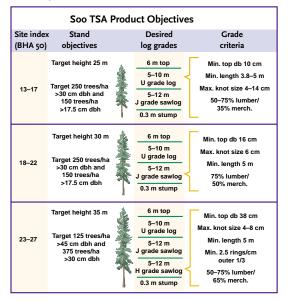
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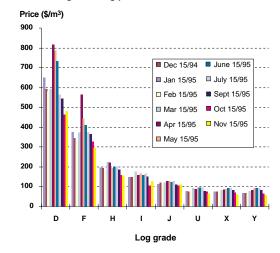


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Log values by grade

Douglas-fir log prices for Dec. 94 - Nov. 95



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# Spacing – Some More Reasons Lumber recovery LRF (fbm/m³) 400 200 100 100 105 20 205 30 35 40 45 50 Log top diameter class (cm) Lumber dimension yields by log size Lumber volume (%) 100 80 60 40 2×4 2×6 2×8 2×10

Top diameter class (cm)

Source: Jozsa and Middleton, 1994. SP-34, pg. 36.

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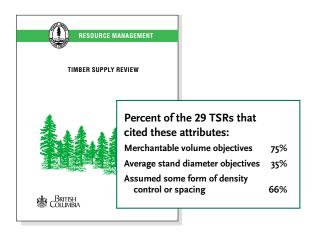
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Survey results from 29 TSA and TFL timber supply analyses



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# Lesson 2 Stand Selection and

# Post-treatment Densities

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# Lesson 3

# **SMP** and **Project Development Issues**

# **Considerations to Make your Spacing Project a Success** The relevance of spacing to the SMP: Key sections of the SMP: **B-1:** Shows the linkages to higher level plans. B-2: Has boxes to complete for each potential stand management objective. C: Summarizes stand and site feature data for each standards unit. D: The "story" of the stand that describes stand structure over the long term. **Other Notes:**

# Forest Health and the SMP

Must calculate incidence by agent

FOF	REST HEALTH AGENT OCCURRENCE				
su	AGENT CODE	AGENT NAME	% INCID.	AREA (ha)	SU
Α	DRA	Armillaria ostoyae	4	36	
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MAN	NAGEMENT	OBJECTIVES			
stand	d tending activit	avoid accelerating the sp ties. The goal is to keep he rest of the rotation.			ıgh

Note: For any incidence of an agent – refer to the relevant forest health guidebook.

Example: Armillaria root rot



- 1-5% in a silviculture survey and you must do a formal surey
- 2-5% alternate treatment level
  - District manager will usually only approve spacing for free growing
  - Pop-up space (high cost)
  - Alternate species (susceptible species must be <20%).</li>

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# **SMP** and the **Spacing Contract**

The spacing contract must keep the SMP on target.



The contract and the SMP must be closely linked.

How do you do it?



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Linking the SMP to the contract:	:

# The Structure of Schedule C



Ministry of Forests



Silviculture Contract

FOR: Juvenile Spacing Attachment to Contract Dated the 31st day of July, 1995

Silviculture Contract Admin. No. DUD 35 96 022E

# Schedule C

### PART 1: Spacing and Density

- a) Inter-tree distance at the edge of a void shall be reduced to 1.1 m.
- 10% of the net treatable area will be left unspaced. These areas will be identified on photos and ribboned in the field.

### **PART 2: Selection of Crop Trees**

- a) The following species are shown in order of preference:
- 1. Douglas-fir
- 2. Lodgepole pine

# PART 3: Miscellaneous

- a) Slash height shall be left under 0.5 metres
- b) Every third skidtrail shall be kept free of slash, so as not to impede ungulate movement.

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# Considerations for **Spacing Prescriptions and Projects**

Exercise - Turn to your neighbour

List your questions or concerns relating to Code requirements, and:

- the development of an SMP and Schedule C for spacing; and
- project layout and development.

### Consider

- SMP procedures and policy
- fire management
- different stand types
- biodiversity
- other issues.

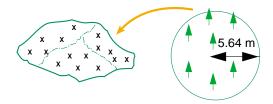
Questions, concerns and issues:					

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# **Spacing – Contract Monitoring** Lesson 4 **Schedule C Notes:**

# Survey Methods for Spacing Quality Inspections

• 1% sample with a minimum of 5 plots per payment area.



- Payment area distinctly different work quality
- Usual pot size 0.01 ha
- Larger plots for widely spaced, clumpy stands.

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# **Examples of Inspection Plots**

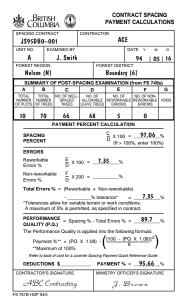
• Variation in inter-tree spacing

Total trees	Well- spaced trees	Allow. leave trees	Rework errors	Non-rework errors	Voids		
8	8	8	0	0	0		
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9	9	9	0	0	0
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# **Contract Payment Calculations**



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# **Performance Quality vs Payment**

JUVENILE SPACING PAYMENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

	PAY %	PQ %	PAY %	PQ %	PAY %	PQ %
	90.46	87.40	97.10	90.50	100.00	100.00
	90.20	87.30	96.93	90.40	100.00	99.00
	89.94	87.20	96.76	90.30	100.00	98.00
	89.67	87.10	96.58	90.20	100.00	96.00
	89.40	87.00	96.40	90.10	100.00	95.00
	89.13	86.90	96.22	90.00	100.00	94.00
	88.85	86.80	96.03	89.90	100.00	93.00
	88.57	86,70	35.85	89.99	100.00	92.90
	88.29	86.60	95.66	89.70	100.00	92.80
	88.01	86.50	95.46	89.00	100.00	92.70
*	87.72	86.40	95.27	89.50	100.00	92.60
	87.43	86.30	95.07	89.40	99.90	92.50
PQ = 89.70%	87.14	86.20	94.86	89.30	99.79	92.40
- ~	86.84	86.10	94.66	89.20	99.67	92.30
Pay % = 95.66%	86.54	86.00	94.45	89.10	99.55	92.20
	83.40	85.00	94.24	89.00	99.43	92.10
	79.96	84.00	94.02	88.90	99.31	92.00
	76.22	83.00	93.81	88.80	99.18	91.90
	67.89	81.00	93.59	88.70	99.05	91.80
	63.28	80.00	93.36	88.60	98.92	91.70
	58.38	79.00	93.14	88.50	98.78	91.60
	53.19	78.00	92.91	88.40	98.65	91.50
	47.71	77.00	92.68	88.30	98.50	91.40
	41.94	76.00	92.44	88.20	98.36	91.30
	35.88	75.00	92.21	88.10	98.21	91.20
	29.52	74.00	91.96	88.00	98.06	91.10
	22.87	73.00	91.72	87.90	97.91	91.00
	15.93	72.00	91.48	87.80	97.75	90.90
	8.70	71.00	91.23	87.70	97.60	90.80
	1.18	70.00	90.97	87.60	97.43	90.70
	0.00	69.00	90.72	87.50	97.27	90.60

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# Standards Agreement – Schedule A

# ARTICLE 5: NON-COMPLIANCE, TERMINATION

- Whenever an inspection indicates performance quality to be less than the minimum acceptable standard of eighty-like percent (85%) the Recipient shall consider its performance to be unsatisfactory and shall immediately notify the Ministry Representative of the unsatisfactory performance.
- Following receipt of a notification under the previous section, or following an inspection by the Province that indicates performance quality to be unsatisfactory, the Province shall in a written notice:
  - (a) give the Recipient a deadine by which time performance quality must be raised to the minimum acceptable standard; and (b) specify if the Province wishes to exercise its option to require the Recipient to re-work the substandard area.
- substitution area.

  If the Recipient falls to raise performance quality to at least eighty-five percent (85%) by the deadline specified, or if any inspection of further work under this Agreement indicates that quality is again below eighty-five percent (85%), the Province:

  (a) may notify the Recipient that all or a portion of the Schedule B associated with the unsatisfactory performance is cancelled and this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended accordingly; or
  - (b) may terminate this Agreement.

    Should the Recipient fail to

    (a) Immediately notify the Province of unsatisfactory performance as required in section 5.1; or
- - (a) Immediately noting her Province to attainments are sequent in section 3.1, or (b) comply with a notice from the Province that demands that the performance quality of the Work in the Work Unit be raised to an acceptable standard by a specified deadline; the Province shall recommend FRBC make no payment for that Work Unit and may terminate all or part of this Agreement forthwith.
- If after giving notice under Section 5.2, an inspection of further Work indicates that Performance Quality is again below 85%, and in the opinion of the Province cannot be improved by reworking, the Province may, in addition to any other remedy provided under this Agreement, recommend Forest Renewal BC reduce the Basic Payment by one hundred dollars (\$100) for each spacing error within the inspection plots installed after the notice, up to a total not exceeding two thousand oldars (\$2000).

### Failure to Establish No Treatment Zones

If the Recipient falls to establish a No Treatment Zone, as specified in this Agreement, the Province may recommend Forest Renewal BC reduce the basic payment by two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for each such occurrence.

If the Recipient creates Voids, the Province may recommend Forest Renewal BC reduce the basic payment by one hundred dollars (\$100) for each Void.

# **Code Compliance**



# **Compliance Inspections**

- Use same sampling procedures
- Min. performance = 85% quality

Be familiar with these regulations (old) Silviculture Practices Reg. 12(1 & 2) (new) Silviculture Practices Reg. \_

so...

What does this mean to you??



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