Ministry of Forests, Lands, **Natural Resource Operations** and Rural Development

MEMORANDUM

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BY EMAIL

To:

Regional Executive Directors

District Managers

From: Doug Stewart

Director

Allan Bennett

A/Director

Forest Tenures Branch

Timber Pricing Branch

Re: **Cutting Permit Amendments**

The purpose of the memo is to provide guidance with respect to cutting permit boundary amendments. It cancels and replaces the October 24, 2002 cutting permit (CP) amendment direction memo.

CP boundaries can be amended to remove areas where trees have not been cut under the following situations:

- 1. To reflect minor changes that occur beyond the licensees' control and are required for forest management reasons.
- 2. To remove areas where trees have been damaged as a result of major wind or ice (minimum 20 hectares), landslide or fire. The area proposed from deletion from the CP must be of a sufficient size to meet the change circumstance as detailed in the applicable appraisal manual.

The process for amending the CP boundary is as follows:

Where uncut timber within a cutting authority has been damaged due to major wind or ice (minimum 20 hectares), landslide or fire, the licensee must determine if they wish to continue harvesting under the permit, or request deletion of some or all of the damaged area.

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- If the permit holder wishes to delete area from a cutting permit, they should apply to the district manager for an amendment to the CP boundary. The application must contain a description of the reasons for the amendment consistent with the conditions outlined in this memo.
- If the district manager approves the CP amendment, the licensee will be required to submit a reappraisal consistent with the appraisal manual.

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