

Strait of Georgia Business Area

Grass Seeding as a measure to prevent the spread of invasive plants

1. Invasive species of concern within the Strait of Georgia (TSG) Business Area are determined by the [Invasive Plant Regulation](#) and identified in [TSG- Measures to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species](#)
2. Grass seed must have the follow attributes:
 - a) high sod-forming content;
 - b) has been certified by the Canadian Seed Growers Association that the seed;
 - i. meets or exceeds the standards for varietal purity established by the Canadian Seed Growers Association for seed of that species (Seeds Act, Seeds Regulation S. 2(1)); and,
 - ii. is of native origin.
3. Identify areas of potential treatment
 - a) Where proposed forest operations are within 100 meters of known populations (capable of vegetative reproduction or seed production) of invasive plants;
 - b) Where proposed forest operations are within 100 meters of red-listed ecosystems, parks and protected areas, and ecological reserves;
 - c) Where road and bridge construction/deactivation sites, landings, and bladed trails are most likely to host new or expanding infestations;
 - d) Circumstances where the Prescribing Forester deems appropriate to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants.
4. Timing and size of area requirements to apply grass seed is in accordance with applicable FSPs, ensure obligations are being met based on the most up to date [Forest Stewardship Plan](#).
5. The area seeded must be monitored for one growing season after initial treatment and re-applied if necessary to ensure establishment. This will continue to be the licensees' responsibility until all other obligations associated with the sale are complete.
6. Consider choosing Harvest Systems which will minimize the amount of soil disturbance and exposure to reduce the likelihood of invasive plant germination.
7. Note: It is not recommended to grass seed "Temporary Access Structures" where rehabilitation and reforestation are the primary objectives.