

Section 8 (3.1) Order Respecting the AAC Determination for the Kalum TSA

Section 8 (3.1) of the *Forest Act* (for full sub-section see Appendix 1) stipulates in part that:

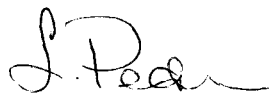
If... the chief forester considers that the allowable annual cut...is not likely to be changed significantly with a new determination, then...the chief forester by written order may postpone the next determination...to a date that is up to 10 years after the date of the relevant last determination, and must give written reasons for the postponement.

In November 1999, the allowable annual cut (AAC) for the Kalum TSA was set at 459 684 cubic metres. In May 2000, as the result of the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act, I reduced the AAC by 22 800 cubic metres as outlined in a written order. (This order remains in place until the next AAC determination for the Kalum TSA under Section 8 of the *Forest Act*.) The current AAC is 436 884 cubic metres.

In considering whether to postpone the next AAC determination for the Kalum TSA, located near Terrace, I have reviewed the previous 1999 Kalum timber supply analysis and the last relevant (1999) AAC rationale for the Kalum TSA.

The timber supply forecasts reported in the 1999 timber supply analysis indicate that the harvest level could be maintained for the next three decades. I have examined the information collected to-date, and I have considered how it might impact timber supplies beyond those reported in the 1999 timber supply analysis for the Kalum TSA. As well, I have reviewed a sensitivity analysis that reflects the removal of the Nisga'a Final Agreement lands. Also, I have noted that at present there is no new information regarding several long-standing uncertainties, notably operability and existing stand volumes. After thoroughly considering all the available timber supply information, I have no specific data that demonstrates there is an immediate risk to the timber supply.

Under my authority as outlined in Section 8 (3.1) of the *Forest Act*, I hereby postpone the next AAC determination for the Kalum TSA to November 2007, a date that is 8 years since the last relevant Section 8 (1) determination.



Larry Pedersen
Chief Forester

July 15/03
Date

Appendix 1

Forest Act, Section 8

Allowable annual cut

- (3.1) If, in respect of the allowable annual cut for a timber supply area or tree farm licence area, the chief forester considers that the allowable annual cut that was determined under subsection (1) is not likely to be changed significantly with a new determination, then, despite subsections (1) to (3), the chief forester
- (a) by written order may postpone the next determination under subsection (1) to a date that is up to 10 years after the date of the relevant last determination, and
 - (b) must give written reasons for the postponement.
- (3.2) If the chief forester, having made an order under subsection (3.1), considers that because of changed circumstances the allowable annual cut that was determined under subsection (1) for a timber supply area or tree farm licence area is likely to be changed significantly with a new determination, he or she
- (a) by written order may rescind the order made under subsection (3.1) and set an earlier date for the next determination under subsection (1), and
 - (b) must give written reasons for setting the earlier date.