



Timber Supply Review (TSR) Document Descriptions

Rationale for Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) Determination

In accordance with Section 8 of the *Forest Act*, the chief forester is required to set an allowable annual (AAC) for each of the province's timber supply areas (TSA) and tree farm licences (TFL) every 10 years. Under the *Forest Act*, the chief forester may decide:

- to postpone the AAC determination for a management unit, if the timber supply for the management unit is stable and a new determination is unlikely to result in a change in AAC; or
- to determine a new AAC earlier than 10 years, if the timber supply of the management unit may be at risk.

When the chief forester (or deputy chief forester) determines an AAC he/she outlines the reasons for decision in a rationale statement. When the chief forester (or deputy chief forester) announces the new AAC, the rationale statement is released to the public.

Public Discussion Paper

This document includes a description of the TSR process, a summary of the timber supply and socio-economic analysis, and a discussion of the critical factors that may increase or decrease timber supply.

Timber Supply Analysis Technical Report

The technical report provides a description of the methods and results of the timber supply analysis completed for the timber supply review of a TSA. The analysis is based upon data and management information described in the data package.

The intended audience of this technical report is timber supply analysis staff of Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch (FAIB) and stakeholders such as forest consultants working for forest licensees and First Nations. The information in this report is used by the FAIB analysts to inform the chief forester (or deputy chief forester) for the determination of the allowable annual cut (AAC) for a TSA.

This document is a record that enables any timber supply analyst to understand how the analysis was completed and the forest dynamics of the TSA. The document's format facilitates additions to the analysis over time. This document is a "working document".

The technical details of the timber supply analysis are available on request by contacting: Forests.ForestAnalysisBranchOffice@gov.bc.ca

Data Package

The data package is a compilation of the best available information on the forest resources inventory and the practices within the timber supply area for the purposes of conducting a timber supply analysis.