

RE: Written submission for the old growth management review

My name is Brian Marcus. I am a Registered Professional Forester in British Columbia. Currently I am employed with Western Forest Products Inc. based out of Port Alberni on Vancouver Island working on TFL 44. My current job includes the management and design of landscape forest reserve areas such as Old Growth Management Areas and Wildlife Habitat Areas, as well as site level areas such as Wildlife Tree Retention Areas, Riparian Reserves, and Timber Leave Areas.

I believe that the current management of old growth on the coast of BC is well done with a collaborative approach of many professionals with experience on the subjects that they are managing. I have worked with many biologists to design reserves that protect both old growth and species at risk that will be protected for generations to come; while balancing what can be a working forest to provide a sustainable supply of diverse wood products for the same generations to come. More protection is coming in 2020 for species at risk and "Big trees". In areas of the coast, there are limited areas that are harvestable that are not already protected. These areas are what remains to be a part of the continuous cycle of growing harvestable forests.

Current legal protection of areas within the second growth harvesting (riparian areas, terrain sensitive areas, species at risk) are creating recruitment into older age classes that will create incredible future habitat and preserve ecologically sensitive areas. The future looks bright.

I am proud of the current management of BC's forests, and feel confident that the current old growth protection will allow for the continued habitat needs of species at risk, ecological diversity of rare site series, and will create a sustainable working forest for future generations.

Thank you,

Brian Marcus, RPF