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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am the owner of Port McNeill Shake & Shingle (2007) Ltd., which has been an active mill in Port McNeill since 1994. We salvage cedar from previously logged areas in the Northern Vancouver Island Region, and manufacture cedar shakes and shingles at the mill here. It has become increasingly difficult to obtain fibre for the mill as years go by.

For many years we have been restricted by the major licence holders to salvaging in slash areas only. We are not permitted into standing timber, and are only permitted to remove material left behind post logging.

For shakes and shingles, we require old cedar. The grain is tight, which ensures longevity as roofing material or sidewall. The second growth cedar has very wide grain, and does not withstand the test of time.

Regarding the harvesting of old growth trees -- I believe that old growth trees will disappear eventually with the current logging practices. Currently, there is no differentiation in the annual allowable cut (AAC) that discerns old growth from anything else. What if the AAC were adjusted into two parts: old growth (years old to be decided), and second growth. I'm not sure if or how the percentage of old growth in a TFL or FL or Crown Land is determined, but would it be possible to have an AAC in two parts. Part 1 that allowed a certain percentage of old growth and Part 2 that allowed a remaining percentage of 2nd growth? As the old growth percentage is diminishing, that volume could be adjusted and added onto the 2nd growth side of the AAC. It would seem to me that the declining percentages allowed to cut in the old growth, would allow for the retention of the old growth, while concurrently adding the missing volume to the 2nd growth volume, thereby still having the same AAC, but at the same time protecting old growth within the tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

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