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BY EMAIL

To: Regional Executive Directors

From: Allan Bennett, Director, Timber Pricing Branch

Re: Amendment No. 6 to the *Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version*

I hereby approve Amendment No. 6 to the *Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version*.

The manual can be found here:

[Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version](#)

The purpose of this amendment is to update the *Provincial Logging and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version* in order to:

- Remove the large population sampling method,
- Introduce efficiencies in an expanded aggregate population method,
- Introduce the new simplified waste survey method,
- Incorporate efficiencies for Woodlot Licences and Community Forest Agreements as the interior sampling methods are applied to them,
- Expand the application efficient methods for small tenures,
- Introduce interim submission timelines to improve workflow for survey audits,
- Clarify the interaction between reserved timber, standing waste, and post-harvest reappraisals,
- Revised descriptions, definitions, and terminology to improve clarity.

Amendment No. 6 comes into effect on April 1, 2022.

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Highlights

Section, Table or Appendix Number	Description
1.3	This manual now applies to WL's and CFA's in the Interior.
1.3.3	Cutting authorities where stumpage is billed using area-based rates (IAM Table 6-8) are treated as cruise-based sales and do not require a waste survey. This is not a policy change; it describes a long-established procedure.
1.3.4	Procedures are established for FLTC's issued under the Licence to Cut Regulation Section 1 – Protecting Communities from Wildfire.
4.1	References to large populations are removed.
4.2	Late submission of a waste survey may result in billing delays.
4.2	Interim submissions for individual cutblocks are required to facilitate auditing throughout the year.
4.2.1	Each cutblock in a population has its own due date based on its PLC date.
4.3.2	Small tenures meeting specific criteria may not require field sampling; they would instead use district averages.
5.2	The description of an aggregate population is revised. There is provision for waste assessment areas that do not require sampling within an aggregate population, which receive the average waste level determined by the sampled cutblocks. The Option to create a large population has been removed.
5.3	The name of the aggregate population is no longer described by the word "small". Large populations are removed.
5.4	There are no effective changes in this section, but language has been revised for clarity.
5.5	Large populations have been removed.
6.1	Interim submissions for each cutblock within an aggregate must be submitted to the district within 30 days to facilitate office and field reviews. Large populations are removed.
6.2	References to cutblocks less than 2.0 ha have been removed. References to large populations have been removed.
6.3	The population structure of aggregate populations has several revised requirements. References to large populations have been removed.
6.4	Standing waste occurring as single or scattered trees can be tallied within the dispersed subpopulation or in the standing waste subpopulation. Descriptions of subpopulations and strata are revised to improve clarity.
6.5	Processes for selecting the number of required plots is aligned between single cutblocks and aggregates. Procedures for large populations are removed.
6.6	With the removal of large populations, an amendment to a sampling plan is expected to be very rare. An amendment requires an acceptable rationale.
6.7.2	Procedures for aggregate populations include provisions for non-sampled cutblocks in populations larger than 200 ha.
6.7.3	Procedures for large populations are removed.

8.1 to 8.4	Procedures for large populations are removed.
8.5	Types of roadside spot accumulations are determined by characteristics rather than a fixed distance from the road or landing. Wording has been revised to improve clarity.
9.5.2	Directions are revised to improve clarity for measurement of standing waste.
9.5.2.3	A patch of standing waste is defined as an area 0.05 ha or larger.
10	A new chapter is added to describe the simplified waste survey process.
11.2.2.2	The section has been revised for clarity.
Appendix 1	The definition of an Aggregate Waste Submission has been revised. The term "PLC" definition is revised to include CP expiry.
Appendix 3	Updated to include new or revised survey methods.
Appendix 4	The required number of plots in a single and aggregate population are now identical. They have been streamlined to provide more logical plot distribution for larger populations and very small populations.
Appendix 12	A template quality assurance statement is provided to describe standing timber remaining after harvest.