

Introduction

Under British Columbia's *Forest Act*, all timber harvested from both Crown and private land must be scaled. Timber is scaled to determine its volume and quality.

This manual documents how timber is scaled for purposes of the *Forest Act* and the *Scaling Regulation*.

Scale data is the basis for many transactions for both government and industry. To ensure scale results are reliable and mean the same thing to all users, scaling is dependent upon compliance with the standards, conventions, and procedures prescribed in this manual.

If You Need More Information

This manual was written as a reference and a working tool for government, industry, students and anyone else with an interest in scaling. With such a broad target audience, it may not provide sufficient detail to meet all your needs.

If you need clarification on any topic, we encourage you to contact your local Ministry office.

We Need Your Comments and Suggestions

To ensure this manual is useful for you, it is important that you provide us with your comments and suggestions.

Please send them to:

<p>Provincial Wood Measurement Specialist Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Timber Pricing Branch PO Box 9511, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9C2 Email: Provincial Wood Measurement Specialist</p>
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To Obtain a Scaling Manual

The *Scaling Manual* is available electronically on the Internet at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/manuals/scaling.htm>

For those who may still wish to purchase a hard copy of the *Scaling Manual*, it is available for a fee through:

<p>Crown Publication 563 Superior Street Victoria, BC V8W 9V7 1-800-663-6105 (Toll Free)</p>

You can also get *Scaling Manual* information from the Crown Publications, General Publications page:

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Manual Amendments

The forum to discuss changes will continue to be Interior Scaling Advisory Committee and the Coast Scaling Advisory Committee via meetings and conference calls. The preferred protocol with a three month lapse is:

- issue draft amendments,
- organize conference calls with committee or sub-committee to elaborate on assessment,
- ask for written submissions, and
- host committee meeting and finalize.

Future amendments to this manual can be printed from the Internet.

Check out the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations “What’s New” page for upcoming amendments and new publication information at:

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This information can also be found in the *Scaling Manual* Table of Contents at:

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Some of the Elements of Scaling



Hammer indenting a log with a timber mark.



An interior scaler entering data into a handheld computer.



A loaded truck on a weight scale.



A defective log on a scale site.



A coastal dryland sort.