

Instructions for Requesting a Log Spill Closure Order



This page is used to publish and announce log salvage closures pursuant to Part 9, Section 126 of the *Forest Act*. If notified that logs have been lost in an area of coastal waters, the person delegated to act on behalf of the minister, may order a closure.

Upon discovery that logs have gone adrift, the log owner or their duly authorized agent must:

- identify the area where the logs are currently located and the area where those logs may be expected to disperse (given consideration to wind and tide conditions);
- if logs pose a navigational hazard to marine traffic, advise the Canadian Coast Guard mctsvictoria@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca or by calling *16 on a cell phone;
- use standard maps to identify points of reference that will close off the entire area affected (licensee or web-based mapping using bold polygons or linework are acceptable);
- write out the reference points and instructions to create the polygon around the area to be closed;
- estimate the volume of logs/timber involved and identify the timber marks or brands involved;
- estimate the time when recovery efforts will commence and the expected time required to complete the recovery of these logs. Note: The maximum time permitted for each closure order under Part 9 of the *Forest Act* is ten days in total;
- provide the name & contact information for the person in charge of the cleanup/recovery operation;
- record the above information in an email message with 'Request for Log Spill Closure Order' in the subject line and send the message to Lisa.Hartnup@gov.bc.ca.
- attach a map of the area proposed for the closure to the email.

The delegate for closure orders:

- all requests will be monitored during the normal business hours of 8:30-16:30 Monday to Friday by the Coast Area delegate of the Ministry of Forests;
- requests made outside of normal business hours may not receive immediate attention;
- closure orders, once made, will be distributed to the timber owner or agent, a copy of the closure order will be sent to Western Log Sort and Salvage Cooperative and the Natural Resource District office where the log spill occurred and will be published at this site as soon as practicable.