

Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District

District Operating Procedures

SSS Conventional Applications - Forestry License to Cut - FLTC

This document is to outline the Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District (DSC) guidelines for Conventional and Lake Salvage after March 31, 2015. The intent is to continue to offer the public Small Scale Salvage Forestry Licences to Cut within the DSC, but with new procedures and guidelines. These procedures and guidelines will focus on streamlining the application process while still offering a conventional means to smaller salvage operations.

Background:

Small Scale Salvage (SSS) has been used as a tool to salvage and utilize timber that would otherwise not have been harvested as well as addressing forest health objectives in some cases. The scope, size and focus of the program has evolved over the years in response to a number of factors including availability of salvage type timber, log and lumber markets, timber pricing, the number small scale salvage clients and the implementation of the professional application process. The District's objective and purpose of Small Scale Salvage program is to allow the harvesting of Crown timber that is:

1. Dead
2. In the opinion of the regional manager or district manager, in danger, as a result of insect infestation, fire, disease or wind throw, of being significantly reduced in value, lost or destroyed;
3. Needed to be harvested for insect management purposes;
4. Interspersed with the timber described above and must be harvested to provide safe access to this timber.

The guidelines are based on the application volume. **All Conventional and Lake SSS applications will be limited to only a maximum of 50m³ with the use of the cash sale system.** All other sales with >50m³ and up to a maximum of 2000m³ are directed to use the professional application system.

Legislation:

Conventional and Lake Salvage Application FLTCs are legislated under section 47.6 of the *Forest Act*. FLTCs may be issued by the District Manager or a Forest Officer authorized by the District Manager.

Guidelines:

The following points should be considered during the application process:

- Ensure that the area applied for is Crown land and that the timber in question is crown timber.
- Ensure there are no existing active tenures, permits or licenses that may conflict with the issuance of an FLTC.
- Ensure that the waste and residue has been completed and accepted by the licensee.

- Ensure that the salvaging of post-harvest debris will not negatively affect the burn ability of roadside debris piles and/or not adversely affect any road deactivation measure undertaken by the original licensee.
- Refer the proposed salvage operation to the licensee/BCTS to gather any concerns/objections that they may have.
- Review iMapBC or industry overview maps for any encumbrances (e.g. Fish Streams, wildlife tree patches – WTP requirements). <http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/sv/imapbc/>
- Precise GIS location, longitude latitude is required.

An approved FLTC should consist of a signed license document and an Exhibit A or a legible map clearly showing the harvest area.

Content Checklist for a Forestry Licence to Cut:

- A cover letter or plan (or e-mail) to the District Manager that provides the details of what the applicant is proposing to harvest on the Crown land
- Completed application form
- If the applicant has a permit that gives authority to occupy the land, attach a copy of that permit.
- Include the Corporation Number (issued by the Registrar of Companies) if you are applying as a Registered Company.
- To avoid a delay in the processing of your application, please ensure that you have given us your complete name, mailing address, postal code and telephone/fax number and e-mail address. This will allow us to contact you for additional information, if required, and for signing the completed Licence to cut document when it is completed.
- An operational plan Map (1:5000 or less scale) indicating applicable:
 - general geographic location, FSR Roads
 - Location of trees or proposed boundary location of area, tied to an identifiable point (legal corner if available) of commencement. GPS points: Longitude and Latitude or shape files if it is a larger area that needs to be traversed
 - streams and other resource features,

- Any existing improvements (buildings, transmission lines, roads, etc.)
- Size of trees (use diameter in centimetres at 1.3 meters above the roots or high side) and species of trees proposed to be cut. If more than individual trees are proposed for cutting, provide a breakdown of species in percent, an average stem diameter and the area of the trees to be cut.
- Photograph of trees. Please include an object in the photos to indicate the photo scale. Please indicate the location from which the photos were taken, on the map noted above.
- The preferred method of submission is through the FTA.DSC@gov.bc.ca e-mail Inbox. It can also be mailed or dropped off at the Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District office in Powell River (address below)

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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