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To All Coast Area Licensees:

Historically, the authority to use and occupy Crown land for forestry and non-forestry purposes has been given under separate authorizations – the Special Use Permit (SUP) and *Land Act* tenure, respectively, each with their own governing legislation and contractual agreements. These authorizations are now both issued by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR).

As a coastal pilot project, FLNR would like to offer you the opportunity to voluntarily enter into a single *Land Act* tenure for adjoining operations traditionally requiring two or more provincial authorizations. Authorizing these operations under a single tenure is expected to streamline both administration and consultation for First Nations, government and industry.

In particular, this new approach is very efficient for both industry and government for log handling operations where multiple authorizations exist; specifically where there is an SUP over the upland and a *Land Act* tenure over foreshore or submerged lands that fall outside of the provincial forest.

I encourage you to contact the resource/tenures officer or district resource manager in your area for more details on this new opportunity. If you have any feedback on this concept in general, please contact Emma Neill, A/Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 387-8315, or via email at emma.neill@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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