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VIA EMAIL

All Licence Holders:

Re: Blanket Salvage Cutting Permits (BSCPs) and *Forest Act*, Bulletin #17 – Damaged Timber Blanket Salvage Cutting Permit Issuance

Attached is the new *Forest Act*, Bulletin #17 – Damaged Timber Blanket Salvage Cutting Permit Issuance that will serve as provincial guidance in BSCP issuance under Part 3.1 of the *Forest Act*. This bulletin replaces the Deputy Minister memo, titled Harvesting Under a Blanket Salvage Permit (for Interior Regions), that was signed on January 29, 2016.

In accordance with current changes to cutting permits under the *Forest Act* and Bill 41-2023, all cutting permit policies are being reviewed and adjusted to the requirements of the new legislation. As a result, BSCP issuance has been clarified under this new bulletin. Major changes to this policy include:

- Application of BSCPs for standing timber on the coast under the Coast Appraisal Manual; and
- Removal of trap trees.

The main requirements for BSCPs remain unchanged and include:

- Maximum volume of 5,000 cubic metres per cut block;
- Maximum cut block size of 15 hectares unless harvesting occurs under a retention silviculture system and intermediate cut stockings standards specified in the Forest Stewardship Plan or Forest Operations Plan are achieved after harvest;
- Applies to isolated, dead or damaged timber; and
- Tabular rates apply.

This document is available publicly on the [Timber Tenure Bulletins, Policies and Procedures - Province of British Columbia](#).

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Forest Tenures Branch staff at ForestTenuresBranch@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: *Forest Act*, Bulletin #17 – Damaged Timber Blanket Salvage Cutting Permit Issuance

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