



Interfor Corporation Proposed Tenure Disposition in the Great Bear Rainforest North Timber Supply Area

Purpose of this Document

This document provides detail on a tenure transfer proposed by Interfor Corporation (Interfor) in the Great Bear Rainforest (GBR) North timber supply area (TSA).

The tenure transfer requires the approval of decision makers in the Ministry of Forests (the Ministry). For details on the legal requirements for the approval and the process the ministry will employ to determine if the disposition should be approved, refer to the document titled “Interfor Corporation Proposed Tenure Disposition in Coast British Columbia”. The document is available on the Forest Tenures Branch website at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/forest-tenure-administration/timber-tenure-transfer-disposition>.

For further information on the proposed transaction please contact Emma Neill, Senior Timber Tenures Forester at 778-974-2439 or by email at InterforDisposition2023@gov.bc.ca

Details of the Disposition Requests

The Ministry of Forests has received an application from Interfor to transfer Replaceable Forest Licence (RFL) A16841 with an allowable annual cut (AAC) of 24,888 m³ to the Metlakatla Forestry Corporation as the general partner of Metlakatla Forestry Limited Partnership on behalf of the Metlakatla First Nation.

RFL’s are a form of forest tenure that provides harvesting rights in a TSA. RFLs are replaced every 10 years with a new term of 15 years. Details of the RFL being transferred follows:

RFL	Current Term	Replacement Date
A16841	2017-09-01 to 2032-08-31	2027-09-02

Are there other Tenures or Permits that will be transferred?

Interfor has indicated that some cutting permits (CP), and licence of occupation may be transferred in whole or in part to the new tenure holders. Details on the permits and licences that will be transferred or assigned in whole or part to the tenure holders follows:

Road Permits

Associated Tenure	Road Permit #	New tenure holder	Operating Area and Location
A16841	R00893	<i>Metlakatla</i>	KUM (+Brown Lake, Moore Cove)
A16841	R22378	<i>Metlakatla</i>	DAV (Davies Bay)



Licences

File #	Expiry	Use	New Holder	Location
6402025	2030/01/06	Barge ramp, float camp moorage, boat and seaplane docking facilities	Transfer to Metlakatla Forestry Corporation	Kumealeon Inlet
6401263	2025/01/07	Dump, sort and boom	Transfer to Metlakatla Forestry Corporation	Kumealeon Inlet

Further details on these permits and licences are available on request and maps (shapefiles) are available on the FTP site located at

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/HTH/external/!publish/Interfor%20Transfer/>.

Where will the RFL be allowed to operate?

The RFL will provide the holder with the right to apply for CPs and RPs within the GBR North TSA. The approval of the CPs and RPs will require consultation with First Nations and the approval of the District Manager to ensure they meet all legal requirements. A map of the GBR North TSA is attached.

It is a common practice for tenure holders in a TSA to enter into an operating area agreement to restrict their operations to a certain area of the TSA. This arrangement avoids tenure holders from overlapping operations and helps to ensure orderly planning and operations in the TSA. These operating area arrangements are business to business arrangements by tenure holders and are not mandated by the ministry.

It is expected that new tenure holder will operate within the operating area historically allocated to the RFL and any future operating area changes will be done through discussion with other tenure holders in the GBR North TSA.

What harvest rights have been provided in the GBR North TSA?

The GBR North TSA's current allowable annual cut (AAC) is 803,000 cubic metres as of January 1, 2017. The GBR North TSA AAC was allocated (or apportioned) into Forest Licences and for use by BC Timber Sales on January 1, 2017 as follows:

Tenure Type	Coniferous Volume (m ³)	Deciduous Volume (m ³)	Apportionment by Licence
Replaceable Forest Licence	619,263		Interfor, A16841 – 24,488 cubic metres/year Interfor, A16850 – 83,382 cubic metres/year Interfor, A82002 – 22,223 cubic metres/year Sonora Logging Limited, A16837 – 14,049 cubic metres/year



			<p>Sonora Logging Limited, A16838 – 10,001 cubic metres/year</p> <p>SWC Holding Ltd., A16848 – 10,001 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Western Forest Products, A16845 – 136,029 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Western Forest Products, A16847 – 19,674 cubic metres/year</p>
Forest Licences Non-Replaceable		5,000	Dean Channel Forest Products Ltd. – A96670 – 5,000 cubic metres/year
Non-Replaceable Forest Licences – First Nations	55,898		<p>Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership, A87259 – 30,898 cubic metres/year and 31,302 cubic metres Non-AAC lump sum volume</p> <p>Metlakatla Forestry Limited Partnership, A94773 – 17,000 cubic metres Non-AAC lump sum volume</p> <p>Gitxaala Forest Products Ltd., - 75,000 cubic metres Non-AAC lump sum volume</p>
Forest Licences (Replaceable) First Nations			<p>Gitxaala Forest Products Ltd., A16820 – 66,472 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Kvamua Forestry Services Ltd., A82001 – 66,671 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Gwa'nak Resources Ltd., A938864 – 4,445 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Kitasoo Forest Company Ltd., A94009 – 25,000 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Kvamua Forestry Services Ltd., A94010 – 15,000 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Kvamua Forestry Services Ltd., A945515 – 9,400 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Kitasoo Forest Company Ltd., A94536 – 10,500 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Gitxaala Forest Products Ltd., A95624 – 8,528 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Gitga'at Forestry Inc., A95995 – 15,800 cubic metres/year</p> <p>Coast Tsimshian Resources Ltd., A97045 – 25,000 cubic metres/year</p>
BC Timber Sales	117,976		

Are manufacturing facilities involved in the transaction?

There are no timber processing requirements with the RFL.

Is there contracting requirement associated with the RFLs?

There are no contractors with contractor rights on the RFL.



What happens to existing license obligations, such as silviculture?

The new RFL holder will assume the new obligations associated with the licence including paying stumpage and future silviculture responsibilities. Existing obligations associated with road permits and silviculture are still being determined between Interfor and the intended recipient.

How will harvest operations be conducted?

Interfor has advised the Ministry that the new tenure holders will be included in Interfor's new forest stewardship plan that is currently in development.



Map of the TSA

