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Dear Peter Kofoed:

I hereby approve your proposed Management Plan (MP) No. 8 for Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 39 that was submitted on April 5, 2001, for the period August 1, 2001 to June 30, 2006, with the following exception:

- I note your commitment that management of areas for red alder will be contingent upon the Vancouver Forest Regional Manager approving a hardwood management proposal. Although I am optimistic that red alder will be increasingly merchantable on the South Coast, until you have secured the regional manager's approval of a hardwood management strategy, I do not approve your proposed "establishment of alder on suitable sites". To inform the ministry's consideration of this matter, I ask that you annually apprise the regional manager of the area of deciduous-leading stands that has been harvested each year.



In addition, I make the following observations and requests:

- During the term of MP No. 8, please confirm the operability of the marginally economic areas, in particular, the forty-seven percent of the assumed timber harvesting landbase in Block 7 that you have categorized as "of marginal merchantability" and "classified for non-conventional (helicopter) harvesting".
- Please ensure that the Stewardship Zone (zone) boundaries are finalized, and that a firm commitment is provided in MP No. 9 for the level of retention for each separate zone. In addition, in the calendar-year report to the regional manager, please report on the level of retention being realized within each zone.

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- Please ensure that the recreation inventory for Block 1 is updated as indicated in MP No. 8, so that the results can be incorporated into the timber supply analysis for MP No. 9.
- In accordance with the Vancouver Island Land-Use Plan Higher Level Plan Order, please ensure that old seral requirements in the Salmon and Sayward Landscape Units of Block 2 are reflected in forest development plans during the duration of MP No. 8 and are incorporated into MP No. 9.
- Please ensure that the retention levels in riparian management zones are better quantified using empirical data for use in the next timber supply analysis.
- Subject to available funding, I encourage you to ensure that the proposed terrestrial ecosystem mapping is done, so that site productivity on TFL 39 can be assessed from that basis.
- I note your commitment to design and implement a windthrow monitoring program during the term of MP No. 8, and to map windthrow hazard for at least Block 2. I also note your commitment to document the amount of windthrow occurring in variable retention areas.

As you mentioned in your letter dated June 25, 2001, please ensure that all holders of the management plan receive a copy of the stated additions to MP No. 8.

My approval of MP No. 8 is not to be construed as approving the allowable annual cut (AAC) proposed within the plan. As you know, an AAC determination is a separate statutory determination under Section 8 of the *Forest Act*, and it is my intention to determine an AAC for TFL 39 later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Klasen, Timber Tenures Forester with the Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch at (250) 387-1692.

Yours truly,



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Dear Sir:

**Re: Proposed Management Plan (MP) #8 for Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 39**

MP #8 was submitted on April 5, 2001. We propose the following two additions to the MP #8 report:

1. In response to a request from the Vancouver Forest Region we propose including a map of the Forest Project Stewardship Zones. As with other inventories and themes, the Stewardship Zones are presented by each of the seven Blocks in the TFL. It is suggested that paper prints and digital copies be distributed to the Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch and the Vancouver Forest Region and Forest Districts, and that digital copies of the maps be sent to others on the Management Plan distribution list.

The maps are labeled "draft", as changes may still occur. For example, changes are planned for some of the Stewardship Zones in Block 6 (Queen Charlotte Islands) – the updated map will be distributed when it is completed. It is expected that the Stewardship Zones will be finalized by 2004.

2. The inclusion of Section 6.1.3 as follows.

**6.1.3 Fibre Supply Agreements**

As outlined in Section 3.0 of the Objectives and Strategies for Employment and Economic Opportunities (Page 47 of Appendix I), the Weyerhaeuser BC Coastal Group sold its Harmac pulp mill in 1994 and exited the paper business by selling the Powell River and Port Alberni mills in early 1998. Weyerhaeuser has agreements with the resultant companies, Harmac Pacific and Pacifica, to supply fibre to these mills. It is Weyerhaeuser's intention to continue to supply fibre in the form of both logs and chips to Harmac Pacific and Pacifica pursuant to these fibre supply agreements.

This addition can be accomplished by revising page 32 of the MP text and adding a page 32a.

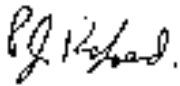
We have expanded the Table of Contents. This includes the additions discussed above and also includes more sub-sections for ease of reference.

A digital copy of the maps and a paper copy of the proposed changes to the text are attached. Upon notification that the proposed changes are accepted, we will forward the revisions to those on the distribution list for MP #8

If you or members of your staff have questions, please contact me at (250) 755-3450.

We look forward to your response

Yours truly,



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Attachments

Letter only

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