



Kalum Plan Implementation
Committee – Forest Practices
Code to the Forest and Range
Practices Act

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Status of forest practices legislation transition – Kalum District

- *All new harvest authorities (permits) must be under a Forest Stewardship Plan by Dec 31st.*
- FSP's approved for Kitselas Forest Products and Kalum Ventures (Kitsumkalum)
- Timber Baron Forest Products – Nass TSA
- FSP is submitted by BCTS
- Expect Coast Tsimshian, West Fraser, Bell Pole in the next few months

FSP Review; what's different

- Was...FPC Section 41 “ Manage and Conserve ” test on Forest Development Plans
- **Now...FRPA Section 16 “Consistency with Objectives Set by Government” test.**

What is the difference?

FRPA Test

- Licensees will only propose plan content where government “sets” objectives (results and strategies)

Where do objectives come from?

- Objectives Set in Regulation.... apply everywhere

unless...

- Ministry of Environment - authority
- Integrated Land Management Bureau – authority

Ex. Wildlife Habitat Areas, SRMP's

What about locally important values not captured in “objectives”?

- If there is no objective set for an important value, it still must be managed for..... but it is not part of the legal content of the FSP

Professional Role:

- Forestry professionals (preparers, reviewers and approvers) will need to seek out standards that reflect an appropriate balance between economic, social and ecological elements for forest values.

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- These standards could come from:
 - Non-legal objectives or strategies from land and resource management planning
 - Guidance developed for the Code environment
 - Existing forest management practices
 - Indicators from technical or scientific information
 - Ongoing assessment of the public interest

Professional Role:

- Which standard is the right standard?
- Much of the guidance provided by the ABCFP is helpful in deciding which standard is the right standard; in particular, Standards of Professional Practice: Guidelines for Interpretation and Interpreting the Public's Interest

Our expectation

- FRPA was designed to ensure that the high environmental standards previously provided by the Code are maintained, while providing for innovation in meeting those standards.
- This innovation should lead to, progressively better forest practices standards