

Wynndel Box & Lumber Co. Ltd. (WB&L) has implemented a program for the purchase of wood to encourage the sustainable management of forests. WB&L requires, in all of our wood purchase agreements, our wood suppliers to adhere to best management practices, prompt reforestation and the use of qualified forest management professionals where appropriate. The purpose of this document is to assist our wood suppliers in meeting these requirements, and to provide some additional information about our wood procurement program.

## 1. *The Company's Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP)*

Canada's National Forest Strategy offers the following definition of sustainable forest management:

*The long-term health of Canada's forest will be maintained and enhanced, for the benefit of all living things, and for the social, cultural, environmental and economic well being of all Canadians now and in the future.*

— National Forest Strategy Coalition, National Forest Strategy, 2003–2008

WB&L has developed a sustainable forest management plan (SFMP) that describes how the company will strive to achieve sustainability in our operating areas. The SFMP reflects all higher-level plans and regulatory requirements. The company ensures that all lower-level plans it is responsible for developing are consistent with the commitments made in the SFMP.

This SFMP has adopted measures of sustainable forest management that are consistent with those defined in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program. The SFI program considers ecological, social, and economic aspects of forest management, and is overseen by an independent organization with members who come from environmental/conservation organizations, regulatory agencies, professional/academic groups, logging professionals, non-industrial landowners, and the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA).

WB&L has retained independent auditors to assess how well the company conforms to the SFI Standard and SFI Chain of Custody Standard, and if the company may be certified as meeting these standards. **Suppliers of purchased wood to the company play an important part in the success of the SFMP, and the certification of the company.**

## 2. *Wood Procurement Policy*

The Company has implemented wood procurement practices that seek to require or influence suppliers to operate in a sustainable manner and encourage forest management certification for forest landowners. Specifically, the company will:

- Provide this wood procurement policy to all potential wood suppliers

- Provide information to wood suppliers and private landowners regarding the need for prompt reforestation and for forest management practices that
  - protect streams for water quality and habitat,
  - protect soils by using appropriate harvesting and road building methods,
  - manage forest pests,
  - limit the introduction, impact and spread of invasive plants and animals that threaten native plant and animal communities,
  - preserve visual quality and other features (recreational opportunities),
  - conserve wildlife habitat and evaluate lands to address and protect rare and endangered species and ecological communities, including forests with exceptional conservation value,
  - maintain coarse woody debris, and
  - enhance forest productivity, utilization and/or implement carbon offset solutions such as afforestation
- Encourage private land owners and wood suppliers to use qualified professionals to plan forestry activities, and to use qualified logging contractors to execute the activity, and to pursue forest management certification on their lands.
- Require all wood suppliers to:
  - identify the point of origin of the wood, including the ownership and location of the land from which it was derived;
  - identify certification status, if any, of the wood, of the company selling the wood, or the land from which the wood was derived
- Monitor the results of practices employed by wood suppliers.

The company will not purchase wood from suppliers who do not conform to the requirements of this policy.

### ***3. Forest Management Practices***

The company provides its planning staff and field crew and contractors with guidance regarding appropriate forest practices that protect environmental resources (best management practices), and requires suppliers of wood to develop and implement similar practices including:

- Identify and protect riparian areas, provide wildlife habitat, protect biodiversity, and prevent degradation of water and visual quality, i.e. through the use of reserves;
- Protect soil quality and avoid unnecessary soil compaction to maintain soil productivity and avoid erosion, i.e. implementing an adverse weather shutdown procedure and minimize drainage pattern disruptions;
- Identify and protect water bodies, to avoid siltation and fish habitat impacts, i.e. construction of appropriate stream crossing in periods of reduced risk;
- Promptly reforest following harvesting with ecologically suitable species and seedlots (within 2 years for replanted areas or within 5 years for natural regeneration), and minimize forest land conversion where possible.

WB&L can provide additional information, including field guides or reference sources, for these and other forest management practices. Please contact the company for further information.

#### 4. *Qualified Professionals and Logging Contractors*

The company encourages suppliers and private landowners to consult and use qualified professionals and logging contractors, to ensure best practices are incorporated into logging plans and followed during logging activity. The company provides the following list of qualified professionals and logging contractors who, in our opinion, are qualified to provide services:

Service	Contractor	Contact Name	Telephone
<b>Development Services</b>			
Road & Block Layout/Valuation	Treespan Forestry Consulting	Curtis Wullum	250-428-7960
Road & Block Layout/Valuation		Peter Bodley	250-428-3364
Forest Pest Surveys	Treespan Forestry Consulting	Curtis Wullum	250-428-7960
Forest Pest Surveys	Mapleleaf Forestry Consulting		250-489-0005
<b>Planning/Assessments &amp; Professional Services</b>			
Registered Professional Forester	Wynndel Box & Lumber Co.	Matthew Maddess	250-866-5412
Registered Professional Forester		Karl Sommerfeld	250-428-8426
Forester	Wynndel Box & Lumber Co.	Don Vaillancourt	250-866-5412
Registered Professional Engineer	Deverney Engineering	Norman Deverney	250-825-4347
<b>Logging/Road Construction</b>			
Road Construction	Wynndel Box & Lumber Co.	Matthew Maddess	250-866-5412
Road Construction	Dosenberger Excavating Ltd.	Ray Dosenberger	250-428-3926
Logging/Road Construction	D-3 Logging Ltd.	Ed & Troy Draper	250-227-9297
Logging	Ken Leslie Logging	Ken Leslie	250-428-7522
Logging	Loss Creek Logging	Clayton Powell	250-428-5964
Logging	Northspar Holdings	Lance Huscroft	250-428-6669
<b>Silviculture</b>			
Planting, Brushing, Spacing	Brinkman & Associates	Timo Scheiber	604-521-7771
Planting, Brushing, Spacing	T L Tyson Soroke Silviculture	Tyson Soroke	250-428-0676
Planting, Brushing, Spacing	MaCaulay Forestry Services	Jim Macaulay	250-428-7610
Silviculture Surveys	Treespan Forestry Consulting	Curtis Wullum	250-428-7960
Silviculture Surveys	Wynndel Box & Lumber Co.	Matthew Maddess	250-866-5412
Mechanical Site Preparation and Deactivation	Einer Strom Excavating	Einer Strom	250-227-9522
Mechanical Site Preparation and Deactivation	Wynndel Box & Lumber Co.	Don Vaillancourt	250-866-5412
Seedling Production	Pacific Regeneration Tech. Ltd.	Dan Livingston	250-229-5353
Seedling Production	K&C Silviculture	Robin Dawes	250-498-4974

#### 5. *Requirements of Suppliers*

All suppliers of wood to the company must identify:

- The point of origin of the wood, by providing the exact location and ownership name of the land from which the wood was harvested;
- The certification status of the wood and/or company, including the following:

- None
- ISO 14001
- CSA Z809
- SFI
- FSC

In addition, all suppliers must agree to the company periodically monitoring or assessing the forest management practices of the supplier or the land owner from where the wood was harvested, and other claims which the supplier may make with regard to certification status.

## 6. *Additional Information*

Please contact **Matthew Maddess** at the Company for additional information or interpretation of this procurement program.

In addition, we provide the following resources for information purposes:

Provincial Forest-Related Legislation: [www.gov.bc.ca/for](http://www.gov.bc.ca/for)

Forest Practices Branch: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/index.htm>

BC Worker Compensation Act: [www.worksafebc.com](http://www.worksafebc.com)

BC Forest Safety Council: <http://bcforest.imambo.com/index.asp>

Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI): <http://www.sfiprogram.org/>

Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/for/>

Ministry of Environment: <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/env/index.html>

Species and Ecosystems at risk in BC: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/serisk.htm>

Private Forest Landowners Association: <http://www.pfla.bc.ca/>

- Access to Best Management Practices Handbook & reference information

Report and respond to spills > 100 liters

- Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) 1-800-663-3456

Report and respond to forest fires (as per Wildfire Act and Regulations)

- 1-800-663-5555