



INDIAN ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

Meetings

It has been a busy summer and fall for the Advisory Board which has met three times since the Summer 1986 report, with a fourth in-camera meeting being held by the native members only. Prior to October 13, the influx of tourists for Expo 86 made it difficult to meet in either Vancouver or Victoria so the Board held meetings at the offices of the Kamloops Band on July 30 and the Westbank Band on October 2.

Board member Alan Casimer hosted us in Kamloops and provided a tour of the forest and range resources of his band. Alan canvassed the Board members for their collective forestry expertise and as a result made some major adjustments to the terms of reference for their pending forest inventory. These adjustments resulted in more money being budgeted by both the band and FRDA. The increase in funds is expected to result in a much better project.

The October 2 meeting was hosted by Board member Harold Derickson and included an inspection of the forest resources of the Westbank Band. The development of the Band's forest inventory and management plan is proceeding smoothly and is on schedule.

Both these field trips provided a useful opportunity for the Board members to get to know one another better and provided a useful forum for discussing operational forestry problems in a forested setting.

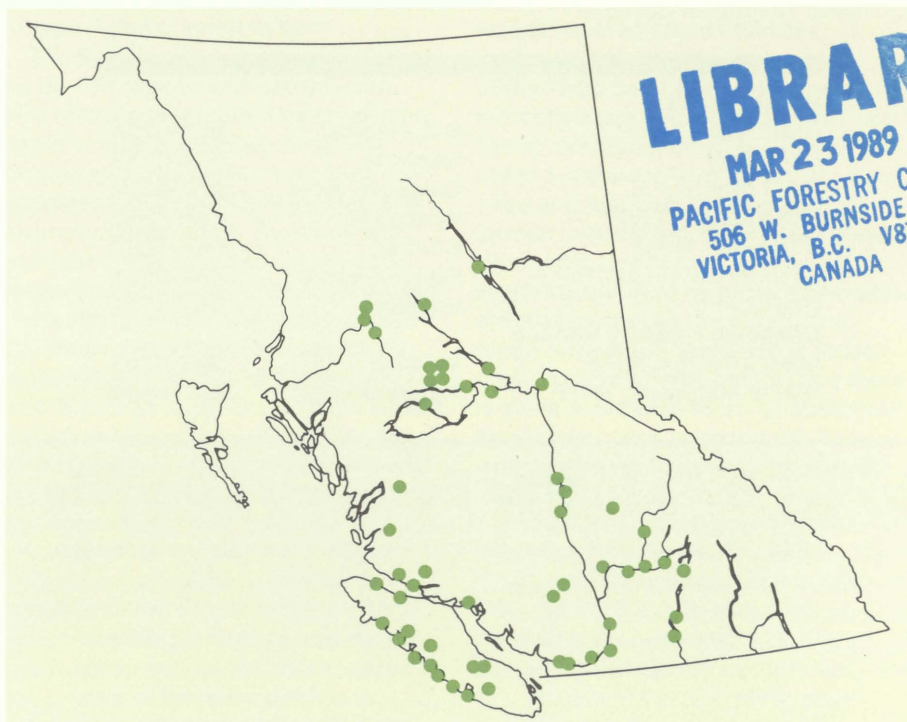
On November 13, it was back to one of our regular meeting locations in Victoria. During the above meetings eleven projects for conducting inventories and developing forest management

plans were recommended by the Board for approval. They are:

Chawathil Band	Hope
Fountain Band	Lillooet
Soowahlie Band	Vedder Crossing
Skeetchestn Band	Savona
Westbank Band	Westbank
Desolation Sound Tribal Council (Klahoose and Sliammon Bands)	Powell River
Stone Band	Hanceville
Kitsegukla Band	Hazelton
Comox Band	Comox
Lillooet Band	Lillooet
Tlatlasikwala Band	Port Hardy

Status Report

Due to the heavy demand on the Indian Forest Lands Program, together with a readjustment of funding in other FRDA programs, the budget was increased for this fiscal year by \$100 000 to \$827 900. At the time of this report \$721 000 has been committed to 53 Indian bands for forest inventories and management plans on their properties. A further 16 projects are pending. Implementation on some will be delayed until the spring. Another six projects are considered to be delinquent; that is, they have received program approval, but have failed to take action to implement their projects.



Distribution of Indian forestry projects implemented throughout the province.

1986/87 BAND PROJECTS

Table 1

	As of November 19, 1986							
	— Pending — Implementation No.	— Implemented — No.	Area (ha)	FRDA \$	— Completed — No.	Area (ha)	FRDA \$	Delinquent No.
Backlog Reforestation								
Surveys and prescriptions	16	53	87 700	721 000	6	2 500	40 600	6
Seeds and Seedlings								
Site preparation								
Planting								
Intensive Forest Management								
Brushing, weeding, pest control								
Conifer release								
Juvenile spacing								
Fertilization								
Total	16	53	87 700	721 000	6	2 500	40 600	6

Watch this space for Silviculture funds to be committed beginning with the 1987/88 fiscal year!

Table 1 presents the status of the program. Only six of the 53 bands have formally completed their projects, but many more are nearing that stage and are in the process of reviewing their draft management plans. So far, 75 of the 195 bands have submitted proposals to the program. So where are the rest? From the map, it would appear there is an opportunity to do more business in the four corners of the province — the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and lower Vancouver Island.

We can help

Both Indian Affairs and the Canadian Forestry Service (CFS) have foresters available to assist in developing proposals through personal contact or via the telephone. If these foresters are unavailable we can arrange a meeting for you with a forest consultant (free of charge to the band). The names and telephone numbers of the government foresters are shown below:

Give them a call —
they're there to help!!

Indian Affairs

Grant Scott, R.P.F.	B.C. Region	666-0290
Daryl Britt	Nanaimo	754-0355
Ron Frank, R.P.F.	Campbell River	287-8834
Ernie Jones, R.P.F.	Vancouver	666-0353
Karl Maier, R.P.F.	Central	666-5062
Jennifer Parkinson, R.P.F.	Prince George	563-0231
Ned Kontic	Hazleton	842-6551

Canadian Forestry Service

Mark Atherton, R.P.F.	Victoria	388-0705
Walter Matosevic, R.P.F.	Prince George	562-6908

Priority shifts

The program priority is currently focussed on conducting forest inventories and developing forest management plans. As more and more bands complete their plans, however, program emphasis will shift to funding the silvicultural treatments identified as priorities within the bands' management plans. In order to obtain this silviculture funding it is extremely important for each band to have completed its management plan.

The Board has been wrestling with the development of silviculture guidelines over the past few meetings. The question being asked is how to spend the available funds in the most cost effective manner while ensuring that there is an equitable distribution among the bands. A number of ideas have been presented, but many issues remain to be resolved. We hope to finalize these guidelines as soon as possible and distribute them to all the bands. ■

B.C. Indian Forestry Commission Proposed

The five Indian members of the Advisory Board have proposed the formation of a B.C. Indian Forestry Commission to deal with specific forestry issues at the national level.

The Indian Board members have written to all B.C. tribal councils recommending that each one appoint one member to

represent them on the proposed commission.

In anticipation of a subsequent agreement to replace FRDA in 1990, the proposed commission can input Indian forestry representation at the planning stage. This will ensure that realistic funding levels with appropriate guidelines will be considered.

Board member Alan Casimir is coordinating the responses. They should be directed to him at the Kamloops Band Office, 315 Yellowhead Highway, Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1H1. Alan may also be reached at 372-9575, should you have any questions. ■

TREE FARM LICENSE NO. 42

An Indian owned and operated TFL

by Christopher Holt

February 6, 1982 was a historical day for the Stuart-Trembleur Lake Band. On that date, after years of study and negotiations, their forestry enterprise, Tanizul Timber Ltd., was awarded Tree Farm License (TFL) No. 42 — the first TFL awarded by the province in 16 years and the first ever awarded to an Indian Band.

The property, situated between Stuart and Trembleur Lakes and west of the Tache River, is 49 600 ha in size and includes 2 500 ha of reserve land. Because of the reserve land involved, the tree farm license was unique in that it required agreement between three levels of government — federal, provincial and Indian.

Negotiations by the Stuart-Trembleur Lakes Band for rights to cut provincial Crown timber date back to 1969 when the British Columbia Railway constructed a rail line through seven of the band's reserves without proper authority. The band initially requested that timber quotas be part of the compensation package, but over time this request evolved into negotiations for a full fledged TFL, the most desirable of all provincial forest tenures. It took over 10 years, and a lot of cooperation from all levels of government, including a special federal Order in Council under the Indian Act, to make specific timber regulations for the Stuart Trembleur Lake Band, but in 1982 the band was awarded the license and the agreement was signed on April 26, 1983.

Under a tree farm license the licensee takes on full forest management responsibility for the area within the TFL for a 25 year period. A five year forest management and working plan was developed by the Band and approved by the Chief Forester of the B.C. Forest Service. A second five year management and working plan is now being completed and will be presented to the Forest Service by June 1987. The license is renewable every 15 years.

Of the 49 600 ha within the TFL 46 300 ha is considered productive



Thomas Pierre, Tanizul Timber Ltd's Woods Foreman and Member of the Advisory Board.

forest land hosting a variety of tree species including white spruce, lodgepole pine, Douglas-fir, balsam and aspen. The average volume per hectare is in the order of 300 cubic metres and the annual allowable cut (AAC) is 120 000 m³/year.

The Band's main objective in securing the TFL was to improve the standard of living of the Band by creating a stable employment base, ensuring training and meaningful long-term employment opportunities in logging and silvicultural activities. The Band will maintain the land base in continuous forest production using sustained yield and multiple use principles, to ensure that it can provide current and future economic benefits for all Band members. Since Tanizul Timber commenced operations it has already affected the local economy with a \$14 million boost by creating 30 to 40 regular jobs and many other indirect employment opportunities.

Tanizul Timber owns no heavy equipment other than a grader. All the equipment used is either owned by Band members or by Band contractors. Silvicultural work performed on the TFL is done on a piecework basis by Band members.

In assuming full management responsibility for the TFL, Tanizul Timber faced a number of problems. The first

and foremost was lack of road access into the TFL across the Tache River. Fortunately, the Forest Service agreed to finance the construction of a bridge and a main access road so that Tanizul could begin immediate harvest in an insect infested stand of timber.

Another major problem is the 5000-7500 ha of area not satisfactorily restocked land (NSR) on the provincial Crown portion of the TFL. The NSR areas are generally on better growing sites and resulted from logging performed in the fifties to the Intermediate Utilization standard (a somewhat wasteful standard by today's utilization criteria) as well as from fires. The brush growing on these areas today provide good wildlife habitat and there is some resistance to its rehabilitation by wildlife users, even though Tanizul would prefer to have it growing trees and making a contribution to their AAC.

Funding of silvicultural activities on the provincial Crown land is provided through Section 88 of the provincial Forest Act. Under their agreement with the province, Tanizul Timber Ltd. pays a stumpage to the Crown for timber harvested from the Crown portion of the TFL. The Forest Service credits their account and allows the licensee to draw on it to pay for authorized silvicultural work and road construction that meets pre-established standards upon

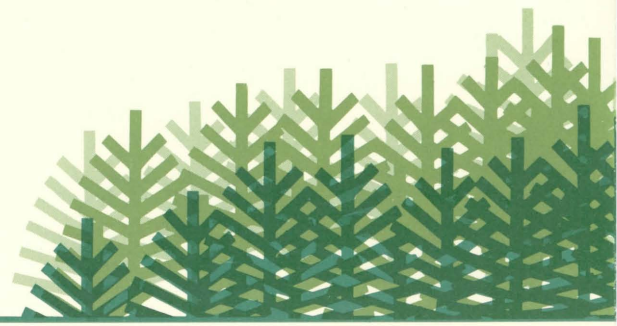


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Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement

SAFETY IN THE WOODS

Have you ever wondered what a barber chair had to do with forestry and logging? Or why the Dutchman hit the jackpot with the school marm and the widow maker? These terms and expressions might make more sense to you after you read a copy of the Fallers' and Buckers' Handbook published by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) of British Columbia.

Millions of dollars are spent every year by the WCB paying off the cost of preventable accidents. In order to minimize their occurrence in all industries, the WCB puts substantial effort into researching safe work practices and educating workers in proper work procedures through books, reports, booklets, pamphlets, brochures, bulletins, posters and audio-visual aids.

Publications of particular interest to the forest industry include the following:

Books and Reports:

JUVENILE SPACING HANDBOOK

An illustrated handbook of recommended procedures for those involved in the juvenile spacing segment of silviculture operations. \$2.00 in B.C.

FALLERS' AND BUCKERS' HANDBOOK

A detailed instruction book on safe logging practices; weather-resistant cover and pages; many descriptive illustrations. \$2.00 in B.C.

GROUND SKIDDING HANDBOOK

A detailed, fully illustrated guide to safe work methods for log skidding. It highlights hazardous work practices that have resulted in accidents and offers safer alternatives. \$2.00 in B.C.

Booklets, Pamphlets, Brochures

CHAINSAWS AND YOUR HEALTH

Pamphlet describing the hazards and precautions to be taken when operating chainsaws.

STANDARD PRACTICES FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATORS

A manual of health information and

safe practices for those who apply pesticides.

TAKE CARE OF THOSE BOOTS!

A pocket-sized pamphlet that lists important steps to take in keeping caulk boots in good shape.

SPLICING MANUAL

A detailed, illustrated guide to splicing techniques used in the logging industry, especially in yarding situations. \$2.00 in B.C.

Regulations and Legislation

LOGGING

A pocket-sized edition of the Industrial Health and Safety Regulations pertaining to the logging industry.

Any of the preceding publications, or a complete publications list, may be obtained by contacting the Board at the following address:

Workers' Compensation Board
of British Columbia
Films and Posters Section
6951 Westminster Highway
RICHMOND, B.C.
V7C 1C6

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completion. The Reserve land portion of the TFL is eligible to receive silviculture funding under the FRDA Indian Forest Lands Program.

Tanizul Timber is generating approximately \$150 000 a year through stumpage fees which are being returned through Section 88 and applied to road construction and silviculture. Although this is far short of the amount of credits the company has been building up, it can finance the planting of 750 000 trees. This year 600 000 trees will have been planted.

There has been no mill built to

handle the timber from the TFL. The logs are being sold on the open market, with 75% of them at present going to Fraser Lake Sawmills through a five-year contract. The balance is sold to other mills in the local area.

Tanizul Timber's shares are held by six Band members who form the Board of Directors. The shares are held in trust for the benefit of the whole Band.

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