



Ministry of Forests, Lands
and Natural Resource Operations

Report & Update

BCCFA AGM – May 2016

- CFA Program Stats
- BCTS Initiatives
- CFA Expansion
- Other - Questions





There are 56 Issued Community Forests in BC

Area	# CFAs	Area (ha)	AAC (m ³ /ha)**
North	19	578,000	1,287,000
South	23	530,000	533,000
Coast	14	389,000	386,000

Since our meeting last year

- *Vanderhoof CFA offered (23, 181 ha)*
- *Chinook and Valemount*

** AACs include current uplifts





2016 Community Forest Map



BCTS Initiatives

- The June 2013 Effectiveness Review of BCTS highlighted importance of providing benchmark data for Market Pricing System (MPS)
- Made recommendations focussed on the efficiency of BCTS
- Bill 25 (2015) and Bill 12 (2016) support the recommendations
- Bill 25 enabled BCTS to enter into voluntary disposition agreements with CFAs and other forms of tenure (FNWL, WL).
- Allows licensees to release harvest rights to BCTS for a negotiated amount of money.



Bill 12 – Reduced Volume Licences

- Requires support of individual CFAs – new or existing (FNWL, WL)
- Help the Minister resolve timber allocation challenges and balance competing interests
- BCCFA is involved in discussions around development of the Regulation that prescribes the financial payment to the holders of reduced non-BCTS licences
- Will be involved in policy development around implementation issues – Principles document (unique business models)
- Reduced volume licences are a tool that enables government to issue tenures in places where the land base is extremely constrained.
- Situations where additional tenures would be very difficult to issue



Expansion of Existing CFAs

Forest Act Amendment - Royal Assent

Regulation will be required – Cabinet approval required

Key Principles:

Apportionment for CFAs in available within the TSA

First Nations interests can be effectively addressed

100 hectare threshold for minor boundary adjustment.

Over 100 hectares will require more formal application:

- Confirm CFA holder licensee is meeting provincial goals and Community Forest objectives
- Public support



Questions?