

BCCFA Conference and AGM

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Managing BC's Forests ... not that easy?

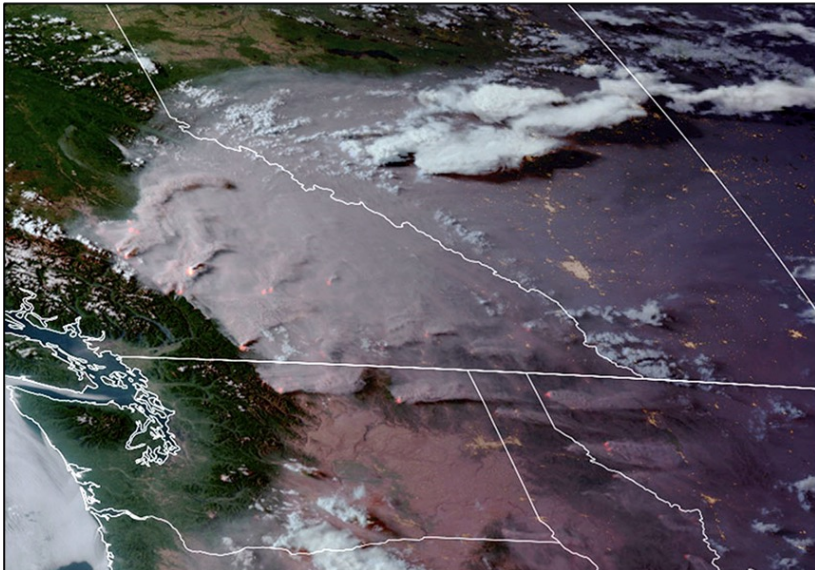
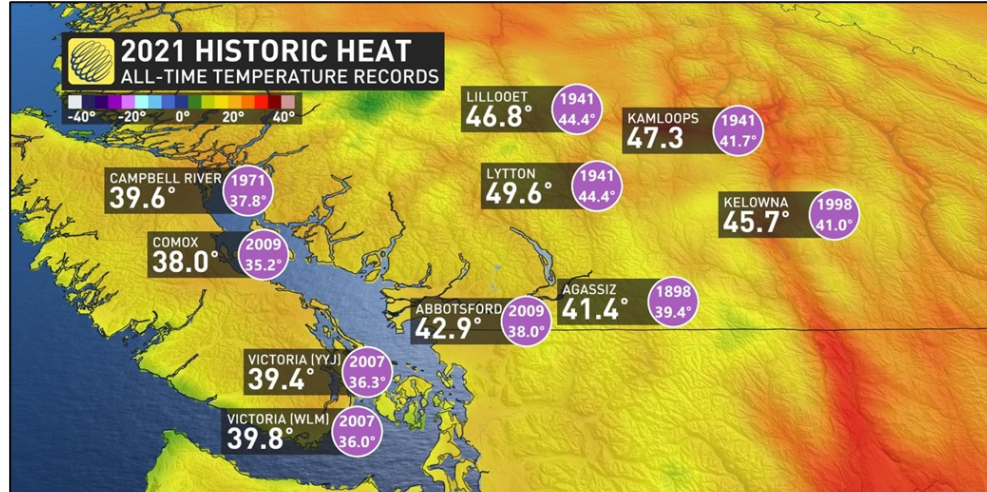
Shane Berg RPF,
Chief Forester
Assistant Deputy Minister



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Challenges BC's Forests are Facing:

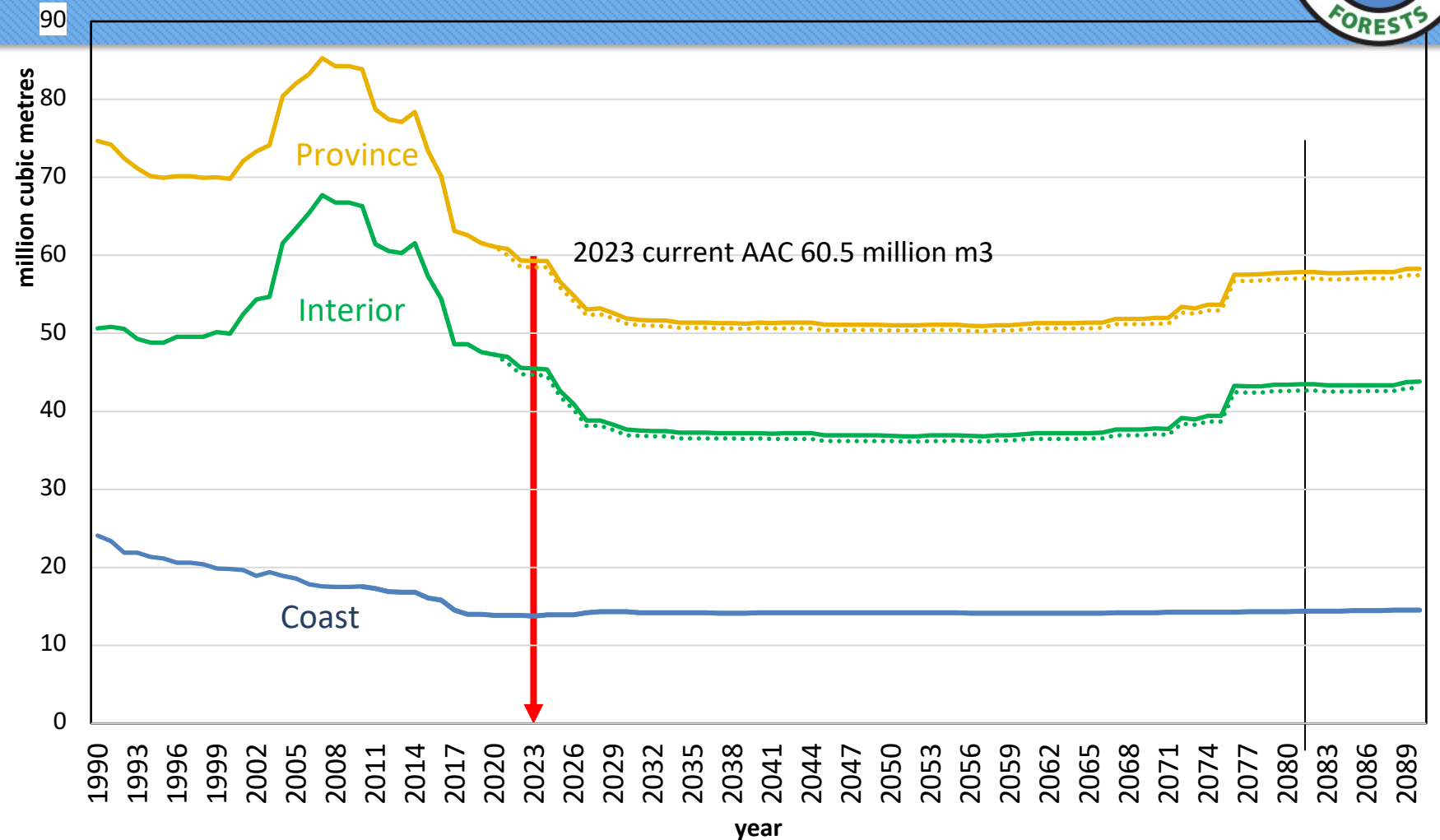




Context: BC Forest Economy and Projected Harvest Levels

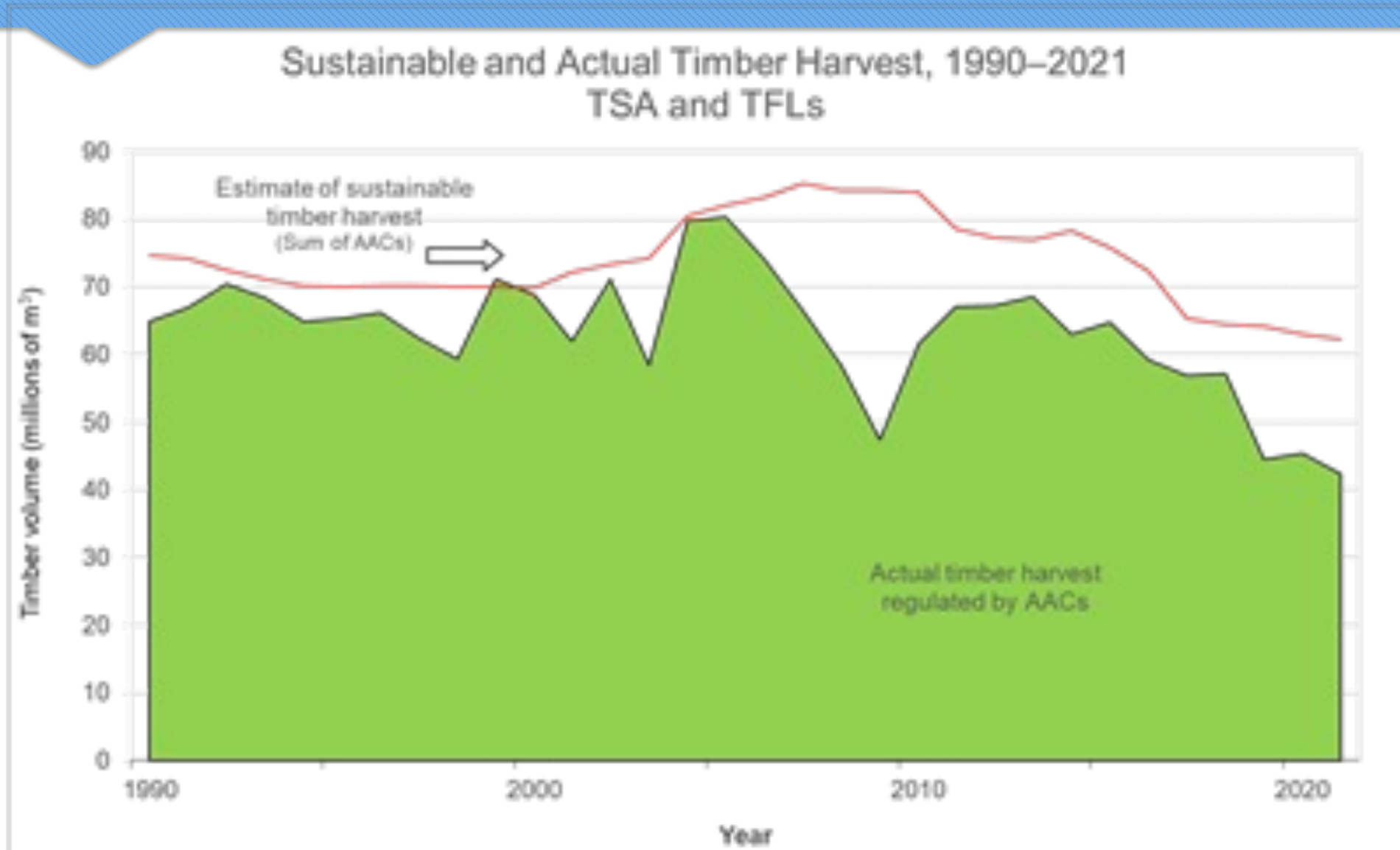


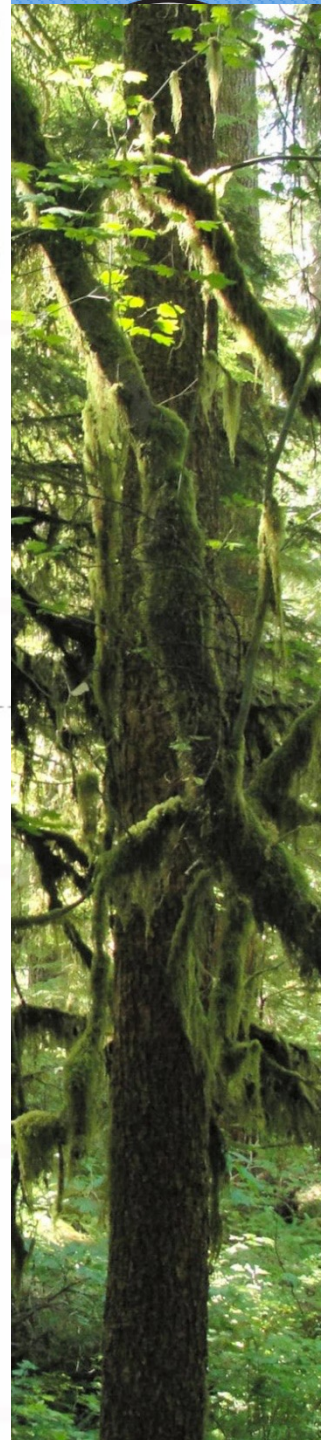
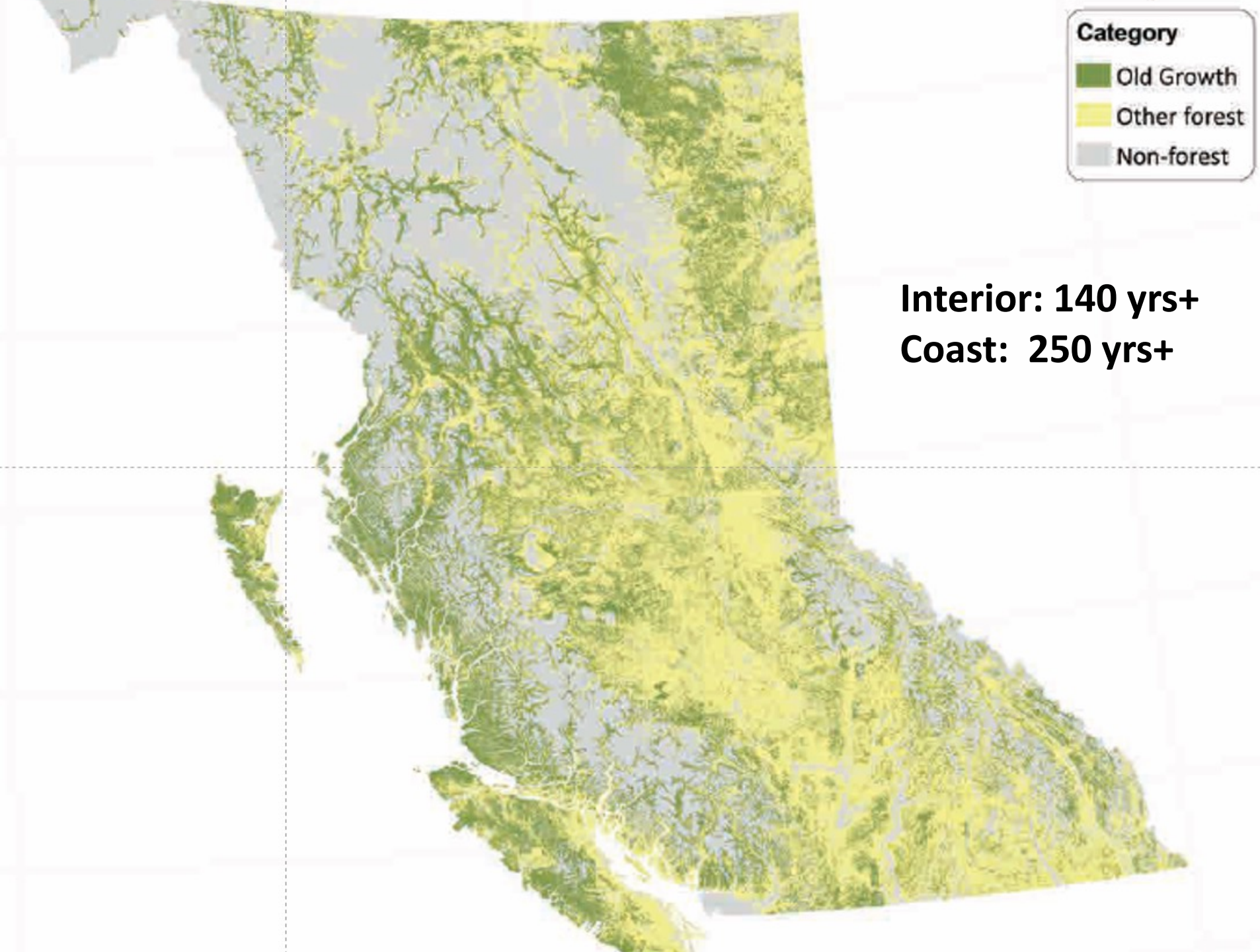
- Forestry Contribution to BC GDP: \$5.6 Billion/year
- Provincial Revenue from Forestry: \$1.27 Billion/year
- Forestry Jobs – BC: 43,000



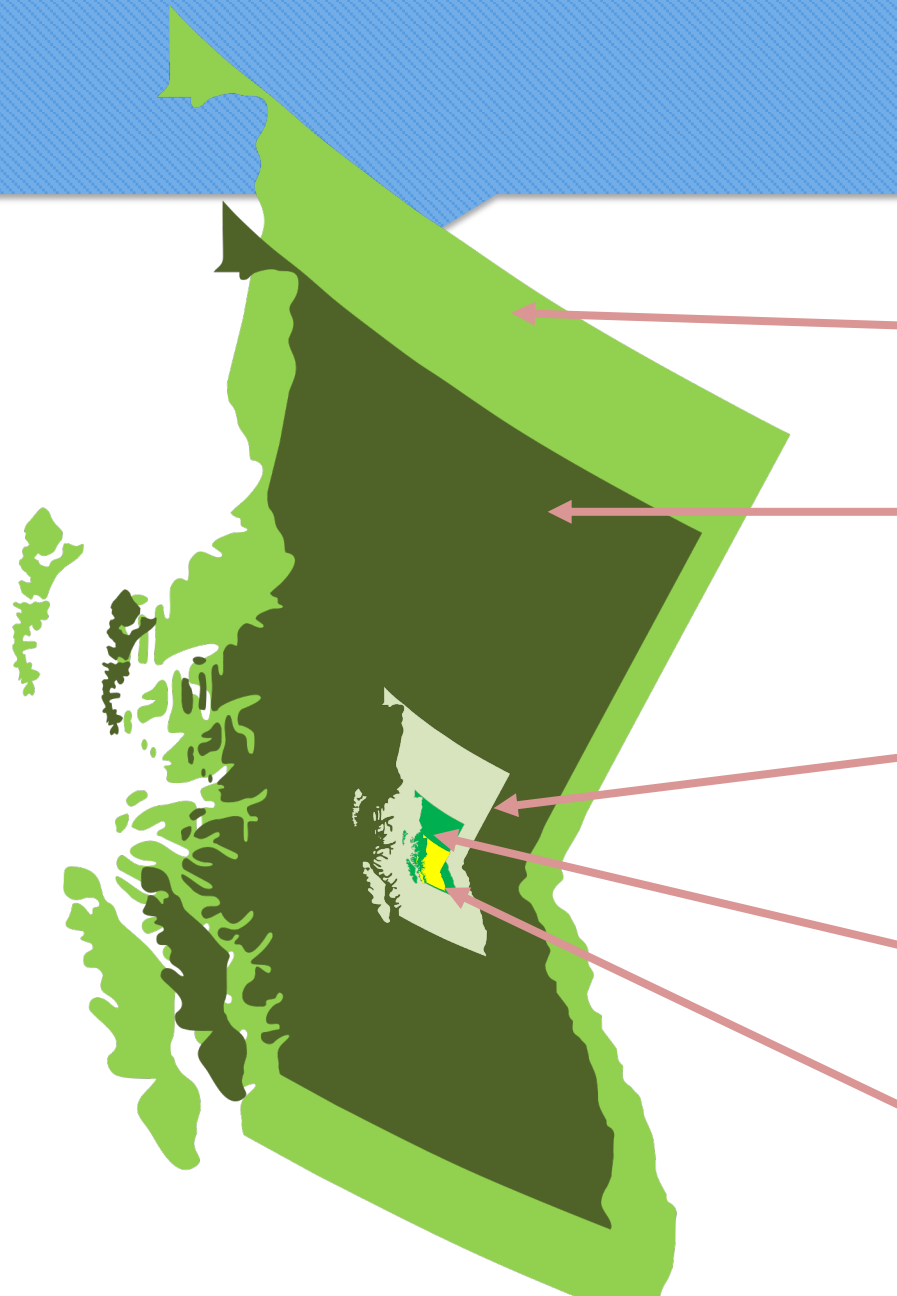
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BC's Harvest Performance





The Provincial Forest



Total Area of B.C.: 95 million ha

Provincially Managed Forests and National Parks: 59 million ha – 95% public land

Old Forests:

11.1 million ha – 3.5 million protected

TAP identified at-risk old forests

4 million ha (1.4 million already protected)

2.6 million ha TAP OG area to be deferred.



Forest Future: Modernizing Forest Policy



Reconciliation with Indigenous Nations



Sustainability



People and communities



Competitiveness and fairness

Response: Forest Landscape Planning



- Revisions to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* in 2021 introduced the new Forest Landscape Planning Framework.
- Working collaboratively with Indigenous governments, with engagement and participation by communities, and stakeholders.
- Providing legal direction for where and how forest management activities and investment can occur.
- Translating the intent of land use planning into tactical direction, and addressing new and emerging issues.



Forestry Future: Bioeconomy Projects

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Office of the Chief Forester



Thank you?

Caring for BC Forests **it's in our nature**