Alberni Valley Community Forest
Management Plan
Governance
Operations

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City of Port Alberni is the Sole Shareholder
Stand Alone Corporation
Run by Seven Member Board of Directors

- City of Port Alberni Appointed 4 Directors
- Sproat Lake Appointed 1 Director
- Hupacasath First Nation Appointed 1 Director
- Tseshaht First Nation Appointed 1 Director

Alberni Valley Community Forest.
Incorporated in 2009. 16th Year of Operation

3000 Hectares North Side of Sproat Lake. Community Watershed.

3000 Hectares South Side of Taylor River. Community Watershed.

A Parcel of Land Removed Last Minute Before License Awarded.
Future Expansion Promised to Compensate For Loss of Parcel,
On Condition that AVCFC Met Management Goals

Focus was on Following management Plan and Harvesting the Set AAC

- The vision of the AVCF is to put control of lands and resources into the hands of local people by building a financially viable timber and non-timber forest resource business which provides benefits to the community and manages the forest in a sustainable manner that achieves a balance between community values and practicable management.

Annual Allowable Cut Set at 18,156 m3

The AAC was achieved in our first five year cut control period but we became concerned if the harvest was sustainable.

Did a timber supply analysis and determined this was unsustainable if we followed the guiding vision of the management plan

Management Plan and Community Values
Initial Survey Conducted to See What the Public Values

Preservation of water quality and fish habitat protection is the highest value indicated by the community

Grass seeding after road construction.

Maintain Biodiversity Preserve Old Growth Second Highest Rated Value by Community

Harvest is primary in second growth. Old growth areas that are easily accessible and valued by public have been retained.

Retention of Deciduous in regenerating stands while still meeting free to grow obligations.

Continually Engaging With the Public
Even During COVID
Open House
Recreation User Group Meeting
Annual AGM
Conduct Value Survey at All Given Opportunities

- #1 Water Quality Fish Habitat
- #2 Preservation of Old Growth
- #3 Preservation of Wildlife Habitat
- #4 Economic Benefit to Community
- #5 Trails and Recreation
- #6 Small Scale Jobs
- #7 Education Opportunities
- #8 Tourism Activities
- #9 Viewscapes

Fire Hazard Risk Reduction
Value Added to Survey List of Public Values

Non merchantable firewood goes to roadside for public to cut. Public does put a value on firewood cutting opportunities.

Branches and tops burnt to reduce fire risk

Maintain Wider Riparian Reserve Areas Incorporate Recreation Use in Riparian Buffer

All of the trail networks have seen a large increase of recreation use since Spring 2019.

Bypass trail constructed before harvesting affected original trail route

Visual Quality Objectives
Low On Survey But Still Managed

View from Sproat Lake to last logging blocks.

View from the block back to Sproat Lake.

Second Five Year Cut Control Period Harvested 70% of AAC

AVCFC reduced AAC to 12,000m3 to harvest at a sustainable rate. Concentrating on harvesting 65 to 70 year old stands.

Do not want to harvest second growth stands until they get to at least 500m3/ha or greater. Creates less waste than younger stands.

Better Utilization to Maximize Merchantable Volume.

Utilization on CP 19 was down to 3 inch tops. What was left behind was just branches and small tops.

There was not enough left behind for any firewood cutting. A few Cottonwood and Alder logs left .

Time For New Management Plan
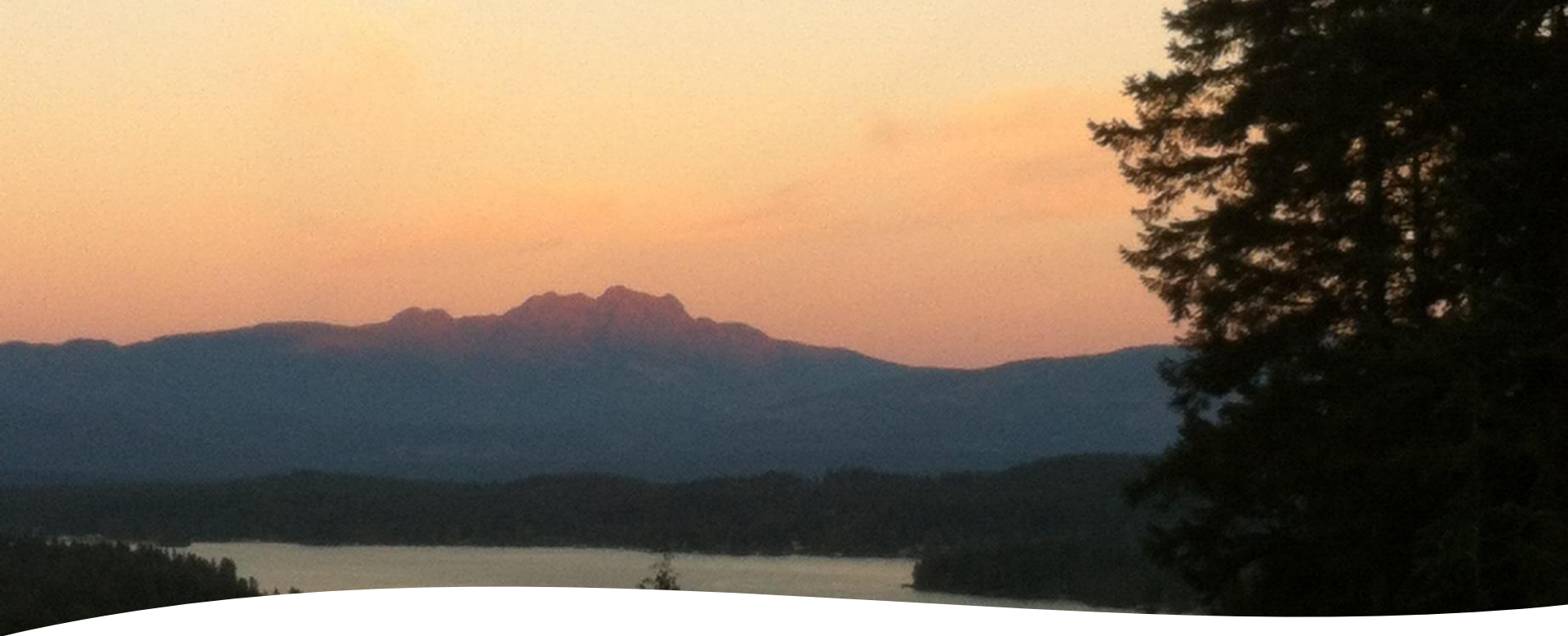# Limited Land Base No Option For Expansion

Waited for final decision on expansion before redoing the management plan.

Focus on enhanced silviculture to ensure a good harvest for the future.

**Working on New Management Plan
Anticipate a further drop in AAC**

- Calculate new AAC
- Look at current eco system distribution
- Look at current biodiversity
- Current community value surveys for guidance
- Community Watershed Drainage Thresholds