



SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST

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Community Forest Operating Plan (CFOP)

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment our CFOP. It's been 15 years of SCCF operations, and we are re-visiting our planning process to improve public communication of our operations. As part of our Management Plan which is embedded into our Community Forest Agreement, we have committed to following a higher level of Public/Government/First Nations consultation and communication.

CFOP was developed back in 2011 under the guidance of Community Advisory Board (circa 2007 to 2013) and included input from the public. The CFOP will be updated annually to consider changes in community priorities, forest conditions, regulations, or harvesting-operations volume. It is designed to communicate complicated forestry law, protect forest values, implement strategies, show harvest/road plans to seek input and guidance from the public and local government of these proposals. Most of all, it is more than a document – it is a proactive process for the community to participate in the operational planning of the SCCF. The *shíshálh* Nation participates in the process as part of our Community and the stewards of their swiya in which we operate.

We are seeking comments specific to newly proposed operations in the 2021-2025 Operating Plan. The Operating Plan maps display planned cutblocks, road locations and ancillary log handling sites. Cut-blocks are illustrated with a solid colour that corresponds to a planned year of harvest. The planned year of harvest is an approximation and subject to change to allow for scheduling flexibility. Cut-blocks that have appeared on previous SCCF operational plans are shown with a solid purple border. New (proposed) cut-blocks are shown with a dotted pink border, these are what we're soliciting comments on so that we can address your comments early in the planning process.

The gross area of the cutblocks are shown on the maps and tables. The gross area includes Wildlife Tree Retention Areas (WTRAs), riparian reserves, and other buffers or reserves that may be required depending on the site. As such, the total area shown on the map may not be fully harvested. Site specific comments or concerns of potential impacts to your interests can help SCCF relate your comments to our operations so we are better able to assess them and where appropriate manage for these values in our final plans.

The Operating Plan maps, data tables and the CF Operation Plan Guidelines for the proposed blocks and roads are available at: [website link]

In the document, we introduce concepts such as Ecosystem Management Model or Ecosystem-based Management (EMM). EMM will provide the framework model how we may start managing our tenure through the use of community stewardship value areas, variable retention harvesting, and carbon offset strategy. This initiative starts with the leadership support and directive from the SCCF Board to guide management building a EMM framework and new management vision on how we can manage our

community's forests in the future. We believe a goal of 5 years to fully implement an eco-system management model is a reasonable timeline.

Please review this compendium of documents and should you have any comments, please fill out our form to have your comments or suggestions registered. If you would like to discuss your concerns in more detail, you can also request a virtual interview with our staff on the form as well. We request all comments to be registered by June 15th, 2021 for inclusion into the plan.

Thank for your time.



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*Please note: not all comments may be not be responded to individually if sent as a form letter, but will be registered and included in compendium of information to the SCCF Board.