



SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST ("SCCF")

WATER QUALITY POLICY

The Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF), by using Best Management Practices, will ensure the quality, quantity and timing of flows of water generated within or flowing through our chart area are maintained or enhanced. This will be accomplished by:

1. Conducting a risk assessment of all Community Forest activities within its tenure as they relate to water quality, quantity and timing of flows.
2. Ensuring that road location, design, construction, management and decommissioning effectively prevent sediment from reaching a stream and do not detract from normal hydrological function.
3. Providing adequate riparian buffer zones along streams to ensure natural stream functionality is maintained.
4. Conducting wildfire risk assessments and actively managing stands to reduce fire risk.
5. Protecting and improving the health of the Community Forest by effective disease control.
6. Preparing practical guidelines and hands-on direction for road builders, loggers and recreation participants to protect water quality.
7. Closely monitoring and supervision of all operations conducted in areas with watercourses.
8. Educating community about good watershed management.

Community Watershed Considerations

Various lands within the Chapman Creek community watershed have been heavily harvested in the past. The Board has determined that there will be no harvesting in this region for the period of our 25 year license.

In accordance with the Community Forest license requirements, we will continue to be responsible for managing all lands in our chart area, including Chapman Creek and Gray Creek, for fire and disease prevention and control, silvicultural activities including stand improvement, remediation of wind and erosion damage, and prevention of slides from existing road systems.

We will retain the areas in the community watersheds as part of our tenure. This will enable us to ensure they are well managed and under the control of our community owned enterprise.

END OF POLICY

Sunshine Coast Community Forest is operated by Sechelt Community Projects Inc.