
ALBERNI VALLEY COMMUNITY FOREST CORPORATION

Alberni Valley Community Forest Forest Stewardship Plan #3 Summary of Changes

(To accompany the FSP, but not part of the FSP)



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This edition of FSP #3 includes the following edits and revisions to FSP #2. Numerous minor changes have been made throughout the document to provide clarity and consistency with other plans and legislation. This section reflects the major revisions from the previous FSP document.

Cover Page

- Updated document and signature dates

Table of Contents

- Updated table of contents

Section 1.0 Introduction

- Inclusion of territory acknowledgement
- Updated to conform with the Order for the Recovery of Marbled Murrelet, Dec. 2021 – paragraph 2
- Deleted paragraph 8: there are no plans for future FDUs to be added to the AVCF at the present time
- Updated S1.1 – Acronyms used in this FSP
- Changed “Forest Practice” to “Primary Forest Activities”

Section 2.0 Date of Submission

- Updated date of submission

Section 3.0 Term of the FSP and Commencement

- Updated to include the term of FSP #3

Section 4.0 FSP Map

- Updated S4.1 to include reference to the Nahmint SMZ #13 and the non-legal Ash-Central-Sproat General Management Area RMZ #35.
- Updated S4.5 to clarify that the AVCFC intends to preserve deferred provincial old-growth polygons until such time that an old growth strategy is completed

Section 5.0 Results, Strategies, and Measures

General: the tables have been updated to refer to “results and strategies” throughout the document rather than one or the other.

Table 3

- Updated to include the Order for the Recovery of Marbled Murrelet Nov. 2021
- Added Karst GAR Order

Table 4

- Updated section numbers

5.1.1a

- Reworded Results and Strategies to refer specifically to the Sproat Lake Landscape Unit Plan

5.1.1c

- Changed wording of Description and Results and Strategies to ensure consistency with the objective

5.1.2a

- Changed Results and Strategies to ensure consistency with objective and work with other licensees to ensure objective is met throughout SMZ 17.

Table 5

- Added SMZ 13 – Nahmint – note that this area is outside of the AVCF timber harvesting landbase

5.1.3a

- Added new objectives and results for MAMU nesting habitat relating to the Order for the Recovery of Marbled Murrelet Dec. 2021

5.1.3b

- Added new objectives and results relating to the FPPR S. 7(2) Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution, and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Marbled Murrelet

5.2.1

- Removed *without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests* from Objective as per Feb. 13, 2023 FPPR update.

5.2.2

- Removed *without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests* from Objective as per Feb. 13, 2023 FPPR update.
- Updated result referencing the Dec. 2021 Order for the Recovery of Marbled Murrelet

5.2.3

- Removed *without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests* from Objective as per Feb. 13, 2023 FPPR update.
- Updated Results and Strategies to allow for a variance to FPPR S.47 to 49 for non-fish bearing streams within a community watershed based on a rationale containing an alternative riparian width, which will be reviewed and approved by the DDM.
- The Results and Strategies have also been updated for FPPR S.52 to accept the default basal area retention levels in riparian management zones.

5.2.4

- Deleted Objective #3 as it no longer applies
- Changed Results and Strategies in section #4 in order to ensure that they are measurable and verifiable. Subsections b, c, d, and f have been removed.

5.2.5

- Removed *without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests* from Objective as per Feb. 13, 2023 FPPR update.

5.2.6

- Removed *without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests* from Objective as per Feb. 13, 2023 FPPR update.

5.2.7

- Updated strategy 1(b) to be inclusive of all First Nations values

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- Deleted Strategy #4. Evaluation of the nature and extent of site-specific cultural heritage resources is also covered in other listed strategies within this section
 - Deleted Strategy #9. These species are cultural heritage resources covered in other strategies within this section.

5.2.8

- Changed wording relating to trail mapping
- Included a reference to unmapped trials motorcycle trails existing within the Sproat FDU
- Added strategies from the AVCFC Community Forest Agreement Application and Forest Management Plan (April 16, 2009)
- Added strategy to inform District Recreation Officer of road maintenance plan on the South Taylor FSR.

5.3.2

- Section added to include objective and strategies to comply with the Jan. 15, 2010 Order to Identify Karst Resource Features

5.4.1

- Measures added to subsection 2

Section 6.0 Stocking Standards

- Updated S6.3 to include clarification of when Appendix 1, Table B stocking standards will be used

Section 7.0 Signatures

- Updated signatures and dates

Appendix 1 – Stocking Standards

Table A – Even-Aged Stocking Standards

- Updated even-aged stocking standards for consistency with the Sept. 7 2021 Chief Foresters Reference Guide for Forest Development Stocking Standards
- Added CWHxm 01/05 deciduous stocking standards
- Updated reference notes for stocking standards
- Updated forest health section to include balsam woolly adelgid, spruce weevil, and hemlock dwarf mistletoe, and added a note regarding use of resistant stock for western white pine blister rust

Table B –

- Updated Table B for consistency with the 2023 Silviculture Survey Procedures Manual. A multi-storied stand structure for FPPR S.44(4) areas will be replaced with a basal area requirement for stand declaration

Appendix 2 – Rationale in Support of Stocking Standards

- Updated text to provide clarification relating to the use of alternative root rot, and broadleaf stocking standards to comply with 2018 Managing Root Disease in British Columbia guidebook.
- Updated text to include clarification regarding procedures for broadleaf and mixedwood management strategies to comply with the 2023 Silviculture Survey Procedures Manual.
- Deleted text regarding free growing damage criteria not having been developed for broadleaf species.

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- Updated text to include survey procedures for the Local Geographic Free Growing Assessment Criteria.

Appendix 3 – FSP Maps

- There have been no changes to FDU boundaries
- Maps have been updated to reflect up to date information from the BC Geographic Warehouse (BCGW) and from new development and resource information updates since FSP #2.