



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
St'at'imc Chiefs Council

LILLOOET TIMBER HARVESTING DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

LILLOOET – The Protocol Table, consisting of members of St'at'imc Chiefs Council and representatives of the Province, met on May 15 and 16 in Lillooet to discuss issues over cutting permits, including cutting permits 225, 227 and other permits in the approval process, in the Lillooet Land and Resource Management Planning area. Representatives from Ainsworth were also in attendance.

Specific discussions around cutting permit 227, involving community members from Shalath, St'at'imc Chiefs Council staff and Ainsworth, will take place May 24-26. Discussions on cutting permit 225 between community members from Pavilion and Ainsworth are ongoing.

The Protocol Table also plans to develop an interim process for addressing issues with other existing and forthcoming cutting permits in the northern part of St'at'imc territory including the Lillooet Timber Supply Area when it meets May 24 and 25.

The purpose of the St'at'imc Province of B.C. Protocol Table discussions is to bring all parties together to develop solutions to the cutting permits issue that recognize everyone's interests and help secure short-term wood supply for the Ainsworth mill.

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