CUT LEVEL UNCHANGED FOR TREE FARM LICENCE 43

VICTORIA – The allowable annual cut for Tree Farm Licence 43, held by Kruger Products L.P., remains unchanged at 39,900 cubic metres, deputy chief forester Melanie Boyce announced today.

“Kruger has been successfully practising area-based management on their licence area, and the allowable annual cut I have determined equates to about 118 hectares that may be harvested each year,” said Boyce. “Management on Tree Farm Licence 43 is focused on highly productive areas that are growing cottonwood and poplar well-suited for Kruger’s paper products.”

Tree Farm Licence 43 comprises three blocks totalling 10,175 hectares, situated along the lower Fraser River, beside the Homathko River at the head of Bute Inlet, and along the Kingcome River at the head of Kingcome Inlet.

The deputy chief forester’s determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports, First Nations input and public input to the government’s social and economic goals. The timber supply review accounts for environmental factors such as biodiversity (which includes old-growth forests), water resources, and scenic values, in addition to social and economic issues.

Under the timber supply review, the chief forester or deputy chief forester must determine how much wood can be harvested in each of the province’s 37 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every ten years. A new allowable annual cut may be determined earlier in response to abnormal situations, or postponed for another five years if an allowable annual cut level is not expected to change significantly.

Copies of the deputy chief forester’s allowable annual cut determination are available on the Ministry of Forests and Range website at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/ or from forest district offices in Chilliwack, Powell River and Port McNeill, or the Coast Forest Region office in Nanaimo.

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