

*Tree Farm Licence 60
Management Plan #1*

(DRAFT for review & comment)



From the Land and Spirit of the Haida

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Introduction

Taan Forest Limited Partnership (Taan) is a forest management company owned by the Haida Nation and is managed under the Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo). Taan's management objectives and strategies support the implementation of HaiCo's [Strategic Plan](#) which is based on four overarching goals: to generate revenue, meaningful employment and career opportunities for Haida people; conduct responsible management practices; develop operational capacity and ensure well managed, profitable and integrated businesses; and to produce a thriving, sustainable community that enhances the lives of people on Haida Gwaii.

Consistent with HaiCo's Strategic Plan, Taan is committed to striving to create a successful forest economy on Haida Gwaii based on the management principles of the *Strategic Land Use Agreement* with the goal of maximizing the benefits from the forest resource for the Haida Nation and balance the interests of all communities. Specifically, manage for long term sustainability, increase the number of local logging and manufacturing jobs on Haida Gwaii, extract the best value possible from the areas harvested, and manage the business prudently and effectively.

Purpose & Scope

This Management Plan (MP #1) is the first management plan prepared by Taan to support the recently acquired TFL 60 license and the requirements under the *Forest Act* and associated *Tree Farm Licence Management Plan Regulation*.

MP #1 applies to the rights to manage the land and harvest timber under the authority of the licence agreement.

Term

The term of MP #1 commences on the date of the approval by the Chief Forester and remains effective until the plan is replaced by a new, approved, management plan or the licence to which the management plan applies expires, is cancelled, surrendered or otherwise ceases to exist.

Sustainable Forest Management Certification

The licence area is managed under the Taan Corporate Management System (CMS) and is certified to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)¹ sustainable forest management standard for British Columbia.

In addition to the CMS, Taan maintains an FSC Management Plan that is designed to meet the certification requirements and establish clear linkages between existing plans, procedures and processes that all support the FSC requirements (such as the Land Use Order and Forest Stewardship Plan). This plan is available on the Taan Forest website: www.taanforest.com.

¹ Trademark licence FSC®-C104355 and FSC®-C108282.

Licence Area

The licence and management plan area covers the entire TFL 60 tenure area as described within the licence agreement and associated map, as amended from time to time. There are also several existing Timber Licenses located within, and managed as part of the TFL that Taan is in the process of eliminating and absolving into the TFL.

TFL 60 is located on Graham Island (the northernmost of the two major islands) with smaller portions located on Louise Island and Moresby Island. The communities associated with the TFL include Sandspit, Queen Charlotte City, Port Clements, Tlell, Masset and Skidegate.

An overview map is provided below:

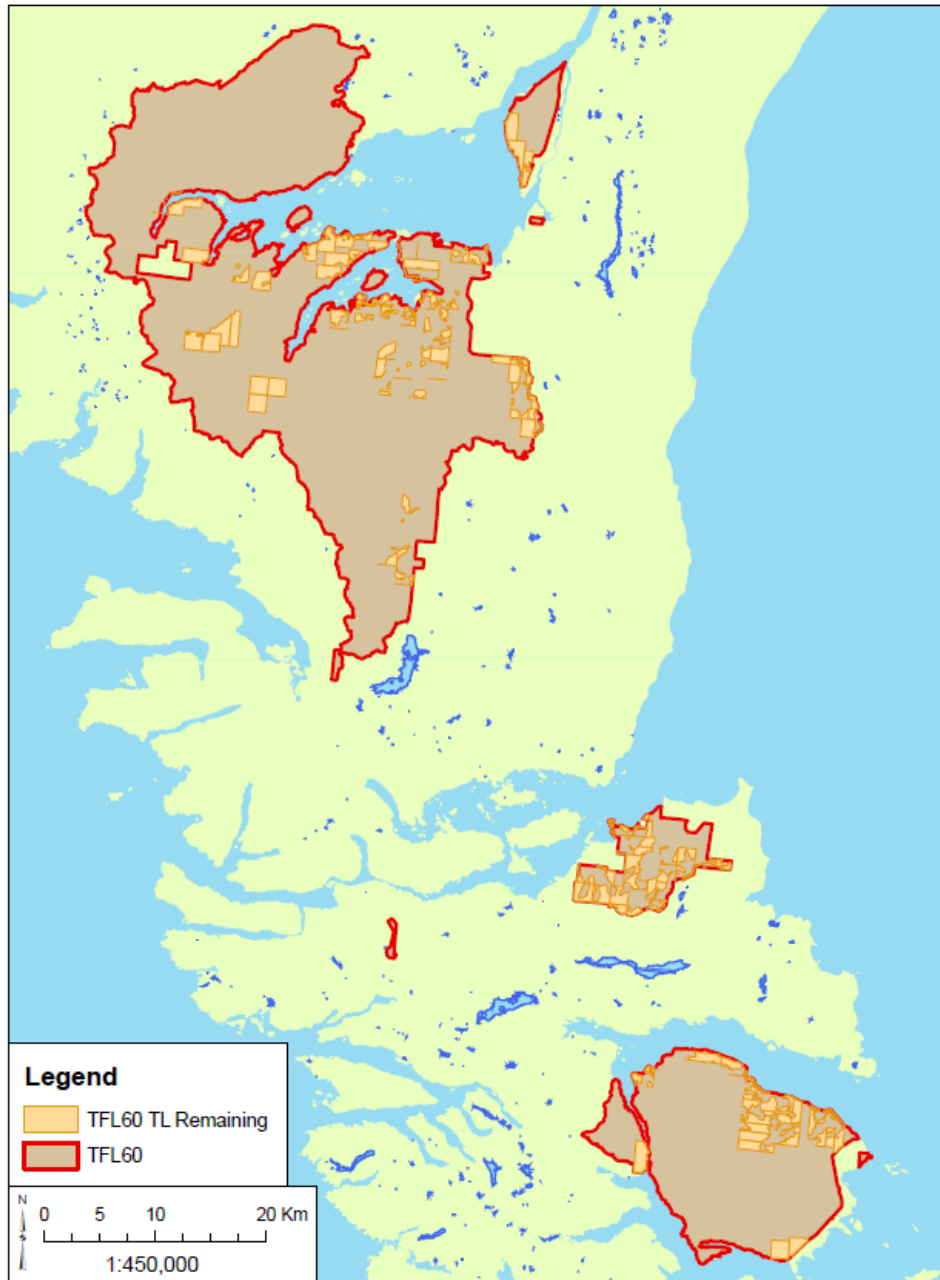


Figure 1: Map of TFL 60 and associated Timber Licenses

The current areas for the TFL and associated Taan Timber Licenses are as follows:

Table 1: TFL 60 & Associated Timber License Areas

Tenure	Total Area (Ha)	Timber Harvesting Land-base (ha)
Timber Licenses (TLs)	12,973	5,145
TFL 60	121,787	52,218
Total	134,760	57,363

Tenure History

The TFL has undergone numerous ownership changes in the last 50 years:

Table 2: Ownership History

Date	Description of Change
June 29, 2012	Taan Forest completed the purchase of TFL 60 from WFP.
January 15, 2010	WFP TFL 39 Block 6 (Haida Gwaii) is deleted from TFL 39 and becomes TFL 60
2006	Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP) acquired Cascadia Forest Products
2005	Weyerhaeuser B.C. Coastal Group (BCCG) becomes Cascadia Forest Products.
November 1, 1999	MacMillan Bloedel became part of Weyerhaeuser. The coastal operations were known as the Weyerhaeuser B.C. Coastal Group (BCCG)
1966	MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Ltd. name change to MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.
Early 1960's	Powell River Company merged with MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd. to form MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Ltd.
1961	TFL 39 acquired by the Powell River Company

Since the creation of TFL 60, the following changes have been made to the TFL boundaries:

Table 3: Area Changes

Date	Hectares (ha)	Description of Change
November 2012	-196	Taan adjusted tenure boundaries to align various differing versions of tenure boundaries, removed other licensee's Timber License areas, etc.
December 7, 2010	-62,703	TFL 60 Licence Agreement Amendment (Instrument #1) – deleting 27,379ha plus 35,324ha via Order #3(4)(b)7-1 (total 62,703) to remove area for conservancies and Bill 28 take back.

Related Planning Documents

A summary of the publically available planning documents relevant to TFL 60:

'Planning' Document	Description
Haida Gwaii Land Use Objectives Order (December 2010)	The Land Use Objectives Order establishes legal objectives for forest-based values to support implementation of ecosystem-based management. These objectives protect important Haida cultural values, support ecosystem integrity and provide environmental benefits by maintaining the diversity and abundance of organisms on Haida Gwaii.
Haida Gwaii Forest Stewardship Plan (November 2011)	Joint Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) that establishes results and strategies designed to implement the <i>Land Use Objectives Order</i> and the requirements under the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act</i> . It is an operational plan defined under the legislation and must be approved by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The FSP is a group plan, covering most of the forest management tenures on Haida Gwaii.
Haida Gwaii Management Council - Timber Supply Review -Public Discussion Paper (October 2011) -Data Package (November 2011) -Review Analysis Report (January 2012) -Haida Gwaii AAC Rationale (April 2012)	Under the authority of the Kunst'aa Guu – Kunst'aayah Reconciliation Protocol (2009 Protocol), Haida Gwaii Reconciliation Act, and in the Haida Stewardship Law, the Haida Gwaii Management Council (HGMC) was formed. The HGMC includes representatives of the Haida Nation and the provincial government. One of the responsibilities and authorities of the HGMC is to determine the AAC for Haida Gwaii (as a whole unit). The Chief Forester for B.C. then has the responsibility and authority to allocate the AAC to the different licences in Haida Gwaii.
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) – Chief Forester AAC Announcement .	The Chief Forester AAC Determination for TFL 58, TFL 60 and Timber Supply Area 25 (based on the HGMC Timber Supply Review).
Taan Forest Corporate Sustainability Statement	Corporate policy outlining the commitments to health, safety, environment and sustainable forest management.
Taan Forest FSC® Management Plan & Annual Monitoring Report	Management objectives and strategies that supplement existing legally required results and strategies under the Forest Stewardship Plan (consistent with the Land Use Order), and are required to meet third party sustainable forest management certification standards.

Allowable Annual Cut

As a result of the recent Haida Gwaii Management Council (HGMC) Timber Supply Review and determination of the AAC for Haida Gwaii, Taan has not completed a separate Timber Supply analysis. Instead, Taan will defer to the analysis and supporting inventories and data packages that have recently been completed by the HGMC.

All related documents and reports are available on the [Haida Gwaii Management Council](#) web site and have been provided within the appendices of the MP for easy reference (Appendices 1-4).

In September 2012, The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations' Deputy Chief Forester announced the allowable annual cut for TFL 60 at 340,000m³ of which the contribution of red and yellow cedar should not exceed on average, about 133 000m³ (Appendix 5).

Public Review Strategy

Existing Processes

Recently, consultation was completed by the Haida Gwaii Management Council for the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review. A summary of the consultation efforts and results are included in the AAC Determination Rationale (April 2012), attached as Appendix 4 for easy reference.

In addition, under our certification commitments, Taan also completes regular public consultation of our FSC Management Plan, Annual Monitoring Report and High Conservation Value Forest Assessment with all stakeholders (e.g., industry, non-governmental groups, local government, trappers, mineral claim tenure holders, water license holders, etc.).

TFL 60 Management Plan

The following public review strategy regarding TFL 60 Management Plan #1, as approved by the Regional Executive Director, West Coast Region (December 10, 2012), is as follows.

The draft MP #1 will be made available for public review for a period of 60 days through the following avenues:

- Notification emails and/ or letters to all relevant stakeholders and the Haida Nation (per Taan’s Stakeholder Contact list as well as the Haida Laas distribution email list) regarding a 60 day review and comment period and provision of access to a copy of the Management Plan;
- Placing of advertisements in the QCI Observer for a period of two consecutive weeks;
- Posting of the Management Plan to the company website with contact information; and
- A copy of plan will also be available for review and comment at the Taan office in Skidegate as well as the MFLNRO office in Queen Charlotte.

The advertisement will contain a brief introduction to Taan Forest and TFL 60, reference to the recently completed Timber Supply Review under the Haida Gwaii Management Council, the recently announced AAC for TFL 60, description of the review and comment period timeline and contact information for viewing and commenting on the plan (refer to Appendix 5 for a copy of the ad).

Following completion of the public review period, Taan will submit a final copy of the TFL Management Plan for approval by the Chief Forester.

Summary of Comments Received:

Date	Respondent	Description of Comments Received
		<i>To be completed following public review process</i>

Appendices

The following pages include all of the related supporting information to the Management Plan.