



## **NORTHERN INTERIOR CRUISING COMMITTEE**

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### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

May 7, 2009.

- 13:10 Welcome to AGM by Tim Nowe
- NICC has been in effect for 19 years.
  - NICC website to be updated in near future.
- 13:12 Cruising Manual Updates by Don Rorison, Cruising Projects Specialist, Revenue Branch, Victoria
- 2009 Cruise Manual and Cruise Compilation Manual highlights.
  - All NICC members encouraged to register on MOF website for "What's New". An automatic email notification of newest Legislation and Manual changes.

#### PAST CHANGES, effective Dec 17/08

- Section 2.1.2 Minimum tree count/plot reduced from 5 to 4 trees.
- Section 2.1.2(2) Minimum sampling intensity is 100m by 100m grid spacing for full measure plots. Replaces reference to 1 plot/ha.
- Section 2.1.2.1(4) Procedures for establishing the first plot on the cruise grid is revised to commence from the most SW point of the block.
- Section 3.5.9 Tree class will be determined by the forest cover age class in Mapview or the most recent inventory maps. No further requirement to age Interior Lodgepole Pine by boring.

#### PRESENT CHANGES, expected June 1/09

- Chapter 3 Housekeeping
- % Reduction Cruise Compilation to replace Schedule B of Cutting authority for reserve tree specifications.
- Table 17 updates for Babine PSYU FIZ H.
- Magnetic Declination updates.
- Appendix 7 – Dead Potential White Pine Log Grade algorithm
- Compilation Version, a one month leeway to be given. Version changes expected June 1/09. Version 2008.00 acceptable till June 30/09.
- Compilation Manual. Valid harvest method codes.
- Chapter 3 – housekeeping - Count Plot methods.

#### FUTURE

- Permits/Cut Blocks with 35% of the stand must be Red or Grey attacked, or greater Mountain Pine Beetle must be issued as a Cruised Based Permits.
- Mountain Pine Beetle Cruise Based policy.
- 12% Sampling Error on Count and Measure Plots

- Measure Plots to be on a minimum 250 meter grid. Or 1 Measure Plot/6.25 hectares.
- Sampling Error waived on Full Measure Plots on a 100m grid.

Question: Resweeps for BCTS, are they eligible?

Answer: BCTS may do a resweep prior to requesting rates. Majors are allowed only 1 resweep prior to logging (after permit is issued)

13:25

Future of Cruising by Keith Tudor, RPF, ATE Cruising Policy Forester, Revenue Branch, Victoria

- Mountain Pine Beetle Cruised Based sales proposed Fall of 2009.
- Why?: Grade 4 controversy, must meet Softwood Lumber Agreement and addresses the need to efficiently reforest dead pine stand with a new growing crop.
- Stumpage, to be the same as a Scale based permit and would still require a full appraisal.
- Cut control – to be based on Net Merchantable volume.
- Cost saving – reduces need for MOF scaling for billing purposes. Scaling will still be done for due diligence. Scaling and Waste Surveys may not be required.
- Standards – sampling error would be as per current cruising standards. Some lead time to be given. Nothing has been approved or confirmed as yet.

Transition Policies: Existing Cutting permits with no harvest, could be surrendered and re-issued as Cruise Based, must meet 12% Sampling Error.

If some logging has occurred on a cut block, it must remain as a scale based permit.

Cut Control: would be based on the cruise net merchantable volume. Billing by FS 669, the licensee to submit a report monthly of areas felled, this would then be billed, monthly.

Question: How would the Ministry conduct Cut/Cruise Comparisons?

Answer: To date the overall provincial cut/cruise ratio is 1.0 This is not deemed to be an issue.

Question: Will CGNF be used in the Interior?

Answer: Province is hesitant to implement as this may affect the Softwood Lumber Agreement and conflict with current Timber Pricing.

13:45

ABCFP Presentation by Brian Robinson, RPF, Manager of Professional Development & Member Relation with ABCFP

- Update on Transfer of ASTTBC to ABCFP, transfer was completed May 1, 2009.
- Members need to agree to transfer accreditation; each member is to have received a written letter from the ABCFP. Please respond.
- Associate members will receive a fee statement by June 1, for 7 months (this year only) of dues to match with the other Association members.
- Existing RPF and RFT members will retain their ATE or ATC certification at no extra charge.
- EXAM fees will increase from \$25. To \$50. All other fees will remain the same.
- Scope of Practice for ATE and ATC will be defined in the future.
- Other future plans to include: Waste & Residue Surveyors,
- Scalers,
- Silviculture Surveyors, Vegetative Surveyors, Soil Disturbance Surveyors
- Danger Tree Assessors
- Visual Impact Assessors

ABCFP supported by Keith Tudor, all members are encouraged to participate in the association.

14:07 Coffee break  
14:20 NICC Financial Report by Tim Giebrecht

+ 17,000 Current Accounts  
+ 3,630 2009 Revenue  
- 3,100 Expenses  
- 1,000 CNC Scholarship  
- 500 UNBC Scholarship  
**17,671 Current Balance**

DOOR Prize: Trevor Poole – Vest

BOARD Elections – All board members to stand for another year. Unanimously passed by all members present.

DOOR Prizes: Ian Grindle  
Michael Wagmann  
Alex Burkenshaw  
Matt Chemerenski  
Antonio Pega  
Andrew Kerrivan  
Robert Adam Reed  
Kevin Van De Pol  
Phil Mann  
Brad Brunet  
Brenda Dekker

14:45 Annual General Meeting Adjourned.