

APPENDIX #4

FORESTRY WILDLIFE

INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ALBERTA NEWSPRINT COMPANY
FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AREA
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"The Company, the Alberta Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Division will establish an integrated Forestry Wildlife Technical Committee (FWITC) in an advisory role to review and recommend operational guidelines for the effective management and integration of the wildlife species and zones in the forest management area."

-Alberta Newsprint Company Timber Ltd.
Forest management Agreement Timber Harvest Planning and Operating
Ground Rules, December 13, 1989

Terms of Reference for the Forestry Wildlife Integrated Technical Committee (FWITC) are;

- 1.) The FWITC committee was officially inaugurated March 26, 1990.
- 2.) Membership of the committee is to consist of one member or alternate from the company, the Alberta Forest Service, and from Fish and Wildlife Division. Other consultants may attend as required if mutually agreed.
- 3.) The committee will integrate Fish and Wildlife resource values and timber harvest planning by developing operational guidelines, resolving operational conflicts, assessing and applying effective integrated wildlife and forest management computer modelling techniques; as well as identifying issues and developing recommendations for their resolution.
- 4.) The Committee will:
 - i) Zone the FMA for wildlife species, set population goals by zone, and prepare appropriate guidelines for each zone; zones and guidelines will be amended as required; impacts on forest management goals and available timber inventory will be reviewed.
 - ii) Identify habitat or ecosystem inventory needs and determine how they may be integrated with timber inventories, plans and maps.
 - iii) Evaluate present and future habitat availability.
 - iv) Monitor integrated forest/fish/wildlife programs. This may include cost/benefit analysis, impacts on wood cost of procedures and tactics, and effectiveness of tactics in achieving goals.
 - v) Coordinate the development of integrated forest/fish/wildlife components of management plans prepared by the company and by the government, including

-setting population and habitat goals for fish and wildlife priority species on an FMA-wide and site-specific basis. Supply and demand factors for consumptive wildlife use will be identified.

-timber production goals and sites will be included as key requirements for long term integrated management.

- vi) Identify procedures and tactics for achieving F&W goals, in conjunction with timber management goals (eg., fish and wildlife habitat manipulation or protection, hunting regimes, access controls, predator controls, fish and wildlife regulations enforcement, timber harvest planning and systems, and regeneration treatments).
 - vii) Provide a forum for information exchange, issue discussion, and conflict resolution, on matters of interest to the company and/or the government.
 - viii) Identify knowledge gaps and research requirements, including recommending possible means of meeting these requirements (eg., University of Alberta, Canada Wildlife Service, cooperative research).
- 5.) The committee will employ a principle of mutual agreement for all decisions and recommendations.
- 6.) The committee is an advisory body which will work with established agencies, responsibilities, and procedures. Unresolved issues or conflicts will be referred by each committee member to appropriate higher authorities for resolution at that level.
- 7.) The committee may act as a mechanism for presenting public input to fish and wildlife concerns arising from development and management of the FMA.

-November 27, 1990