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# Protecting Key Environmental Values on Private Managed Forest Land

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## What is the Council?

The Managed Forest Council is BC's independent agency responsible for administering the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and regulations.

## What is our mandate?

Council's mandate is to encourage and regulate best forest management practices on private managed forest lands. This includes protecting key public environmental values.

## What are the key public environmental values?

There are five key environmental values. Each has management objectives associated with it.

- **Soil productivity:** to protect the productivity of soil on the forest lands
- **Drinking water:** to protect human drinking water before, during and after harvesting
- **Fish habitat:** to retain sufficient streamside trees and vegetation during and after harvesting to protect fish habitat
- **Critical wildlife habitat:** to facilitate the long-term protection of critical wildlife habitat
- **Reforestation:** to promptly regenerate harvested areas with a healthy and commercially valuable stand of trees

## How is this regulated?

Private managed forest land legislation is a results-based regulatory model. This allows forest owners to develop and use management strategies most appropriate to the scale and geographic location of their operations. Owners focus on achieving measurable objectives as required by legislation and the Council monitors and enforces the regulations.

## How does Council ensure compliance?

Council uses a number of mechanisms to measure performance in relation to compliance requirements including:

- **Audits & Inspections**
- **Investigations**
- **Compliance Determinations**

## How does Council support continuous improvement?

Council carries out regular reviews of regulations and practices through audits and special studies. Past audits have resulted in numerous changes including:

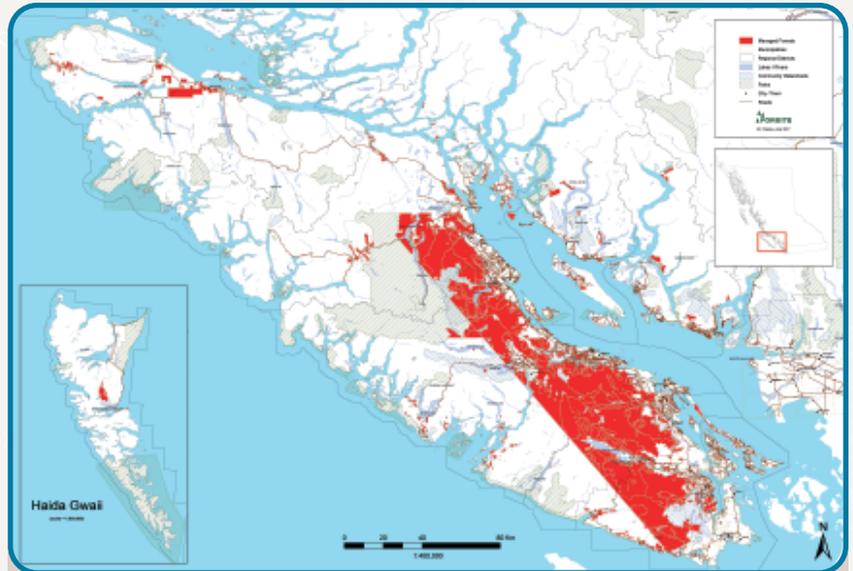
- Tighter definition of and protection for fish streams
- Strengthened protection of licensed water supply intakes
- Strengthened soil protection and road deactivation requirements

In 2014 Council initiated a 2-year drinking water study to assess current practices and effectiveness of Council regulations to protecting this resource.

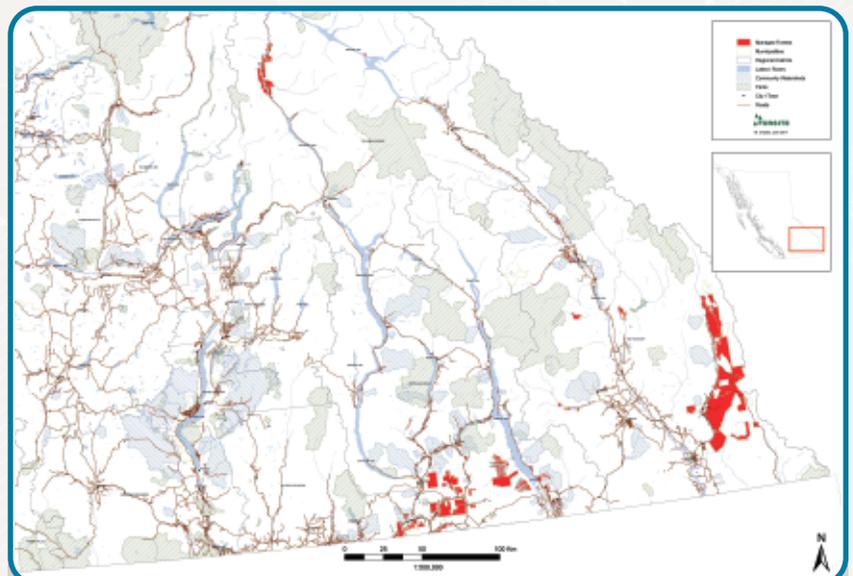
## Managed Forests in BC

In 2016 there were 276 private managed forests in BC encompassing 822,000 hectares. In that year 4.8 million cubic metres was harvested on these lands representing approximately 6% of the total provincial timber harvest and 22% of the timber harvest on the Coast.

These maps show the size and location of private managed forest lands located mostly on Vancouver Island, the southern mainland Coast, the Kootenays and the Okanagan-Shuswap.



Private Managed Forest Lands - Southwest



Private Managed Forest Lands - Southeast

## We're listening and want to hear from you.

Council is committed to deliver on its mandate to protect key environmental values on private managed forest land. As part of this commitment we are broadening our education and communication efforts with owners and operators, local governments, provincial officials, water purveyors and other stakeholders to identify issues and areas for improvement.

## Find out more

To find out more or to contact the Managed Forest Council visit our website [www.mfcouncil.ca](http://www.mfcouncil.ca)

