



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
(Committee of the Whole)
Agenda**

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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Agenda – APRIL 8, 2021

Adopt

Supplementary Agenda

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DELEGATION

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Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager

Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator

Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics

Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor

**RE: Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)
Update**

CORRESPONDENCE

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**Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations and Rural Development – Response to
RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber
Supply Area Apportionment**

Receive

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Future Committee Topics**
- 2. Partnering with First Nations - Forestry**
- 3. Stumpage**
- 4. Water**
- 5. Fish and wildlife**

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT



Reference: 262315

March 24, 2021

VIA EMAIL: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Gerry Thiessen, Chair
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
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Dear Gerry Thiessen:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of March 11, 2021, to Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, regarding consultation on the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area apportionment. I have been asked to respond.

I would like to reassure you that the ministry is considering the downstream implications of the Lakes and Prince George TSA apportionment decisions on all communities in the region. In consideration of the complexity, BC has taken additional time to engage with local governments and industry.

In preparing for a decision, ministry staff provide the minister with an extensive and encompassing view of all information received during the consultation and engagement process. Local government input, licensees' perspectives on fibre security, implications to harvesting contractors, and partnership opportunities with First Nations are all important considerations in this decision.

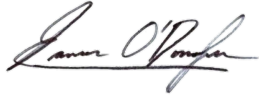
The ministry also recognizes that the pace and trajectory of the province's reconciliation efforts are tied to our ability to get resources to the market.

The ministry believes that all parties have a shared interest in the long-term vitality of the local industry, and that regional and geographic competitiveness will be enhanced where First Nations are active participants in the forest industry. Incentivizing First Nation participation is a key component to realizing long-term fibre security.

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Again, thank you for continued interest and engagement on this important decision for the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eamon O'Donoghue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eamon O'Donoghue
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development