

## Timber Producer Information Package 2015-2019



## A Guide to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) and J.H. Huscroft Ltd. Timber Purchase Program



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### Introduction

SFI certified forest companies believe that forest landowners have an important stewardship responsibility and a commitment to society, and they recognize the importance of maintaining viable public and private forestlands. SFI program participants support sustainable forestry practices on forests they manage and promote sustainability of forests managed by others. SFI participants are committed to the conservation of biodiversity.

This information package is an outreach to landowners supplying timber to J.H. Huscroft Ltd. The information contained within this brochure provides guidance for managing forests consistent with SFI principles and objectives. J.H. Huscroft Ltd. encourages all forestland owners and tenure holders to participate in the SFI certification program.



### About SFI

Following are the principles of SFI supported by program participants:

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing Practices
8. Legal Compliance
9. Research
10. Training and Education
11. Public Involvement
12. Transparency
13. Continual Improvement

J. H. Huscroft Ltd. hires an independent auditor to verify that forest practices and environmental management practices meet the requirements of the SFI system. For more information on the SFI standard please refer to the SFI website: [www.sfiprogram.org](http://www.sfiprogram.org)

### Sustainable Forest Management Practices

J.H. Huscroft Ltd. (JHH) requires log suppliers to maintain their operations in accordance to any applicable provincial or federal legislation.

Following is a list of Best Management Practices (BMP's) for your consideration:

- Reforestation – prompt reforestation helps to ensure successive crops of trees. JHH can assist you with a reforestation plan for your site as well as assist you with acquiring seedlings and qualified contractors.
- Afforestation – the conversion of non-forested land back to productive forestland is encouraged. Afforestation may qualify for carbon credits for offsetting greenhouse gas emissions. For more information visit: [www.pacificcarbontrust.com](http://www.pacificcarbontrust.com)
- Invasive Plants and Animals – SFI certification requires participants to limit the introduction, impact, and spread of invasive species to prevent threats to native species and ecosystems. For more information:
  - [www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca](http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca)
  - [www.geog.ubc.ca/biodiversity/efauna](http://www.geog.ubc.ca/biodiversity/efauna)

- Water Quality and Riparian Management – riparian habitats (areas adjacent to streams, lakes and wetlands) are important for many species as well as help to maintain water quality. Careful management is often required. JHH will assist you in obtaining the services of a qualified resource professional (QRP) upon your request.



- Wildlife Management – managing for general wildlife features (i.e. wildlife trees, etc.) as well as endangered species (caribou, badger, couer d’alene salamander, etc) is an important part of sustainable forestry. JHH can provide you with a list of species endangered or of concern in our area as well as assist you in obtaining the services of a Professional Biologist.

For additional species at risk information see:  
[http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/default\\_e.cf m](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/default_e.cf m)

- Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV) – FECV are areas with critically imperiled (G1) and imperiled (G2) species or rare forested natural communities. JHH will assist you in evaluating your lands if you require assistance or require help contacting a qualified resource professional.
- Special Sites – SFI requires ecologically, geologically or culturally important sites to be managed in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities. Please contact JHH if you find a special site and require assistance managing it.



- Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) – the SFI standard requires participants to manage harvest residue (slash) with consideration to economic, social and environmental factors (e.g. organic and nutrient value). Please

contact JHH for suggested management practices.

- Visual Quality – operations should be managed to minimize the visual impact in areas visible from communities and recreational areas. In visually sensitive areas JHH recommends visual assessment and planning be completed by a QRP.
- Qualified Professionals (QRP’s) – JHH recommends the use of QRP’s where necessary and will assist landowners in retaining the services of a QRP, upon request.

Following is a list of contacts to assist you in contacting various QRP’s:

- Consulting Foresters of BC: [www.cfbc.ca](http://www.cfbc.ca)
- College of Applied Biology: [www.cab-bc.org](http://www.cab-bc.org)
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists: [www.apeg.bc.ca](http://www.apeg.bc.ca)
- Qualified Logging Professionals (QLPs) – JHH recommends the use of QLPs and can provide you a list of contractors that are qualified.
- Guidebooks and Sustainable Management Practices – additional

information for private land owners and small tenure holders can be found at:

- Private Forest Landowners Assoc: [www.pfla.bc.ca](http://www.pfla.bc.ca)
- Private Managed Forest Land Council: [www.pmfcl.ca](http://www.pmfcl.ca)
- Federation of BC Woodlot Associations: [www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca)

### Other Considerations:

1. Spill Response – JHH encourages all producers to develop a spill response plan and have the appropriate response equipment on-site.
2. Fire Preparedness – JHH encourages all producers to become familiar with the Wildfire Act and Regulations and to be in compliance with the requirements.
3. Adverse Weather – JHH encourages all producers to adopt procedures for shutdown in adverse weather conditions (eg heavy rainfall) to minimize impacts on water quality

### Audits

JHH will not purchase timber from unknown sources or producers whose practices are illegal or do not meet regulations for private land management. An on-site visit may be conducted by a JHH representative to evaluate your site.