

**EXTRACT FROM THE MAIN RIVER  
HARVEST TRIAL REPORT**

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## **MAIN RIVER HARVEST TRIALS**

### **1.0      Introduction**

#### **1.1      Harvest Policy for the Main River Watershed**

On March 2, 2001 Corner Brook Pulp and Paper announced a no clear-cut policy for the Main River watershed. In a news release, Mr. Kevin Sheahan CBPP's Vice President and General Manager said "we have decided to strengthen our commitment to the Main River watershed by stopping the practice of clear cutting in this sensitive area. We are moving forward with a thorough evaluation of alternate harvesting practices that can be used in the Main River watershed. This evaluation will draw upon the experiences of forest companies operating in other areas of Canada and the United States. We also intend to consult with scientific experts in areas such as forest ecology, wildlife habitat and conservation biology" (Appendix 1).

Immediately following this announcement Pat Tompkins CBPP's Woodlands Manager gave a presentation to the Forest Management District 16 planning team, entitled " Main River Forest Project Our Commitment". In his presentation Pat outlined our objective, our strategy, key values, and a diversity of approaches we would be taking to "maintain biological diversity, protect visual aesthetics, and provide for sustainable economic development".

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Gros Morne National Park, and the provincial Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods have established a Connectivity working group. This group was established to evaluate the effects of logging activities on the integrity of the park.

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited continues to be an active participant in the recovery team for the Newfoundland Pine Marten. In addition to ongoing studies the company also supports new research activities.

#### **1.2      Modified Harvest Design**

This report deals with a trial harvest inside the Main River Watershed carried out in the fall of 2001. The trial took place on a block approximately 135 ha in size located in the Lower Four Ponds area of the watershed. A pre-harvest cruise was carried out to determine volume, basal area, and forest structure contained in the block (Appendix 2). This information was used to design cut patterns and to determine the amount of retention required to satisfy habitat requirements for Pine Marten.

A small 2 ha block was harvested in the fall of 2000 to test diameter limit harvesting and its appearance. The total basal area (BA) remaining after the removal of all of the merchantable stems greater than 14cm diameter at breast height was 13m<sup>2</sup>/ha. New Pine Marten guidelines suggest that marten require at least 18m<sup>2</sup> basal area in order for it to be considered habitat.

Using the pine marten habitat guidelines as a starting point, the trial was designed to retain 18m<sup>2</sup>/ha over the entire block with no section having less than 13m<sup>2</sup>/ha. The final basal area per hectare remaining is an average over the entire 135 hectares. Lower volume stands in the block that contained near 18m<sup>2</sup>/ha were not harvested. When analysing the results of this report it is important to differentiate between the actual treatment area (the area that the harvesting equipment traveled over), and the total area of the block. Cutover updates, which will be completed in summer of 2002, are required for the actual cut area.

The 18 m<sup>2</sup>/ha remaining on a harvest block could be made up of all trees not less than 6 meters tall, with 40% of the block containing trees greater than 10 metres (Appendix 3) including merchantable trees, standing dead trees (snags), hardwoods, and other non-merchantable softwoods. When conducting a basal area sweep with a instrument having a basal area factor of 2, every tree that falls inside the plot represents 2 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

In addition to the 18 m<sup>2</sup>/ha, the initial design tried to incorporate a weaving cut pattern that would avoid making natural openings bigger and avoids cutting snags and live hardwoods. This pattern was altered due to operational constraints; straight-line strips replaced the weaving pattern for most of the trial period. Cut strips were laid out parallel to the slope contours until the slopes exceeded that which could be cut safely. The contractor decided when it was not safe to harvest, and ran the strips more towards perpendicular to the contours as the slope increased.

### **1.3 Summary**

The project got under way with layout and contractor orientation during the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2001. Harvesting equipment was moved to the area over the weekend October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Operator orientation and training started on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2001. The harvesting operation continued for 6 weeks, finishing at the end of the night shift on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2001. Snowfall in the area was a major factor that led to the termination of the project. This operation covered a large area and brow size often consisted of only a few bolts. Snow cover hampered the forwarding operation and it is felt that some brows may have been missed as a result of the snow cover. A complete cruise of the area will have to be carried out in the summer of 2002 to determine the amount of wood remaining.

## **2.0 Site**

### **2.1 Block Selection Criteria.**

The location for this project was selected using the following criteria:

- At least 100 ha in a continuous block;
- The block should contain a sufficient number of stand types to be representative of the Main River watershed;
- The block must be accessible by road;

- Stratums are large enough to allow for operational considerations when prescribing a treatment i.e. operators are in a stratum long enough to become familiar with the prescription; and
- The trial area does not overlap areas set aside for other studies ongoing in the watershed.

## **2.2     Location**

The trial is located in the Lower Four Ponds five-year plan block, inside the Main River Watershed. The area can be found on Newfoundland Forest inventory map section 032-22 at UTM coordinates: Northing 5523400, Easting 474500. The UTM coordinates are for the approximate centre of the block. Access to the area is via the Tayors Brook road approximately 57 kilometres from the Hampden highway.

## 2.3 Block Description

The block is accessed by 3.0 kilometres of secondary road that runs along the lower slopes. The block rises at approximately 10% away from the road for a distance of 1250 meters to the furthest point from the road. A steeper gradient, up to 40%, away from the road is present in a small portion of the block at the western end. A complete list of stands found inside the block is recorded in Table 2.1

Table 2.1 Stand Types and Area Found Inside the Block

Stand Types	Area (hectares)
1. bFwB753M	9.4
2. bF742M	46.6
3. bFbS742M	0.5
4. bF743M	7.5
5. bF743P	13.4
6. bSbF743P	3.5
7. bF643P	9.2
8. bSbF732P	11.6
9. bS732P	3.9
10. bFbS733P	14.4
11. bF752M	14.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134.6 ha's</b>

## 3.0 Methods and Equipment

### 3.1 Pre Harvest Layout and Orientation

The block boundaries followed natural boundaries and roads as much as possible. Sections that cut across stands were flagged prior to harvest, and stream buffers were marked as per CBPP's Forest Management Planning and Operating Practices Manual.

The concept of modified harvest is new to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper and its contractors. An orientation period for the operators was held on site during the first week of operation. A 250 meter strip was laid out and all trees to be cut were marked with orange spray paint. The leave trees along the strip totalled a BA of  $18m^2/ha$ . The contractor, his harvester operators and CBPP personal walked over this strip and discussed various ways of harvesting to achieve the desired result.

The centre line of each cut strip was laid out approximately two times the reach of the harvester's boom apart, and every effort was made not to cut the hardwood and the dead snags. In doing so the resulting pattern would be weaving in and out as cutting progressed. The contractor expressed some concern about having to process the pulpwood on his blind side but felt that this could be overcome by moving the tree to a more visible location before processing. The configuration of the Harvester presents some visual problems when trying to process bolts on both sides of a strip (See Figure

3.3 Tigercat 845B harvester). For the first week of operation it was decided to mark all of the trees to be cut. By marking the trees technicians could control the basal area removed and the cut pattern (weaving) (Figure 3.1). Although weaving, the pattern generally followed straight strips but sight distance along the strips was limited due to the snags and hardwoods left.

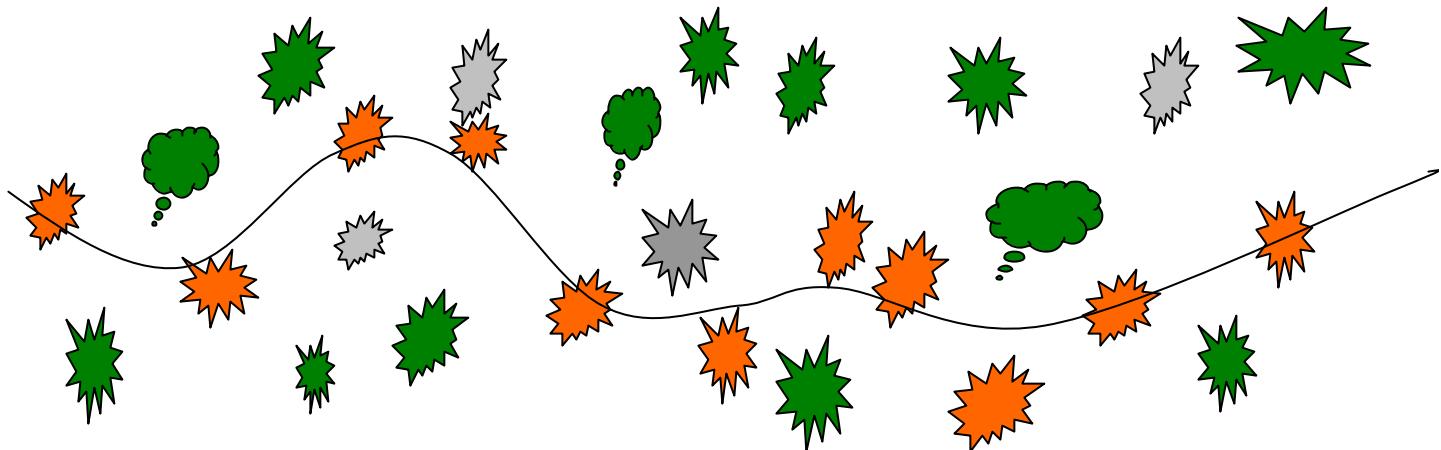


Figure 3.1 Weaving Pattern.

A stick and string having a basal area factor of 2 was used to check the BA of the trees remaining. In addition several one-quarter hectare plots (25m x 100m) were established to verify the stick results.

It was hoped that after a week the operators would be accustomed to the requirements and that marking the trees would no longer be necessary. On October 8<sup>th</sup> harvesting started, operators took turns cutting and helping with strip layout. On the second day the operators again helped with the layout as well as took turns harvesting. During the first week four operators rotated, each spending time cutting, helping with strip layout, and checking results on the areas harvested. Midway through the week October 10<sup>th</sup> operators started cutting without the aid of having the trees marked. Strip lines continued to be laid out, and the operation moved towards strip retention and continued this way for the remainder of the trail (Figure 3.2).

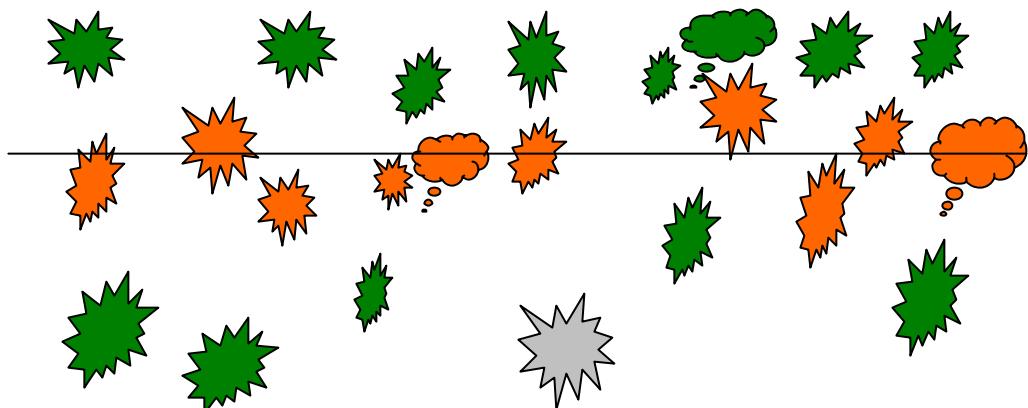


Figure 3.2 Strip Retention.

### 3.2 Equipment and Work schedule

Equipment used (Figure 3.3 and Figure 3.4)



Figure 3.3 Tigercat 845B Tracked Harvester with a Fabtek Dangle Head.

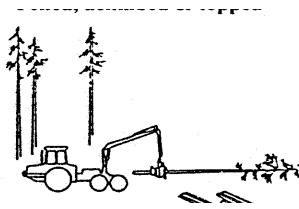


Figure 3.4 Timberjack 1110, 8 Wheel Drive Forwarder

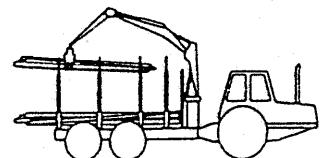
The harvesting system used to carry out the trial is referred to as a Shortwood System or SW3, (fell, delimb and buck).

### Fell, Delimb & Buck

SW3  
Shortwood  
Harvester/  
Forwarder



Harvester



Forwarder

There are four harvester operators involved with this operation, working twelve hour shifts seven days a week. With the exception of the first week Table 3.1 shows a typical scheduled week for the operators.

Table 3.1 Work Schedule.

Days	Time	Shift No.
Monday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 1
Monday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 2
Tuesday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 1
Tuesday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 2
Wednesday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 1
Wednesday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 2
Thursday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 1
Thursday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 2
Friday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 3
Friday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 4
Saturday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 3
Saturday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 4
Sunday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 3
Sunday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 4
Monday	7 AM – 7 PM	Operator # 3
Monday	7 PM – 7 AM	Operator # 4

Regular maintenance for the machine is scheduled during shift changes.

Forwarding started a week behind the harvesting operation and was carried out during day shifts only.

## 4.0 Results

The total area of the Modified Harvest Block is 134.64 hectares, containing a total basal area of 4281.55 m<sup>2</sup> or 31.80 m<sup>2</sup>/ha. This basal area is made up of 23.41m<sup>2</sup> /ha of merchantable timber, 1.46 m<sup>2</sup>/ha of hardwood, and 6.93 m<sup>2</sup>/ha of standing dead.

The resulting basal area after harvest is 2653.75 m<sup>2</sup> or 19.71 m<sup>2</sup>/ha, made up of 14.11 m<sup>2</sup>/ha merchantable, 1.45 m<sup>2</sup>/ha hardwood, and 4.15 m<sup>2</sup>/ha standing dead.

Only trees greater than 6m were used to measure basal area along each cruise line. Appendix 3 provides a detailed breakdown of the before and after cruises. Table 4.1 is a summary of the cruise results.

The volume harvested from this area will be known by mid summer 2002. Snow covered many of the brows of wood near the end of the trial, and the forwarder operator may have missed some of the brows. The volume trucked to the mill before pulling out of the area is 3,821 m<sup>3</sup> harvested for the six week period or 637 m<sup>3</sup> /week. Although the total area of the block is 134.64 ha, not all of the stands were harvested. Stands containing near 18m<sup>2</sup>/ha basal area were excluded from harvest. Cutover updates will show the actual area cut, when they are completed in the summer 2002. Results showing yields per ha will be available when we know the total volume cut, and the total area cut over.

Table 4.1 Cruise Summary

Basal Area M <sup>2</sup> /ha Before Harvest				After Harvest			
Merchantable	Hardwood	Dead	Total	Merchantable	Hardwood	Dead	Total
23.41	1.46	6.93	31.80	14.11	1.45	4.15	19.71

## 5.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited has made a commitment to take a new approach to harvesting inside the Main River watershed. This trial was an attempt to harvest on an operational scale using the methods outlined in Pat Tompkins presentation to the FMD 16 planning team.

Harvested operators are key to any operation and particularly so with this type of operation. The four operators involved with the trial were professionals and expressed a keen interest in the operation. They used basal area sticks to check themselves periodically, and operated in such a manner that was consistent with the company's strict safety and environmental policies. The contractor and his people are to be commended for a job well done.

On Monday October 29, The Main River Advisory Group visited the site. This group will report on the landscape-level implications of modified harvesting and road building inside the Main River watershed. In addition the group will advise CBPP on further

studies needed as well as an ongoing monitoring regime to study the effects of modified harvesting on the old-growth ecosystem components of the Main River watershed.

The 2002 Annual Operating Plan calls for the harvest of 14,000 m<sup>3</sup> inside the Main River watershed during the summer of 2002. It is proposed that this volume come from two locations, and to be carried out using modified harvest techniques. The 2002 season continues to be a trial period; new areas, new techniques and new equipment will be tried while implementing modified harvest this season.

The 2001 trial was a learning experience and based on this experience the following are recommendations for the coming season.

- Cruise each block to determine BA, volumes, and forest structure before harvest.
- Delineate blocks between 20 and 50 ha inside the operating areas based on terrain, forest structure, and basal area distribution.
- Insure that each block is accessible by a road network.
- Design different modified harvest techniques best suited to the forest structure and terrain.
- Continue to use the Pine Marten Guidelines (Appendix 4) as a basic requirement for retention.
- Implement recommendations from the Advisory Group.
- Conduct a follow-up cruise to determine results.
- Design an orientation program for contractor foreman and operators.
- Insure road networks are in place for future operations.
- Schedule harvest and equipment allocation to be finished by mid October.

Appendix 5 contains location maps of the Main River Harvesting Trials.

**Appendix No 1**

**News Release**



## **CORNER PULP AND PAPER LIMITED**

### **News Release**

## **CORNER BROOK PULP AND PAPER WILL STOP CLEAR CUTTING IN MAIN RIVER WATERSHED**

### **For Immediate Release**

March 21,2000

Corner Brook NF – Corner Brook Pulp and Paper (CBPP) announced that it has decided to stop clear cutting timber in the Main River watershed.

At a news conference in Corner Brook today Kevin Sheahan, CBPP's Vice President and General Manager said " we have decided to strengthen our commitment to the Main River watershed by stopping the practice of clear cutting in this sensitive area."

"We are moving forward with a thorough evaluation of alternate harvesting practices that can be used in the Main River watershed. This evaluation will draw upon the experiences of forest companies operating in other areas of Canada and the United States. We also intend to consult with scientific experts in areas such as forest ecology, wildlife habitat and conservation biology."

*"Our commitment to the protection of the Main River watershed is well known as evidenced by our contribution of some 200 km<sup>2</sup> of commercial timber to the province's effort to secure a Canadian Heritage River designation for the Main River. This contribution alone provides protection to more than 17% of the entire watershed" said Sheahan.*

Sheahan concluded by saying that "Our work to protect the Main River watershed doesn't stop here. We continue to work with Parks Canada to develop way of ensuring that the ecological integrity of Gros Morne Park is maintained. We are also working with the province's Pine Marten recovery team and the Wildlife Division of the Department of Tourism and Culture to protect pine marten habitat. And we're committed to using the knowledge we gain from working in the Main River watershed to improve our harvesting practices in other sensitive areas."

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## **Appendix No 2**

### Cruise Summary Before Harvest

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Block Summary Before Harvest

**Line Area** 1.3918 ha

**Block Area** 134.64 ha

**Cruise Intensity** 1.03 %

**Merchantable  
Volume / line** 161.42 m<sup>3</sup>

**Merchantable  
Volume / ha** 115.98 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 6.93 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 1.46 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 23.41 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 31.80 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	563	129	<b>692</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp		
Hwd	42	Dead	358	<10cm 762
				<b>Total 1162</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 1 a&b      **Line Area** 0.176 ha

**Stratum** bFwB753M      **Block Area** 9.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.87 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 23.28 m<sup>3</sup>      **Merchantable Volume / ha** 132.27 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 7.88 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 3.16 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 22.13 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 33.17 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	443	108	<b>551</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp
Hwd	74	Dead 199
		<10cm 392
		<b>Total 665</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum before harvest

**Line No.** 2 a & b      **Line Area** 0.465 ha

**Stratum** bF742M      **Block Area** 46.6 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable** 62.41 m<sup>3</sup>      **Merchantable** 134.22 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Volume / line**                            **Volume / ha**

#### Basal Area / ha

**Total Dead** 6.96 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Hardwood** 1.02 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Merchantable** 26.09 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 34.07 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>619</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>742</u>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	39	Dead	381
		<10cm	658
		Total	<b>1078</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 2c **Line Area** 0.005 ha

**Stratum** bFbS742M **Block Area** 0.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 0.96 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 192.60 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 35.37 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 35.37 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	400	200	<b>600</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	0	Dead	0
		<10cm	1200
			<b>Total 1200</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 3a **Line Area** 0.063 ha

**Stratum** bF743M **Block Area** 7.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.84 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 5.26 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 83.74 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 8.96 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 2.44 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 17.44 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 28.84 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>318</u>	<u>143</u>	<b>462</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	64	Dead	334
		<10cm	748
		Total	<b>1146</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 3b **Line Area** 0.134 ha

**Stratum** bF743P **Block Area** 13.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 15.68 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 117.01 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 4.97 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.64 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 27.75 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 33.36 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	769	187	<b>956</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	30	Dead	336
		<10cm	1015
		Total	<b>1381</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 3c **Line Area** 0.035 ha

**Stratum** bSbF743P **Block Area** 3.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 3.97 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 113.43 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

**Total Dead** 4.72 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Hardwood** 0.22 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Merchantable** 26.07 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 31.01 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>800</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>914</u>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	29	Dead	400
		<10cm	1229
		Total	<b>1658</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 3d **Line Area** 0.092 ha

**Stratum** bF643p **Block Area** 9.2 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable** 6.55 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable** 71.20 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Volume / line** **Volume / ha**

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 10.02 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 3.19 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 15.76 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 28.97 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>522</u>	<u>65</u>	<b>587</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp		
Hwd	76	Dead	522	<10cm 924
				<b>Total 1522</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 4a **Line Area** 0.112 ha

**Stratum** bSbF732p **Block Area** 11.62 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.96 %

**Merchantable** 9.94 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable** 88.75 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Volume / line** **Volume / ha**

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 4.84 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.41 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 21.98 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 27.23 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>839</u>	<u>196</u>	<b>1035</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	18	Dead	268
		<10cm	955
		Total	<b>1241</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 4b **Line Area** 0.02 ha

**Stratum** bS732p **Block Area** 3.92 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.51 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 1.08 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 54.10 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 3.82 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 17.09 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 20.91 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	1100	100	<b>1200</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	0	Dead	350
		<10cm	1150
		Total	<b>1500</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 5 **Line Area** 0.144 ha

**Stratum** bFbS733p **Block Area** 14.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00%

**Merchantable Volume / line** 10.88 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 75.53 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 6.36 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 20.01 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 26.36 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>660</u>	<u>153</u>	<b>813</b>

Non-Merchantable	Fir & Sp
Hwd 0	Dead 549
	<10cm 1222
	<b>Total 1771</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum Before Harvest

**Line No.** 6 **Line Area** 0.146 ha

**Stratum** bF752m **Block Area** 14.6 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 21.42 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 146.71 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 7.99 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 2.83 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 24.12 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 34.94 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	336	137	<b>473</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	62	Dead	288
		<10cm	432
			<b>Total 782</b>

### **Appendix No 3**

#### **Cruise Summary After Harvest**

## Main River Harvest Trials

## Block Summary

### After Harvest

**Line Area** 1.3758 ha

**Block Area** 134.64 ha

**Cruise Intensity** 1.02 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 94.50 m<sup>3</sup>      **Merchantable Volume / ha** 68.69 m<sup>3</sup>

## Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 4.15 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 1.45 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 14.11 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 19.70  $\text{m}^2$

Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	346	86	<b>432</b>

<b>Non-Merchantable</b>		<b>Fir &amp; Sp</b>	
Hwd 36	Dead 222	<10cm 446	<b>Total 704</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 1 a&b **Line Area** 0.16 ha

**Stratum** bFwB753M **Block Area** 9.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.70 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 13.15 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 82.19 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 1.75 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 2.74 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 13.70 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 18.19 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	269	219	<b>488</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	50	Dead	94
		<10cm	438
			<b>Total 581</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 2 a & b      **Line Area** 0.465 ha

**Stratum** bF742M      **Block Area** 46.6 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable** 32.50 m<sup>3</sup>      **Merchantable** 69.89 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Volume / line**                            **Volume / ha**

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 3.82 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 1.20 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 13.87 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 18.88 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>282</u>	<u>58</u>	<b>340</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	43	Dead	176
		<10cm	275
		Total	<b>495</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 2c **Line Area** 0.005 ha

**Stratum** bFbS742M **Block Area** 0.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 0.96 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 192.60 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead	<u>0.00</u>	m <sup>2</sup>
Total Hardwood	<u>0.00</u>	m <sup>2</sup>
Total Merchantable	<u>35.37</u>	m <sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 35.37 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	400	200	<b>600</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	0	Dead	0
		<10cm	1200
			<b>Total 1200</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 3a **Line Area** 0.063 ha

**Stratum** bF743M **Block Area** 7.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.84 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 4.15 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 66.15 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

**Total Dead** 7.19 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Hardwood** 2.17 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Merchantable** 13.14 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 22.49 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>318</u>	<u>143</u>	<b>462</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	48	Dead	223
		<10cm	414
		Total	<b>685</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 3b **Line Area** 0.134 ha

**Stratum** bF743P **Block Area** 13.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 9.19 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 68.59 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 3.05 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.62 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 15.56 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 19.22 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	433	75	<b>507</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	15	Dead 254	<10cm 396
			<b>Total 664</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 3c **Line Area** 0.035 ha

**Stratum** bSbF743P **Block Area** 3.5 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 2.13 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 60.83 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

**Total Dead** 2.85 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Hardwood** 0.44 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Merchantable** 12.45 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 15.74 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>343</u>	<u>114</u>	<b>457</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	29	Dead	171
		<10cm	543
		Total	<b>743</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 3d **Line Area** 0.092 ha

**Stratum** bF643p **Block Area** 9.2 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 5.34 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 58.00 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 3.38 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.90 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 11.72 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 16.00 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	315	43	<b>359</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	22	Dead	141
		<10cm	272
		Total	<b>435</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 4a **Line Area** 0.112 ha

**Stratum** bSbF732p **Block Area** 11.62 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.96 %

**Merchantable** 4.96 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable** 44.31 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Volume / line** **Volume / ha**

#### Basal Area / ha

**Total Dead** 3.59 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Hardwood** 0.42 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Merchantable** 11.23 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 15.24 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>375</u>	<u>125</u>	<b>500</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	18	Dead	330
		<10cm	473
		Total	<b>821</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum

**Line No.** 4b **Line Area** 0.02 ha

**Stratum** bS732p **Block Area** 3.92 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 0.51 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 1.08 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 54.10 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 3.82 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 17.09 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 20.91 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	1100	100	<b>1200</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	0	Dead	350
		<10cm	1150
		Total	<b>1500</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 5 **Line Area** 0.144 ha

**Stratum** bFbS733p **Block Area** 14.4 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00 %

**Merchantable Volume / line** 10.88 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 75.53 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 6.36 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 0.00 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 20.01 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 26.36 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	<u>660</u>	<u>153</u>	<b>813</b>

Non-Merchantable	Fir & Sp
Hwd 0	Dead 549
	<10cm 1222
	<b>Total 1771</b>

## Main River Harvest Trials

### Line Summary by Stratum After Harvest

**Line No.** 6 **Line Area** 0.146 ha

**Stratum** bF752m **Block Area** 14.6 ha  
**Cruise Intensity** 1.00%

**Merchantable Volume / line** 10.16 m<sup>3</sup> **Merchantable Volume / ha** 69.58 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Basal Area / ha

Total Dead 6.78 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Hardwood 4.30 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Merchantable 11.57 m<sup>2</sup>

**Total Basal Area** 22.65 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Trees / ha

	Fir	Spruce	Total
<b>Merchantable</b>	151	110	<b>260</b>

Non-Merchantable		Fir & Sp	
Hwd	75	Dead	123
		<10cm	240
		Total	<b>438</b>

**Appendix No 4**  
**Draft Pine Marten Guidelines**

## **DRAFT MARTEN HABITAT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- ☒ The basic unit for evaluation will be the home range size for male (30 km<sup>2</sup>) and female (15 km<sup>2</sup>) marten.
- ☒ All forest types can be considered if they meet the following requirements.
  - ☒ 70% or greater of that unit must be suitable habitat.
  - ☒ 40% or greater of the unit should have trees = 9.6 m in height.
  - ☒ The remaining portion of the 70% (30% or less), unit should have trees between 6.5 and 9.6 m.
  - ☒ 50% of the unit should be contiguous. Stands will have to be within 50 m of an adjacent habitat to be considered contiguous.
  - ☒ A qualifying stand will have to be within 160 m of another stand or habitat patch to be considered as habitat.
  - ☒ Minimum patch size = 20 ha.
  - ☒ Basal area requirement = (~ 18 m<sup>2</sup>/ha).
  - ☒ Hardwood stands, (insect kill and blowdown) will be considered suitable habitat where crown closure is = 30%.
  - ☒ Softwood scrub, which meets the minimum height requirements (6.5m) will be considered habitat. Where height is not known, Softwood scrub within 50 m and adjacent to a qualifying stand will be considered habitat.

## **Appendix No 5**

### Maps

