

## INT-FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018\_05

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**Normative reference** FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 EN FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada

Indicators 6.4.5c #4 and #5

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1. **Can evidence of an “efficient collaborative process” that is progressing in good faith be sufficient to conclude conformance to Indicator 6.4.5c #4 and #5 despite not yet having determined an alternative disturbance threshold that supports a self-sustaining caribou population?**

Yes, if evidence can be provided that the “efficient collaborative process”, as defined in the Glossary of FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 EN, includes progress (e.g., a measurable plan and timeline) on incorporation of a disturbance threshold (Requirement #5) and measures that support self-sustaining caribou populations (Requirement #4), conformity can be demonstrated by continuing the process.

Meanwhile, in the absence of an alternative threshold, a 35% disturbance threshold, based on the guidance from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), is the only identified threshold that has an acceptable likelihood of supporting a self-sustaining caribou population over time when the habitat management measures are duly implemented.

The collaborative process can determine how the 35% disturbance threshold is best incorporated to meet habitat requirements appropriate to the specific context of

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the MU until an alternative threshold is determined.

Note: In order to demonstrate conformance with Indicator 6.4.5c, The Organization shall conform with all requirements #1 to #9.

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