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FSC® Forest Management Certification Main Evaluation

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac)

in

Boyle, Alberta, Canada

Introduction

NEPCon is conducting an FSC® forest management and chain of custody certification audit of Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) located in Boyle, Alberta, Canada. The evaluation will be conducted during the week of November 23, 2020.

Scope of Evaluation

The FSC® certification audit will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forest management unit(s) (FMU) managed by Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac), using the The FSC® National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada. To obtain a copy, please visit: https://ca.fsc.org/preview.fsc-std-can-01-2018-en-v1.a-2343.pdf

Information on this FSC certificate holder is available on FSC’s website: https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a0240000005sW9nAAE&type=certificate

NEPCon is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and this evaluation will follow procedures which have been approved by the Forest Stewardship Council®.

Team Composition

Mylène Raimbault, F. Eng, will lead the audit team, which also consists of Chris Wedeles, Ecologist, Mark Leschishin, Forester, and Jeremy Williams, B.Sc.F.
Date of notice: September 21, 2020

Steps and Schedule

Following is a short description of the evaluation process and a tentative agenda:

- **Field visits** – During the week of **November 23, 2020**, the audit team will conduct field visits of recent and active forest management operations on the certified area.
- **Stakeholder and Indigenous communities/peoples consultation** – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders and indigenous peoples regarding the forest management activities of Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) in communities surrounding the forest area. This can include private interviews and discussions as well as public meetings.
- **Final evaluation briefing** – Prior to departure the team will meet with the Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) forest managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- **Draft report production** – The audit team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to the Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac). This should occur within one month after completion of the evaluation.
- **Certification decision** – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from the Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) forest managers, and other general stakeholder and indigenous communities/peoples comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by **January 2021**.

Your Comments Sought

As a part of the audit process we invite stakeholders and indigenous communities/peoples to offer comments on the Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) forest management activities in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. **We welcome input, either public or confidential.** Your input will be valuable at any stage of the process, but we would prefer to receive your comments before the end of the on-site audit so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your comments are as follows:

1. Meet with a NEPCon audit team member before or during the audit.
2. Send comments to the NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this audit (see contact info below) or

   **Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential,** available only to FSC and NEPCon staff.

NEPCon’s complaints, appeals and dispute resolution policy is available to stakeholders and indigenous communities/peoples at [www.nepcon.org](http://www.nepcon.org).

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