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FSC Canada Interpretation #	6.4.5c – 004_2022
Name of interpretation	6.4.5c # 4 – “Self-sustaining populations” + “an efficient collaborative process
Requirement (s)	Ind. 6.4.5c
Date	2022-06-22
<p>Question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on ECCC guidance and best available information (BAI), does FSC consider that maintaining a disturbance threshold of 35 % will likely support a self-sustaining caribou population? 2. Can evidence of an efficient collaborative process that is progressing in good faith be sufficient to conclude conformance to 6.4.5c despite not yet having determined an alternative disturbance threshold that supports a self-sustaining caribou population? 	
<p>Proposed Answer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes. To support a self-sustaining caribou population implies implementation of management measures over time. One way an Organization can demonstrate self-sustaining caribou populations is through the indirect means of applying a valid disturbance threshold over time. FSC has determined that ECCC’s disturbance threshold of 35% should be applied in the case that an alternative valid threshold has not been determined. 2. Yes, it can if the efficient collaborative process includes active progression (measurable plan and timeline) for determining an alternative disturbance threshold and/or the measures that can demonstrate self-sustaining caribou population over the <i>long term</i>*. If evidence can be provided that the efficient collaborative process (as defined in the glossary) is progressing in good faith, but has not yet determined an alternative disturbance threshold, then the default disturbance threshold of 35% should be applied over the <i>long term</i>*. Elements 1 through 9 of FSC’s 6.4.5.c also need to be met to be in compliance with the indicator. 	