**FSC CA Stakeholder Comment Period – First Consultation Period, International Generic Indicators (IGI)**

April 15, 2013

FSC Canada has developed a discussion document, ***FSC Canada Thematic Paper*** that provides a preliminary review and identifies strengths and weaknesses of the IGIs.

The following is a comment form for FSC Canadian stakeholders to submit their opinions On the FSC Canada Thematic Paper and draft International Generic Indicators (IGIs).  Please take 10 minutes to fill out this survey, which FSC CA will then use to convey opinions back to FSC International. Please submit comment for by **Tuesday April 23** to Vivian Peachey ([v.peachey@ca.fsc.org](mailto:v.peachey@ca.fsc.org))

More detailed, specific feedback in addition to this survey can be submitted through the FSC-IC on-line survey (<http://igi.fsc.org/> ), and by contacting your representatives on the IGI working group and on the boards of FSC Canada and FSC-IC.

Thank you for your considerations.

1. Please provide your contact information.

Name:

Organization:

Telephone:

Email:

1. Please indicate your affiliation.

Forest Management Certificate Holder/Forest Manager

Certifier/Forest Management Auditor

First Nation/Aboriginal Person or Organization

Provincial or Territorial Government

Other Stakeholder (NGO, Member of Public, etc.)

3. How familiar are you with the draft International Generic Indicators (IGIs)?

What are the IGIs?

I have attended an FSC Canada Webinar.

I’ve read through the draft IGIs.

I’ve commented on the IGIs.

Other:

 4.  Please rate on a scale from 1 to 10 what you think about the following statement (If you have no opinion, please leave blank):

The IGI process is headed in the right direction.

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| Strongly Disagree | | | | | Strongly Agree | | | | |
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Comments:

5. What do you see as the most important benefits of the IGI process?

Some examples are below.  Please comment on these, or others that you see as critical.

Increased global consistency

Leveling the playing field internationally

Strengthening FSC’s credibility

Increased rigor in the Social standards

Increased rigor in the Environmental standards

Others:

6. Are the draft IGIs achieving these goals?  Please explain your answer.

 6. On a scale from 1 to 10, which is more critical for FSC moving forward: local relevance vs. global consistency of standards.

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| Local Relevance | | | | | Global Consistency | | | | |
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7. What do you see as the most challenging aspects of the IGIs?  Some examples are below.  Please comment on these, or others that you see as critical.

Total number of IGIs

IGIs that go beyond an explicit element of a Criterion

Applicability to all ownership types and SIR (Scale, Intensity, and Risk)

Additional requirements around assessments and plans

IGIs geared towards “non-compliance” cultures

Research-related exercises (atmosphere, decay rates, soil biota)

Redundancy within the IGIs

Use of lists

Additional administrative requirements

Additional stakeholder engagement requirements and the definition of local communities, community rights, and affected and interested stakeholders

Expanded Scope of FPIC IGIs and the Application of FPIC Guidance

External expertise requirements

Jurisdiction (hunting, fishing, on public lands)

Authority of certificate holder to meet IGIs

Loss of restoration requirements

ILO references/requirements

Employee/contractor relationships

Expanded social requirements

Additional dispute resolution processes

Additional costs for Certificate Holders resulting from increased documentation requirements

Other:

Comments:

8.  Based on what you know now, how easy or difficult do you think it will be to adapt the IGIs into the FSC Canada Standards Revision Process?

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| Very Easy to Adapt | | | | | Very Difficult to Adapt | | | | |
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Comments:

9.  Based on what you know now, how easy or difficult do you think it will be for forest managers to meet the IGIs?

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| Very Easy to meet IGIs | | | | | Very Difficult to meet IGIs | | | | |
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Comments:

10. If you have concerns about the IGIs, please let us know what recommended solutions you might have, if any.