



NATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP – GENERAL DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND

At the 2011, Policy Motion 51 was passed stating that company-developed Controlled Wood risk assessments conducted according to FSC-STD-40-005 would be phased out. Countries now have the choice to undertake a National Risk Assessment (NRA) in order to determine risk designations for the five controlled wood categories.

The objective of Canada's NRA is the " Assessment of risk of sourcing wood from 'unacceptable' sources as outlined by the five Controlled Wood categories in *Canada*, according to the risk assessment requirements specified in *FSC-PRO-60-002a FSC National Risk Assessment Framework*."

WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

The National Risk Assessment Working Group (NRA-WG) is composed of two individuals from each of its four chambers (Aboriginal, Economic, Environmental, Social) with consideration of regional representation.

TASKS

The NRA-WG reviews each NRA draft and seeks to reach a consensus as noted in FSC procedures. Members of the NRA-WG must review and understand the NRA Proposal submitted by FSC Canada. In addition, the NRA-WG must also have knowledge of the following process steps in developing FSC Canada's NRA:

- a) Determination of the geographical scope of the NRA;
- b) Gathering of information in relation to the five Controlled Wood categories;
- c) Determination of scale for homogeneous risk designation;
- d) Designation of risk for each assessed Controlled Wood category and indicator; and
- e) Establishment of Control Measures to mitigate 'specified risk' (where appropriate).

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

In keeping with *FSC-PRO-60-002 V3-0*, the NRA-WG shall possess the following skills:

- a) Capacity to professionally implement the requirements of this procedure;
- b) Ability to participate in the NRA process free of any conflict of interest;
- c) Adequate time availability to participate in the NRA process;
- d) Competence and knowledge of the Controlled Wood system;
- e) Knowledge of the country or region, and specifically its timber and forest sector.
- f) Well respected by their peers and across chambers; and
- g) Recognized problem solvers with strong diplomacy and negotiations skills.

In addition to this, in keeping with *FSC-STD-60-006*, members of the NRA-WG shall be selected on the basis of their:

- a) Expert knowledge and/or experience of the issue under consideration;
- b) Up-to-date knowledge and experience of FSC's systems and procedures;



- c) Representation of points of view from the corresponding FSC chamber;
- d) Understanding of the potential impact of the controlled wood system on affected stakeholders;
- e) Understanding of and support for FSC's mission and vision.

TIME COMMITMENTS

The NRA-WG is expected to last until the fall of 2017 and members are expected to commit to 2-3 days per month on average.

OBJECTIVES AND DELIVERABLES

The NRA-WG will provide oversight and strategic direction in the development of the Controlled Wood NRA. Members will review draft risk designations, control measures, and undertake the following:

- a) Where necessary clarify the terms, scope and criteria for the five controlled wood categories (e.g. what is conflict of substantial magnitude? what scales do we assess HCVs (e.g. landscape vs. FMU level of analysis?);
- b) Review and provide feedback on consultant's draft assessments;
- c) Engage with individual chambers on specific issues;
- d) Explore collaborative partnerships where beneficial;
- e) If necessary, seek advice from appropriate Technical Advisors on specific identified issues (e.g. FPIC, caribou); and
- f) Seek consensus and propose workable solutions for disputed risk designations.

HONORARIUM AND EXPENSES

Expenses including travel and accommodation for face-to-face meetings will be compensated according to FSC Canada's Travel Guidelines. An honorarium will be provided to the environmental, social and aboriginal chamber representatives. Interested members can discuss this with the NRA Coordinator upon application or upon their appointment to the WG.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The relevant policy documents that will guide the discussions include: FSC Principles & Criteria, FSC's definition of Controlled Wood, FSC-PRO-60-002 V3-0, FSC-PRO-60-002a, FSC-PRO-60-002b, FSC-STD-40-005, FSC-STD-30-010.

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