

APPENDIX C

GNWT-ENR TIMBER CUTTING LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

Under the requirements of a Timber Cutting Licence, an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) must be submitted. Said AOP describes a detailed Site Plan and items per the Forest Management Regulations (Sec 13 and 16, included below). The AOP are also guided by the Commercial Timber Harvesting Planning and Operations Standard Operating Procedures Manual (ENR).

Forest Management Regulations: Annual Operating Plan Contents:

13. (1) A person applying for a timber cutting licence shall submit with his or her application, a long term development plan containing a program for the development and utilization during the term of the licence of timber in the area described in the licence application.

(2) The long-term development plan must be in a form approved by the Supervisor and must include the following, where applicable:

- (a) a map of the areas to be logged;
- (b) an outline of proposed roads and buildings to be constructed and materials and equipment to be placed within the area described in the licence;
- (c) the timing and sequence of logging operations;
- (d) the mill sites;
- (e) a plan for fire control;
- (f) a plan for reforestation;
- (g) a plan for restoration;
- (h) a plan for the protection of the environment;

(i) such other details as the Supervisor may require.

16. (1) A timber cutting licence holder shall submit an annual operating plan to the Supervisor each year during the term of the licence, for a period of one year commencing on the date the licence was issued.

(4) The annual operating plan shall contain a detailed program of timber operations that includes

- (a) the information required in paragraphs 13(2)(a) to (i), as applicable; and
- (b) the volume of timber product that the licence holder proposes to cut during the term of the plan.

(7) The Supervisor may request changes to the annual operating plan or request additional information from the applicant prior to final approval.

(8) The Supervisor may include such terms and conditions as the Supervisor considers necessary in the operating plan.

Commercial Timber Harvest Planning and Operations Standard Operating Procedures Manual

Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of the *Manual* is to provide standards of performance for operational planning and timber harvest for all commercial timber operations. This will ensure that commercial timber-harvest operations administered by the Department are consistent and conform to sustainable use practices and territorial forestry legislation. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) contained in the *Manual* are basic standards for protection, maintenance and integration of non-timber values in commercial timber harvest planning and operations.

The information contained in the *Manual* is to be used by Departmental staff as guiding principles in reviewing applications for authorizations to harvest timber and in developing terms and conditions for authorizations and plans required under the NWT *Forest Management Act* (FMA) and *Forest Management Regulations* (FMR).

The SOPs do not have legislative authority. Regulatory or enforcement action must be based on and refer to legislative statutes and regulatory requirements on which the SOPs have been developed.