



## Coast Forest Conservation Initiative

New thinking about forest conservation

### General Information

The Coast Forest Conservation Initiative (CFCI) was awarded Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for forest tenures within the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2009. The certification covers 846,395 hectares on BC's central coast. This is the largest FSC certification on the coast of BC and includes tenures held by British Columbia Timber Sales (BCTS), International Forest Products Limited (Interfor) and Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP).

The group certificate is held by the CFCI Society representing five coastal businesses: BCTS, Catalyst Paper Corporation, Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Ltd., Interfor and WFP. The certification is good for five years subject to the results of annual audits.

The BC Certification Standard is based on 10 Principles:

1. Compliance with Laws and FSC Principles.
2. Tenure and Use Rights and Responsibilities, clearly defined
3. Indigenous Peoples' Rights, recognized and respected
4. Communities given opportunity for employment
5. Encourage the efficient use of the forest's multiple products and services
6. Conserve diversity, maintain ecological functions, integrity.
7. Management Plan implemented, with clear objectives.
8. Monitor forest management, yields, social and environmental impacts.
9. Activities in High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) maintain or enhance attributes. The precautionary approach is applied.
10. Plantations managed in accordance with Criteria

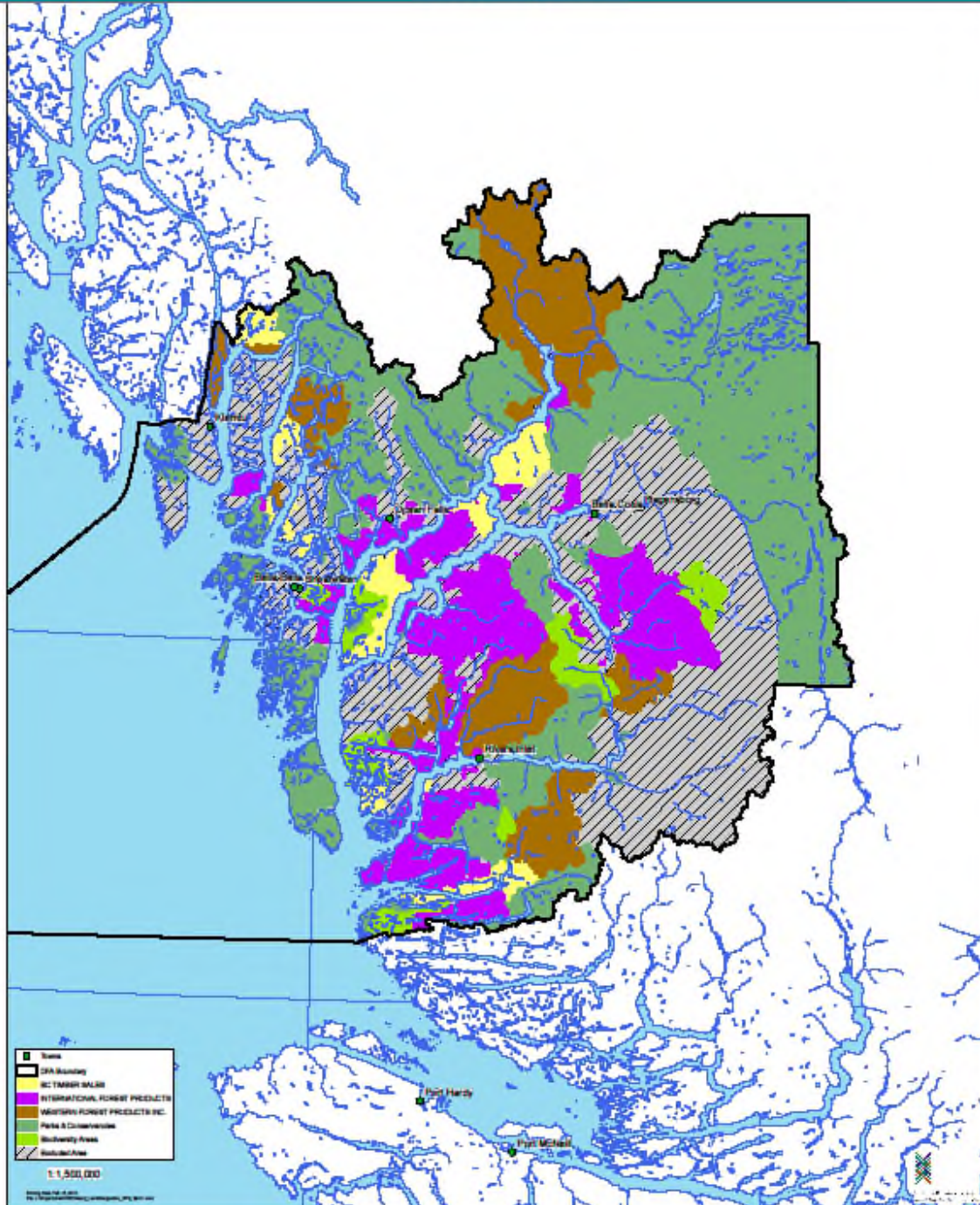
More on the BC Standard can be found at: <http://www.fsccanada.org/britishcolumbia.htm>

CFCI maintains a FSC Management Plan which functions as a key document that addresses FSC requirements . It references other reports and plans that are considered to be part of the overall plan. These are:

1. Environmental Risk Assessment (CFCI)
2. High Conservation Value Forests Report (CFCI)
3. Forest Stewardship Plans (CFCI members)
4. Timber Supply Review and AAC determination (BC gov.)
5. Relevant Higher level Plans for North, Central & South Coast (BC gov.)

If you would like to review this plan, learn more about CFCI or provide comments on forest management visit <http://www.coastforestconservationinitiative.com/certification>.

## Defined Forest Area Land Designations



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