

Summary of the Commercial Timber Harvest Allocation Procedure (CTHAP)

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The Forest Management Branch (FMB) has approved a procedure that will be used to allocate timber volume to commercial wood cutters (licensees). The procedure is titled the Commercial Timber Harvest Allocation Procedure (CTHAP) and is similar to what has been effectively used in the Haines Junction district since 2013 and in the Fox Lake area since 2015. This procedure makes certain there is a fair, consistent and transparent approach to commercial volume allotment. The CTHAP is applied to both Fuel Wood Licences (FWL) and Timber Resources Licences (TRL) and replaces any existing allocation methods. This procedure applies to the entire Yukon Territory.

The procedure is performance based and will consider the following factors when a company applies for a commercial licence or when amending or renewing a current commercial licence:

- The applicant's previous commercial harvest history (if applicable) under the *Forest Resources Act (FRA)*.
- The average amount of volume per year that the applicant has harvested under previous authorizations (average harvest rate).
- The applicant's harvesting equipment profile.
- The applicant's compliance history from harvest inspection reports.
- The applicant's history of reporting harvested volume and paying stumpage fees on time.

The Forest Management Branch uses the above factors to determine which category an applicant or licensee will be assigned. There are 5 categories; descriptions of each may be found in the procedure. All new commercial applicants will be either a Category 1 or Category 2 Licensee depending on their harvest equipment profile.

All Category 1 licensees and any other licensee that harvests on average 50m³ per year or less will be required to prepay stumpage fees. This means that stumpage fees are due prior to the licensee obtaining their authorization documents. If the licensee does not harvest the full volume of timber for which they have paid stumpage they may apply for a refund.

If an applicant wishes to apply for more timber volume than what is provided for in the CTHAP to support a business proposal they must contact the Forest Management Branch to discuss plans prior to submitting their application.

All authorizations, including amendments and renewals will include a minimum harvest rate. Licences or cutting permits may be amended to reduce allocated volume or terminated where licensees do not meet the minimum harvest rate.

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