

# Huu-ay-aht Forest Tenure Ownership Agreement Citizen Q&A

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## Top 10 Q&A

### 1 What is the TFL 44 agreement between Huu-ay-aht and Western Forest Products?

- A new Limited Partnership (LP) will be formed to operate TFL 44, and Huu-ay-aht will purchase a 7% interest in the new LP.

### 2 How many jobs will be created for Huu-ay-aht citizens as a result of this new business deal?

- Over time, we are working towards Huu-ay-aht citizens and family members having 7% of the jobs.
- Over time, this deal will also create entrepreneurial opportunities for citizens in areas that support TFL operations.

### 3 Will stumpage from the fibre cut on TFL 44 go to the Huu-ay-aht Government?

- No, this is a crown tenure not a Huu-ay-aht tenure so stumpage will still go to the BC government. Our returns will come from the profits.

### 4 How will Huu-ay-aht ensure the environmental impacts of forestry operations will be minimized on Huu-ay-aht Territory?

- The environmental impact is minimized by sustainable forest management practices, replanting within a year of harvest (or earlier where possible) and monitoring the health of the forest.
- This deal gives Huu-ay-aht a seat at the table to help ensure harvesting is conducted in accordance with Huu-ay-aht guiding principles.

### 5 How will this impact the watershed renewal project Huu-ay-aht is working on right now?

- All forestry on Treaty Lands and in TFL 44 will be conducted in a sustainable manner that does not adversely affect watershed renewal efforts.
- The Huu-ay-aht forestry team is part of the Watershed Renewal Team; both teams work together to meet cultural, social, economic and environmental objectives set out by Executive and ḤawiiḤ Councils.

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## 6 How will we ensure the forestry practices we use continue to abide by our forestry principles?

- The TFL 44 deal requires that Huu-ay-aht's forestry principles are taken into account in forestry planning in the non-overlap area of TFL 44.
- Huu-ay-aht has a process around forestry approvals/permits on TSL that enables the Huu-ay-aht government to monitor forestry practices to ensure all plans meet our forestry principles.

## 7 There is unused, logged wood sitting on the side of the Bamfield Mainline - why is it not being utilized by Huu-ay-aht citizens for firewood or other uses? Can it?

- Yes, there are plans in the works to use this wood for firewood and some of it will be chipped and taken to a mill for hog to be burned to create power.
- If citizens would like to use it for firewood, it can be cut on site, and brought somewhere to air dry.
- If a citizen wants to cut firewood, please contact Stan Coleman [sj.coleman@shaw.ca](mailto:sj.coleman@shaw.ca)

## 8 Will there be a new road built? Is there a way for Huu-ay-aht to maintain the road and keep it in good shape? The road also needs to be fixed to prevent yearly flooding.

- Upgrading the Bamfield Mainline is a priority that the Huu-ay-aht government is actively working toward.
- This deal, along with several other projects such as the Kwispaa LNG project, is allowing Huu-ay-aht to diversifying our economy and fund projects that are important to citizens. Doing so will allow for more citizens to move home and make a good wage.

## 9 Who is currently doing the tree planting on TSL? Can Huu-ay-aht citizens be doing this?

- Currently, Huu-ay-aht Forestry LP contracts tree-planting out to local tree planting companies.
- Yes, these jobs can be filled by Huu-ay-aht citizens. If citizens are interested in tree planting they can contact Stan Coleman at [sj.coleman@shaw.ca](mailto:sj.coleman@shaw.ca).

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## 10 What are the overall benefits this deal will bring to Huu-ay-aht, our government and our citizens?

- Jobs, training, and business opportunities for Huu-ay-aht citizens close to home, including expanding the opportunity for our citizens to become entrepreneurs and be the operators on our land.
- Increased revenues from forestry sector to support Huu-ay-aht citizens, including a possible dividend (Executive Council is discussing).
- A “seat at the table” when forest management decisions are made that affect Huu-ay-aht Territory.
- Assurance that forestry management decisions are in line with our sacred principles.

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## QUESTIONS?

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