

SAVING THE WORKING FOREST FOR ALL GENERATIONS

The forests of British Columbia continue to be a cornerstone supporting healthy families and communities.

Everyone feels the impacts each time there is disruption in the forest industry.

Only 30% of the coastal forest is available for harvest – defined as the Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB) – this is the Working Forest!

There has been a 30% decline in the coastal Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) since 1990. This decline is the result of land use decisions and increased protection of forests.

Coastal forests are well managed for wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and climate change. They support families and sustainable communities across rural and urban areas of coastal British Columbia.

Unfortunately, the pressure continues to further erode the Working Forest.

This petition is being prepared to let our government know that a stable and sustainable working forest is critical to healthy families, communities and British Columbia.

Key Facts:

There are 8.4 million hectares of forest land on Coastal BC.

5.8 million hectares or 70% of the coastal forest is not available for harvesting.

Ending old growth logging in the current working forest would have an immediate AAC reduction of about 50%.

Management Plans are required, and in place, that define the structured transition from old growth to second growth.

At this time, there is simply not enough second growth available to maintain stable and healthy communities.