

2018 SFI Public Summary Report

Western Forest Products Inc.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Fiber Sourcing Standard [2015-2019]

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Forest Management Standard [2015-2019]

Date: August 30, 2018

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a multi-site Maintenance Assessment on Western Forest Products Inc.'s ("the Company" or "WFP") Forest Management activities on the Mainland Coast Forest Operation and Wood Fiber Procurement company-wide in British Columbia. The forest management activities for the Mainland Coast Forest Operation are managed by WFP's Timberlands group based in Campbell River and the corporate fiber sourcing activities are managed by WFP's Fibre Supply Group based in Nanaimo, BC. The Lead Assessor was James Lucas, EMS (LA). The audit team members were Shawn Ellsworth, EMS (LA), Jeff Koch, EMS (LA), PwC Contract Assessor and Sean Pledger, internally qualified EMS (A). The audit team was accompanied by WFP's SFI Representative, Will Sloan, RFT.

The primary objective of the assessment was to assess the Company's SFI management system and to evaluate the Company's implementation of the SFI Standard in the field.

Client Profile

Western Forest Products is an integrated Canadian company sustainably managing forests and manufacturing high quality wood products on the Coast of British Columbia. The Company has an annual available harvest of approximately 6.1 million cubic metres of timber, of which approximately 5.9 million cubic metres is from Crown lands. WFP has a lumber capacity in excess of 1.1 billion board feet from eight milling facilities. Principal activities conducted by the Company include timber harvesting, reforestation, sawmilling logs into lumber and wood chips, and value-added remanufacturing. WFP's SFI certification covers both their Mainland Coast and Nootka Forest Operations.

Indicators

All of the indicators in the SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standard were within the scope of the assessment, except for Fiber Sourcing Objectives 11, 12 and 13, since none of the fiber procured by WFP comes from outside of Canada and the US. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

On April 25 to 27, 2018, the office assessment team consisting of Shawn Ellsworth and Sean Pledger, conducted interviews and reviewed appropriate documentation to assess policies and procedures, and tested the implementation of SFI program requirements at the Central Office in Campbell River. Over the same time period the field assessment team conducted site visits on Vancouver Island and up the Mid Coast. In total, the office assessment team spent 2.5 days at the central office and the field assessment team spent 1 day on-site for field assessments and 1.5 days in the Campbell River office. In total, the field

audit team visited 4 active harvesting sites, 3 active road construction sites and 4 procurement sites. The audit report was dated August 30, 2018.

WFP has a multi-site certification for the forest management and wood fiber procurement in North America by the following locations: Mainland Coast and Nootka Divisions, and Wood Fiber Procurement company-wide in British Columbia. PwC uses a rotational audit approach where the central office is audited annually and the locations are sampled on a 3 year rotating schedule that conforms to the International Accreditation Forum Inc.'s Mandatory Document 1.

Summary of Conformance, Findings, and Good Management Practices

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Objective	Performance Measure	Evidence of Conformity
Objective 1. Forest Management Planning	<i>Performance Measure 1.1 Program Participants shall ensure that forest management plans include long-term harvest levels that are sustainable and consistent with appropriate growth-and-yield modes.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with Western Staff., Documents reviewed on-site include: TFL management plans and Info packages, GIS data and Woodstock data and sample TSA files with constraint files and outputs, 2017 Cut Control Summary by TFL & License, Lidar review, VILUP, WFP Forest Strategy</i></p> <p>The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) is determined through the BC Timber Supply Review (TSR) process. Mainland Coast operations include TFL25 blocks 2 and 5, TFL 39 blocks 3 and 5, and Forest Licenses 16845, 16847 and 19244. WFP harvests on various licenses at different points during their cut control period to manage stumpage prices, green up constraints and First Nations concerns. Inventory information is a combination of provincial VRI data and digitized Mylar information. Lidar data is being processed to generate inventory information for the area and will be incorporated into the multiyear planning process.</p> <p>Volumes are found on an operational basis by the planning and engineering groups and there is a split of second growth and old growth which follow the WFP Forest Strategy and the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP). District planning staff and engineers locate timber and are responsible for layout and Cutting Permit (CP) development.</p> <p>WFP has full in house capability to perform internal timber supply analysis ("TSA"). WFP utilizes Woodstock to perform timber supply analysis. G&Y data (VDPY and TIPSYS) are taken both from internal and Government sources (VRI). WFP also manages all spatial data in their in house ArcGIS system. Data inputs include forest inventory, roads, THLB layer, non-timber values and constraint layers (e.g. UWR, WTPs, WHAs, etc.).</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 1.2 Program Participants shall not convert one forest cover type to another forest cover type, unless in justified circumstances.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), interviews with staff, forest management plans, site plans and field observations.</i></p> <p>Stand conversion into other types is not acceptable under BC forest practices rules and Western has not implemented this type of conversion in the past. Western manages plantation establishment using approved FSP stocking standards that include specifications</p>

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		for preferred and acceptable species as per Provincial silvicultural legislation requirements.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 1.3 Program Participants shall not have within the scope of their certification to this SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard, forestlands that have been converted to non-forestland use.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), field assessments, and interviews with staff forest management plans, site plans and field observations.</i> The Company does not have forestlands that have been converted into non forestland use within the scope of their certification.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 2. Forest Health and Productivity	<i>Performance Measure 2.1 Program Participants shall promptly reforest after final harvest.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), field assessments/observation and records. Documents reviewed on-site include: Western Site Plans, BC silviculture regulations, BC Stocking Standards, silviculture records</i> The Company plants most harvest areas within one to two years after harvesting with sampled blocks showing planting one year after harvest. Following planting, the Company completes regeneration surveys in order to ensure all harvested areas are satisfactorily stocked and survival rates are acceptable. Stocking standards and acceptable species are determined by the requirements stated in Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) and carried down to the Site Plan (SP) level.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 2.2 Program Participants shall minimize chemical use required to achieve management objectives while protecting employees, neighbors, the public and the environment, including wildlife and aquatic habitats.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), interviews with staff and contractors, EMS procedures, Review of silviculture records including license documents.</i> There is no chemical use in WFP's Mainland Coast Operations.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 2.3 Program Participants shall implement forest management practices to protect and maintain forest and soil productivity.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), harvest site plans, field observations.</i> Forest Stewardship Plans have site disturbance limits for permanent and temporary access structures. The Company's Environmental Management System (EMS) includes measures to maintain forest and soil productivity. This information is communicated to contractors at pre-work meetings and continually monitored through WFP inspections. Soil samples are taken to determine soil textures and vulnerability to disturbance. Harvest plans specify logging methods, including cable harvesting and helicopter systems

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		for steep slopes and the use of excavators to forward logs on sensitive lower slope terrain. Road drainage structures are regularly maintained. FSP & SP's have soil disturbance ratings based on site sampling, post-harvest assessments to ensure soil disturbance targets met in field. Post-harvest piling and road deactivation for most units.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 2.4 Program Participants shall manage so as to protect forests from damaging agents, such as environmentally or economically undesirable wildfire, pests, diseases, and invasive exotic plants and animals, to maintain and improve long-term forest health, productivity, and economic viability.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), harvest site plans, field observations, silviculture records, fire drill records, staff and contractor interviews.</i> The Company conforms to applicable laws, regulations and follows guidelines regarding measures that must be taken to protect forest resources (i.e., Wildfire Act). Landscape level and Site Plans address forest health issues. Monitoring and quantifying pest incidence within reforested stands is performed by forestry professionals. Harvest inspections ensure compliance with fire preparedness expectations. Additionally, the Company works cooperatively with MFLNRORD programs to ensure that pest and fire prevention challenges are identified and dealt with in a timely manner.
	One Nonconformity was identified related to this performance measure. During a field review of several harvest units on North Broughton Island, it was identified that two required backpack pumps were missing from a feller buncher and a processor on separate units.	
	No Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 2.5 Program Participants that deploy improved planting stock, including varietal seedlings, shall use best scientific methods.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), interviews with staff, EMS procedures, silviculture records</i> Research, testing and evaluation of genetically improved seedlings are conducted by the MFLNRORD. All seedlings are grown in privately owned nurseries, each of which is involved in various research endeavors and trials for the forest industry and the MFLNRORD. Western owns Class A Seed at the Surrey Seed Centre for future use.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 3. Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	<i>Performance Measure 3.1 Program Participants shall meet or exceed all applicable federal, provincial, state and local water quality laws, and meet or exceed best management practices developed under Canadian or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – approved water quality programs.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with all staff members, Roads Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Road Inspection Records, Field Observations</i> Standards Operating Procedures (SOP) in the WFP EMS state environmental criteria to be managed to including management of water quality. These requirements are incorporated into the development of site level plans for harvesting, road building and silvicultural activities that have the potential to impact the environment. Contracts with loggers also include requirements to comply with BMPs. Harvest units reviewed during the assessment included pre-harvest reviews, active harvest inspections and post-harvest closeouts reviews via the WFP EMS.

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		No Nonconformities were identified related to this performance measure.
		One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this performance measure. WFP uses the CENFOR database system to track the status of their harvesting and silviculture activities. It was noted that two active or completed harvest had not yet been updated to active in CENFOR. No stated requirements could be found specifying that CENFOR should be updated within a certain timeline. WFP may wish to review their procedures for tracking forest operations to ensure that activities are tracked in a timely manner and all reports sent to the Crown's RESULTS system are accurate.
	<i>Performance Measure 3.2 Program Participants shall implement water, wetland and riparian protection measures based on soil type, terrain, vegetation, ecological function, harvesting system, and state best management practices (BMPs), provincial guidelines and other applicable factors.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), interviews with staff members and contractors, FSP, Site Plans and records of Pre-work meetings, Western logger training records, EMS/SFI Safety Manual. Office and field observations.</i></p> <p>The Company complies with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines (where appropriate) regarding management and protection of water bodies and riparian zones. Operational controls, including monitoring, have been implemented through the WFP Environmental Management System (EMS) to protect the soil and water resources.</p> <p>All operations are inspected to ensure compliance with the legislation and conformance with the EMS. The Company maintains a GIS system which contains a layer for riparian features which is used to track riparian features and is updated with field provided information as required.</p>
		One Nonconformity was identified relating to this performance measure. During a field review of a harvest unit on North Broughton Island, an S4 stream had fallen wood spanning it along its length contrary to the harvest instruction prescription (fall away/yard away). Embedded wood in the stream bank from prior to falling and yarding appeared undisturbed where these features could be seen. Further clarification from WFP could have been requested by the contractor if the prescription was going to be operationally difficult to apply.
		No Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.
Objective 4. Conservation of Biological Diversity	<i>Performance Measure 4.1 Program Participants shall conserve biological diversity.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, Reviewed CENFOR, ARCGIS and Provincial Forestry databases, Plant/animal inventory and OGMA changes WFP invasive species procedure, Forest Stewardship Plans, Pest Management Plans, Grass Seeding Standard, Land Use Order & FRPA requirements, Timber Supply Analysis & Management Plans, WFP Biodiversity Management Strategy, and Site Plans</i></p> <p>WFP's FSP, TSA plans and site plans all incorporate the conservation of biological diversity by setting objectives, results and strategies to meet legislative requirements such as landscape and stand level biological diversity, objectives for water, fish, wildlife and biological diversity within riparian areas, and objectives set for soils and wildlife. Measures are carried in the site level plans developed by Registered Professional Foresters. WFP has put significant resources into planning for and managing biological diversity. WFP has full time biologists on staff to support company goals for conservation of biological diversity. Conservation measures on a site basis were reviewed in the field.</p>

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		<p>Any unique features such as Karst, terrain or rare ecosystems are identified in the field and protected in the engineering and harvest program.</p> <p>WFP is involved in various research initiatives to better understand T&E wildlife across their land base. The results of these initiatives are incorporated into their SOP's and FSP's when renewed. Their Level 1 training package includes identification of SAR, and field staff carry wildlife ID cards. An additional training package is being developed to provide more in-depth information of relevant SAR.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<p><i>Performance Measure 4.2</i> <i>Program Participants shall protect threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Values (FECV) and old-growth forests.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members; Land Use Orders & FRPA Requirements, Forest Stewardship Plans, Site Plans, Harvest & Road Instructions, SAR training, Goshawk Management Strategy & Field Card, WFP Rare Ecosystem Project (Pilot Project in Stillwater); includes habitat for T&E species, GIS Layers (various), Goshawk Management Standard & Field Card, WFP Species at Risk Training program, Participation/ Support for: Mamu Recovery Team, NoGo Recovery Team, Technical Assistance for Federal and Provincial NoGo Recovery Strategies, Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team, Coast Forest Products Species at Risk Committee, SARA National Roundtable, WFP Rare Ecosystem Project (Pilot Project in Stillwater), WCSIC support for Nature Conservancy Project BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer, NatureServe: http://www.natureserve.org/, WFP Forest Strategy, WFP Rare Ecosystem Project (Pilot Project in Stillwater), and WFP Big Tree Policy</i></p> <p>Land Use Plans provide the framework for conservation of biological diversity through a 3 layered approach that entails the identification and establishment of Parks and Protected Areas, designation of Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs), and site specific wildlife tree retention areas and riparian reserves. Special wildlife habitats (e.g., MAMU and Goshawks) are protected through establishment of Wildlife Habitat Areas, and Government Orders (GAR) that identify / restrict forest management practices in specific habitat types.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<p><i>Performance Measure 4.3</i> <i>Program Participants shall manage ecologically important sites in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, review of GIS Layers (various), Goshawk Management Standard & Field Card, WFP Species at Risk Training program, Participation/ Support for: Mamu Recovery Team, NoGo Recovery Team, Technical Assistance for Federal and Provincial NoGo Recovery Strategies, Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team, Coast Forest Products Species at Risk Committee, SARA National Roundtable, WCSIC support for Nature Conservancy Project, BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer, NatureServe: http://www.natureserve.org/</i></p>

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		<p>Ecologically important sites are identified and mapped. Trained field crews identify ecologically important sites for protection. Site Plans are developed by foresters using the field information gathered. WFP SOPs describes how WFP ensures that personnel have the training, awareness and competency to perform their job. Training procedures aim to identify, deliver and record environmental training for all individuals that have potential to significantly impact the environment. Pre-work meetings are held prior to the commencement of contract activities.</p> <p>Reviewed on a site basis in the field - any unique features - eg. Karst, terrain, rare ecosystems are identified in the field and protected in the engineering and harvest program.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 4.4 Program Participants shall apply knowledge gained through research, science, technology, and field experience to manage wildlife habitat and contribute to the conservation of biological diversity.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, review of GIS Layers (various), Goshawk Management Standard & Field Card, WFP Species at Risk Training program, Participation/ Support for: Mamu Recovery Team, NoGo Recovery Team, Technical Assistance for Federal and Provincial NoGo Recovery Strategies, Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team, Coast Forest Products Species at Risk Committee, SARA National Roundtable, WCSIC support for Nature Conservancy Project, BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer, NatureServe: http://www.natureserve.org/</i></p> <p>WFP subscribes to a variety of organizations (e.g. ABCFP, UBC Forestry, BC Conservation Data Centre, and the MFLNRD) which maintain websites and newsletters to disseminate information on current research projects. These information centers help to keep practitioners aware of new forest management techniques, public opinion and forest policy/guidelines.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 5. Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits	<i>Performance Measure 5.1 Program Participants shall manage the impact of harvesting on visual quality.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, GIS, multiple harvest unit SP's.</i></p> <p>In addition, WFP conducts and leads industry research efforts to enhance forest practices to support conservation of biological diversity that WFP then implements in its SOPs for field activities. The Company has visual quality strategies contained within its Forest Stewardship Plans and complies with government established higher level plans such as the Great Bear Rainforest Order. Visual Quality Objectives are reviewed pre-harvest, visual assessments are conducted if required from established viewpoints and blocks are planned to ensure that visual requirements are met.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 5.2</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Staff interviews.</i>

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	<i>Program Participants shall manage the size, shape and placement of clear-cut harvests.</i>	Average size of cutblocks in WFP Operations can be calculated in GIS and Cenfor databases. The largest cutblock WFP has harvested in the Midcoast TSA in the past year is less than 50 ha. The average size of the units harvested over the audit period is 12.5 ha.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 5.3 Program Participants shall adopt a green-up requirement or alternative methods that provide for visual quality.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Staff interviews, Field observations.</i> Green-up requirements are stated with WFP Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP) which are based on regional land use plan management zone requirements. WFP has tracking systems in use to ensure conformance with green-up requirements.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 5.4 Program Participants shall support and promote recreational opportunities for the public.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Staff interviews, Field Observations.</i> The Company manages recreation sites for public use in various locations on Vancouver Island and maintains a layer in their GIS system to track these sites.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 6. Protection of Special Sites	<i>Performance Measure 6.1 Program Participants shall identify special sites and manage them in a manner appropriate for their unique features.</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Staff interviews, Field Observations.</i> WFP Forest Stewardship Plans contain a cultural heritage resource strategy. The Company engages with stakeholders and First Nations to ensure that planning activities are able to manage all known special or culturally sensitive sites. Available special site or cultural information databases will also be consulted to allow for inclusion of any areas not already included in the planning process. Assessments to determine potential and presence of special sites and strategies for their management are incorporated into harvest area planning. WFP maintains a layer within their GIS for special sites which includes cultural features and this information is used to determine potential harvesting constraints in block planning. GIS layers include: roads/landings/ water layers/geology/ special features (e.g. karst, cabins) /Visual Quality Objectives/wildlife layers (deer winter range etc.)/arch sites/trappers/community watersheds etc.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 7. Efficient Use of Fiber Resources	<i>Performance Measure 7.1 Program Participants shall employ appropriate forest harvesting technology and in-woods manufacturing processes and practices to minimize waste</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Staff interviews, Field Observations, Harvest Inspection Forms, Interviews with machine operators.</i> Site Plans specify standards for post-harvest conditions. WFP utilization requirements are written into harvest contracts and are

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	<i>and ensure efficient utilization of harvested trees, where consistent with other SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard Objectives.</i>	distributed and reviewed with field workers to ensure they are understood. Active harvest and post-harvest inspections confirm these standards are met. Log quality programs, waste audits and site inspections also ensure target utilization is met.
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 8. Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	<i>Performance Measure 8.1 Program Participants shall recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), WFP Sustainable Forest Management Statement</i></p> <p>Western's Sustainable Forest Management Statement includes a commitment to recognize and respect the rights of First Nations' (FN's) Peoples. WFP program appears to be robust and is a foundational aspect of WFP SFM program.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 8.2 Program Participants with forest management responsibilities on public lands shall confer with affected Indigenous Peoples with respect to sustainable forest management practices.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), WFP Sustainable Forest Management Statement, Interviews with staff members, WFP SMP policies online on WFP website. Reviewed comment tracking and MOUs.</i></p> <p>WFP engage in discussions with FN's at the FSP level as well as the individual Cutting Permit (CP) level. They also operates a series of joint ventures with FN's and has MOU's with several others. With some First Nations (eg. the Ka:'yu:k't'h' & Che:k'tles7et'h) they have areas of interest where all units must be referred to them for review under the Maa'Nulth treaty and issues are addressed. In many areas, Archaeological Overview Assessment's (AOA's) are done where required and all pre-1846 Culturally Modified Tree's (CMT's) are documented and set aside within blocks where found. There are a variety of other initiatives going on such as providing cedar logs for canoes, Non Timber Forest Product's are being harvested/picked and the GIS have some known areas of high values on them.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 9. Legal and Regulatory Compliance	<i>Performance Measure 8.3 Program Participants are encourage to communicate with and shall respond to local Indigenous Peoples with respect to sustainable forest management practices on their private lands.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), WFP Sustainable Forest Management Statement, Interviews with staff members</i></p> <p>CMT's are buffered as practicable and blocks undergo AOA's in the Great Bear Rainforest to identify features which are then cross referenced with FN provided features.</p> <p>WFP maintains a GIS cultural features layer which is updated with FN provided features (if provided) in areas of operation.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 9.1 Program Participants shall comply with applicable federal, provincial state and local forestry and related social and</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Environmental Policy, Interviews with staff members, EMS Compliance Log.</i>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	

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	<i>environmental laws and regulations.</i>	<p>WFP has a comprehensive EMS program in place which includes legal and regulatory commitments, procedures to ensure compliance, defined roles and responsibilities, internal auditing of activities and review and revision of legal compliance by senior management.</p> <p>The Company also monitors websites, and changes to relevant laws and regulations. The Certification Coordinator conducts periodic reviews of changes to relevant laws and regulations, and will determine if changes are required to programs or procedures to facilitate compliance. Any documentation changes will be made in accordance with EMS document control procedures.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 9.2 Program Participants shall take appropriate steps to comply with all applicable social laws at the federal, provincial, state and local levels in the country in which the Program Participant operates.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, Western Sustainable Forest Management Statement.</i></p> <p>The Company complies with Provincial and Federal social and labor legislation in Canada. A variety of WFP corporate policies are in place to ensure conformance including a health and safety policy, an annual employee code of conduct sign-off and policies for bullying and harassment and workplace violence. The Company is Safe Certified with the Forest Safety Council of British Columbia.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 10. Forestry Research, Science and Technology	<i>Performance Measure 10.1 Program Participants shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners provide in-kind support or funding for forest research to improve forest health, productivity and sustainable management of forest resources, and the environmental benefits and performance of forest products.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members.</i></p> <p>WFP has a robust Corporate Research Program: examples include Variable Retention Adaptive Management, SCHIRP, Species at Risk, Silviculture Strategies and Best Practices, Seed and Seedling projects, and Growth & Yield and EBM research and monitoring. Additional projects are undertaken through support for/ partnerships with FP Innovations</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 10.2 Program Participants shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners – develop or use state, provincial or regional analyses in support of their sustainable forestry programs.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members.</i></p> <p>The Company utilizes Provincial growth and yield data and results of Timber Supply Analysis.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	

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	<p><i>Performance Measure 10.3</i> <i>Program Participants shall – individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners – broaden the awareness of climate change impacts on forests, wildlife and biological diversity.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, WCSIC website.</i></p> <p>WFP has its own Climate Change Committee and staff attends ABCFP Workshops and monitors the webpage for information. WFP staff also monitors the SFI website and various research information including the BC Government website.</p> <p>Also, through the Timber Supply Review process, the Company participates in MFLNRORD forest health, productivity and ecosystem functions analysis that includes carbon research.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 11. Training and Education	<p><i>Performance Measure 11.1</i> <i>Program Participants shall require appropriate training of personnel and contractors so that they are competent to fulfill their responsibilities under the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard.</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, review of training records</i></p> <p>The WFP EMS Manual Appendix 5 describes the Roles & Responsibilities of the various staff and departments with regard to the SFI program. Key roles are: Vice President and Chief Forester, Vice President, Timber Supply, Systems Coordinator, the MERC (Management Environmental Review Committee), Managers and various other Departments. Roles are well defined including Tasks and Responsibilities.</p> <p>The WFP Training Table identifies all the training requirements of woodlands, shop and warehousing staff and contractors. The frequency of review and listings of the specific SOP's required by position are included. Training records are maintained to ensure all active workers are competent in their tasks.</p> <p>WFP Fibre Sourcing Information Package (developed consistent with WCSIC Wood Producer Package and Training Policy) is given to all contractors. The materials include WFP's EMS training including SOP's. All contractors are trained in WFP's EMS prior to any work being conducted on WFP harvest units on their managed tenures or on stumpage sales.</p>
	<p>One Nonconformity was identified related to this performance measure. The assessment team was unable to verify if all required contract employees on North Broughton Island as well as contractors involved in the WFP Fiber Sourcing program had the required training as per the WFP Timberlands EMS Training Requirements Table. This is a training records verification issue not a crew awareness issue. With the Fiber Sourcing contractors specifically, the record of crew training was not being collected for WFP's records but were available in the field to prove training had taken place.</p>	
	No Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<p><i>Performance Measure 11.2</i> <i>Program Participants shall work – individually and/or with SFI Implementation Committees, logging or forestry associations, or appropriate agencies or others in the forestry community – to foster improvement in the</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, WCSIC website.</i></p> <p>The WCSIC Training Policy and Wood Producer Information Package identify criteria and delivery mechanisms for wood producers. The WCSIC website also contains links to sources of training material. WFP conducts annual training to address continual improvement and informs contractors when appropriate training courses are available.</p>

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	<i>professionalism of wood producers.</i>	
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 12. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	<i>Performance Measure 12.1 Program Participants shall support and promote efforts by consulting foresters, state, provincial and federal agencies, state or local groups, professional societies, conservation organizations, Indigenous Peoples and governments, community groups, sporting organizations, labor, universities, extension agencies, the American Tree Farm System® and/or other landowner cooperative programs to apply principles of sustainable forest management.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, WCSIC website.</i></p> <p>The Company encourages forest landowners to participate in forest management certification programs through the distribution of the WCSIC Wood Producer Information Package. WFP has a certified Chain of Custody which tracks all certified fibre from large and small landowners.</p>
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	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 12.3 Program Participants shall establish at the state, provincial or other appropriate levels, procedures to address concerns raised by loggers, consulting foresters, employees, unions, the public or other Program Participants regarding practices that appear inconsistent with the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard principles and objectives.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, WCSIC website.</i></p> <p>WFP promotes the WCSIC Inconsistent Practice/Complaint Flow Chart for members & have provided a contact on their web page for reporting inconsistent practices. The WFP web site & contact us page also gives the public the ability to get in touch regarding any issues they might have regarding logging or other practices.</p>
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Objective 13. Public Land Management Responsibilities	<i>Performance Measure 13.1 Program Participants with forest management responsibilities on public lands shall participate in the development of public land planning and management processes.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with all staff members, Western FSP & SP's.</i></p> <p>As WFP manages multiple public tenures across Vancouver Island and the BC Coast, the company is involved in a variety of planning and management efforts including: Land Use Orders & FRPA, Forest Stewardship Plans Consultations, Permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), PMP Consultations, Information Sharing & Engagement, Timber Supply Review, Stakeholder meetings and information sharing. Since the 2016 Great Bear Rainforest Order came into effect, the successful approval of any forest management planning or activates is largely dependent on the strength of relationships between WFP and partnering First Nations. As such, significant information sharing takes place as part of this process.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 14. Communications and Public Reporting	<i>Performance Measure 14.1 A Program Participant shall provide a summary audit report, prepared by the certification body, to SFI Inc. after the successful completion of a certification, recertification or surveillance audit to the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: N/A</i></p> <p>PwC is responsible for producing this report and submitting it to SFI on behalf of WFP.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 14.2 Program Participants shall report annually to SFI Inc. on their conformance with the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: 2017/2018 annual progress report.</i></p> <p>WFP submitted their annual progress report to SFI on time, in March of 2018.</p>
	<p>No Nonconformities were identified related to this performance measure.</p> <p>One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this performance measure. WFP has now completed it's first SFI annual survey report. While the report was completed for all sections, WFP could better document the extent of its research efforts in the survey.</p>	
Objective 15. Management Review and Continual Improvement	<i>Performance Measure 15.1 Program Participants shall establish a management review system to examine findings and progress in implementing the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard, to make appropriate improvements in programs, and to inform their employees of changes.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), WFP CoC Procedures V.1, WFP Fibre Sourcing Package, WFP EMS Level I & II Training Package, MERC Q 4 2017 (Jan. 30, 2018) MR Minutes.</i></p> <p>Western undertakes Management Reviews as part of the EMS process. This includes a review of the SFI program and performance measures. The last Quarterly Management Review on January 30, 2018 included a discussion of SFI, previous findings, and a review of the SFI program for Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	

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Objective 1: Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing	<i>Performance Measure 1.1. Promotion and conservation of biological diversity.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interview with Western staff, WCSIC Information Package, Reviewed Risk Assessments and Site Inspections.</i></p> <p>Of the suppliers selling to WFP in 2017, the majority small scale (<1000 m³). Approximately a quarter of the purchases were SFI certified. Many of the sources come from public lands and have been through stringent planning and review processes and meet the requirements of this indicator via various planning processes. Only 10% of purchases came from private land. All sources are subject to a "Risk Assessment" at the time of purchase and where warranted, field inspections are conducted to ensure Best Management Practices are being implemented, and that operations meet FRPA requirements around biodiversity, soil conservation, and riparian management, among other things.</p> <p>WFP is involved in a wide variety of programs and efforts to address and conserve biodiversity in British Columbia. These efforts include the following: Ecosystems Explorer & NatureServe Resources for Global Occurrence Ranks Identification, Participation/ Support for: Marbled Murrelet Recovery Team, Northern Goshawk Recovery Team, Technical Assistance for Federal and Provincial Northern Goshawk Recovery Strategies, Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team, Coast Forest Products Species at Risk Committee, SARA National Roundtable., Meeting for interest in Western Screech Owl., SAR Mapping (Government and WFP), THLB Stabilization Pilot San Jo landscape unit, Marbled Murrelet and Northern Goshawk habitat mapping into WHAs, Rare ecosystems. Auditors reviewed a number of these projects with WFP's Senior Biologist at the office in Campbell River. The Company has two additional biologists on staff.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 2: Adherence to Best Management Practices	<i>Performance Measure 2.1. Program Participants shall clearly define and implement policies to ensure that facility inventories and fiber sourcing activities do not compromise adherence to the principles of sustainable forestry.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interview with staff, WFP CoC Procedures V.1, WFP WCSIC Risk Assessment forms for three units reviewed on-site, review of harvest plan map, site plan and biological assessments for various audits, WFP EMS Level I & II Training Package.</i></p> <p>For all purchased stumpage, excluding BC Timber Sales, (standing timber that WFP or WFP Contractors harvest), the WFP EMS is followed which includes BMPs (SOPs). For BCTS sales, WFP follows the BCTS EMS/SFI requirements as a minimum and the WFP EMS when they exceed the BCTS requirements. The stumpage procurement program includes an initial assessment of each stumpage sale to assess timber quality, logistics and other factors including resource values, a WCSIC Risk Assessment is completed for all stumpage purchases (may be multiple blocks) and trained/qualified logging contractors are hired by WFP for each stumpage sale and in many situations WFP hires the RPF directly to write the SP. Additionally, all of the road building (if any) and harvesting activities are carried out under WFP's EMS and the associated SOP's associated with that. The EMS also includes harvest inspections which are carried out by WFP staff at the</p>

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		<p>various offices which administer the stumpage sales on behalf of the WFP procurement group.</p> <p>The Chain of Custody Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which includes the FSC and PEFC risk assessment and Chain of Custody training information provide additional rigor around fibre sourcing with respect to Best Management Practices and sustainable forest practices.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 2.2. Program Participants shall monitor the use of best management practices.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interview with staff, WCSIC Information Package, Western Wood Purchase Contract, Procurement Risk Assessments for all suppliers, Wood Procurement Risk Assessment and inspection reports, Inspection Reports and Photos</i></p> <p>At present, the majority of the WFP verifiable monitoring system is described in the CoC procedures under the Verification of Fibre Supply section - it consists of supplying Fibre Sourcing Information & training package, WCSIC Risk Assessment for each stumpage purchase & field inspection forms to assess levels of compliance with BMP's across WFP stumpage sales.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 3: Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals	<i>Performance Measure 3.1. Program Participants shall encourage landowners to utilize the services of qualified logging professionals, certified logging professionals (where available), qualified resource professionals and to apply principles of sustainable forest management to their lands.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interview with staff, WFP CoC Procedures V.1, WFP EMS Level I & II Training Package, WCSIC Training Policy (V20160913), training records for various contractors.</i></p> <p>The Wood Producer Information Package encourages the use of qualified logging and resource professionals. Certification of logging professionals is not readily available in BC so WCSIC members provide training for their contractors, including annual training updates.</p> <p>WFP Operations retain lists of trained loggers maintained within the EMS Files (and training database where applicable). These logging contractors generally work on company tenures and are well known to the company and trained in the companies EMS program. Logging contractors used at the Port Alberni operations are all qualified contractors and used on WFP public land management. Discussed with WFP Divisional Operations Manager & Operations Technician. A list of trained Fibre Suppliers is maintained by Fibre Supply (record of circulation of the FS Information Package to suppliers).</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 4: Legal and Regulatory Compliance	<i>Performance Measure 4.1. Program Participants shall comply with applicable federal, provincial, state and local forestry and related social and environmental laws and</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interview with staff, WFP Chain of Custody Procedures V.1, WFP EMS Level I & II Training Package, WCSIC Training Policy (V20160913), training records for contractors.</i></p> <p>WFP has a comprehensive EMS program in place which includes legal and regulatory commitments, procedures to ensure compliance, defined</p>

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	<i>regulations and take steps to avoid illegal logging.</i>	<p>roles and responsibilities, internal auditing of activities and review and revision of legal compliance by senior management. There have been no enforcement actions or administrative penalties initiated by regulatory bodies against WFP since the last external audit.</p> <p>The Company also monitors websites, and changes to relevant laws and regulations. The Certification Coordinator conducts periodic reviews of changes to relevant laws and regulations, and will determine if changes are required to programs or procedures to facilitate compliance. Any documentation changes will be made in accordance with EMS document control procedures.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 4.2. Program Participants shall take appropriate steps to comply with all applicable social laws at the federal, provincial, state and local levels in the country in which they Program Participant operates.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, Western SFM Policy.</i></p> <p>The Company complies with provincial and federal social and labor legislation in Canada. A variety of WFP corporate policies are in place to ensure conformance including a health and safety policy, an annual employee code of conduct sign-off and policies for bullying and harassment and workplace violence. The Company is Safe Certified with the Forest Safety Council of British Columbia.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 5. Forestry Research, Science and Technology	<i>Performance Measure 5.1. Program Participants shall – individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners – provide in-kind support or funding for forest research to improve forest health, productivity, and sustainable management of forest resources, and the environmental benefits and performance of forest products.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, Goshawk Research Program in AK, BC, Migratory Birds project through COFI, various other projects.</i></p> <p>WFP has a robust Corporate Research Program: examples include Variable Retention Adaptive Management, Species at Risk, Silviculture Strategies and Best Practices, Seed and Seedling projects, and Growth & Yield and EBM research and monitoring. Additional projects are undertaken through support for/ partnerships with FP Innovations</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 5.2. Program Participants shall individually and/or through cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners develop or use state, provincial or regional analyses in support of their sustainable forestry programs.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, Goshawk Research Program in AK, BC, Migratory Birds project through COFI, various other projects.</i></p> <p>The Company utilizes provincial growth and yield data and results of timber supply analysis.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 5.3. Program Participants shall individually and/or through</i>	<i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members , WCSIC website</i>

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	<i>cooperative efforts involving SFI Implementation Committees, associations or other partners broaden the awareness of climate change impacts of forests, wildlife and biological diversity.</i>	<p>WFP has its own Climate Change Committee and staff attends ABCFP Workshops and monitors the webpage for information. WFP staff also monitors the SFI website and various research information including the BC Government website.</p> <p>Also, through the Timber Supply Review process, the Company participates in MFLNRORD forest health, productivity and ecosystem functions analysis that includes carbon research.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
Objective 6. Training and Education	<i>Performance Measure 6.1 Program Participants shall require appropriate training of personnel and contractors so that they are competent to fulfill their responsibilities under the SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with staff members, review of training records</i></p> <p>On July 7, 2016, WFP's Vice President and Chief Forester, Shannon Janzen, posted a statement of support on WFP's intranet with their goal to become certified to the SFI Standard for their Gold River/Nootka and Mainland Coast Operations and their goal of becoming 100% certified across the company by Jan. 1, 2017. Additionally, the company has provided more detail regarding their commitment to Fibre Sourcing in the WFP CoC SOP and the WFP Fibre Sourcing Information Package.</p> <p>The WFP EMS Manual Appendix 5 describes the Roles & Responsibilities of the various staff and departments with regard to the SFI program. Key roles are: Vice President and Chief Forester, Vice President, Timber Supply, Systems Coordinator, the MERC (Management Environmental Review Committee), Managers and various other Departments. Roles are well defined including Tasks and Responsibilities. Training requirements are found in the Training Table document and include EMS and SFI Fibre Sourcing & Manufacturing CoC SOP's.</p> <p>The WFP Training Table identifies all the training requirements of woodlands, shop and warehousing staff and contractors. The frequency of review and listings of the specific SOP's required by position are included. Training records are maintained to ensure all active workers are competent in their tasks.</p> <p>WFP Fibre Sourcing Information Package (developed consistent with WCSIC Wood Producer Package and Training Policy) is given to all contractors. The materials include WFP's EMS training including SOP's. All contractors are trained in WFP's EMS prior to any work being conducted on WFP harvest units - either on their managed tenures or on stumpage sales.</p>
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	<i>SFI Implementation Committees, logging or forestry associations, or appropriate agencies or others in the forestry community – to foster improvement in the professionalism of wood producers.</i>	The WCSIC Training Policy and Wood Producer Information Package identify criteria and delivery mechanisms for wood producers. The WCSIC website also contains links to sources of training material. Western conducts annual training to address continual improvement and informs contractors when appropriate training courses are available.
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	<i>2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard principles and objectives.</i>	
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Objective 8. Public Land Management Responsibilities	<i>Performance Measure 8.1. Program Participants with forest management responsibilities on public lands shall participate in the development of public land planning and management processes.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: WFP Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Sept. 2016 version), Interviews with all staff members, Western FSP & SP's</i></p> <p>As WFP manages multiple public tenures across Vancouver Island and the BC Coast, the company is involved in a variety of planning and management efforts including: Land Use Orders & FRPA, Forest Stewardship Plans Consultations, Permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), PMP Consultations, Information Sharing & Engagement, Timber Supply Review, Stakeholder meetings and information sharing. Since the 2016 Great Bear Rainforest Order came into effect, the successful approval of any forest management planning or activates is largely dependent on the strength of relationships between WFP and partnering First Nations. As such, significant information sharing takes place as part of this process.</p>
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Objective 9. Communications and Public Reporting	<i>Performance Measure 9.1. A Program Participant shall provide a summary audit report, prepared by the certification body, to SFI Inc. after the successful completion of a certification, recertification or surveillance audit to the SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: N/A</i></p> <p>PwC is responsible for producing this report and submitting it to SFI on behalf of WFP.</p>
	No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this performance measure.	
	<i>Performance Measure 9.2. Program Participants shall report annually to SFI Inc. on their conformance with the SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.</i>	<p><i>Evidence: N/A</i></p> <p>WFP submitted their annual progress report to SFI on time, in March of 2018.</p>
	<p>No Nonconformities were identified related to this performance measure.</p> <p>One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this performance measure. WFP has now completed it's first SFI annual survey report. While the report was completed for all sections, WFP could better document the extent of its research efforts in the survey.</p>	
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Objective 11. Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots and High-Biodiversity Wilderness Areas	<i>Performance Measure 11.1. Program Participants shall ensure that their fiber sourcing programs support the principles of sustainable forestry, including efforts to promote conservation of biological diversity.</i>	N/A – The Company is not sourcing outside Canada/US.
Objective 12. Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging	<i>Performance Measure 12.1. Program Participants shall ensure that their fiber sourcing programs support the principles of sustainable forestry, including efforts to reduce the risk of illegal logging.</i>	N/A – The Company is not sourcing outside Canada/US.
Objective 13. Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Fiber Sourced from Areas without Effective Social Laws	<i>Performance Measure 13.1. Program Participants shall avoid controversial sources and encourage socially sound practices.</i>	N/A – The Company is not sourcing outside Canada/US.

Specific Good management practices are noted below:

- WFP has a comprehensive set of SOP's for operational phases including: Falling & Bucking, Yarding & Loading, Grade Management and Soils Management.
- WFP has done well to implement advanced technologies in several forms. They have invested in collecting LiDAR data across large portions of their tenured lands, drones are used to conduct inspections of their harvest units, and inspection forms are being completed on tablets.
- Several of WFP contractor crews were found to be very knowledgeable and conscientious of sustainable forest management practices.
- WFP has shown through their log purchase and harvesting program that they are able to develop strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations.

Conclusion

The Company has maintained conformance with the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Fiber Sourcing Standard [2015-2019] and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Forest Management Standard [2015-2019]. The Certificate can be can be obtained by contacting Will Sloan RFT of Western Forest Products Inc. at (250) 202-5290 or by email at wsloan@westernforest.com. More information on WFP's sustainable forestry program can be found at: <http://www.westernforest.com/>

The next SFI Assessment will be a Maintenance Assessment in the Spring of 2019, the registration expires on November 6, 2021.