

Environmental Protection Notice
Authorization # 111019
Tracking # 409424

Application for a *Permit* under the Provision of the Environmental Management Act.

Western Forest Products Inc. have submitted a preliminary permit application to the Director to authorize the *discharge effluent*. The source of *discharge of effluent* produced by the Cowichan Bay Sawmill. This permit will ensure that Western is alignment with all Environmental Management Act and subsequent permitting requirements.

Regulated under B.C.'s *Environmental Management Act*, sawmill "effluent" consists of rainwater that contacts fine woody material and so contains natural wood extractives, such as resin acids and tannins/lignins. Rainwater that contacts galvanized material, like roofing, may contain zinc and other metals. Effluent discharge is highly variable depending on rainfall events.

The Cowichan Bay sawmill is located at 1291 Tzouhalem Rd, Cowichan Bay, BC, within the *Cowichan Valley Regional District* (see Figure 1).

The maximum rate of *effluent discharge from this facility* will be determined through the permitting process to meet the *Environmental Management Act* requirements. *The* operating period for this facility is *16 hours/day, 5 days/week*. The characteristics of the *effluent discharge* reflects what would be typical at a sawmill including wood extractives, hydrocarbons and metals.

Any person who may be adversely affected by the proposed *effluent* discharge of waste and wishes to provide relevant information may, within 30 days after the last date of posting, publishing, service or display, send written comments to the applicant, with a copy to the Director, Environmental Protection at Authorizations.South@gov.bc.ca. The identity of any respondents and the contents of anything submitted in relation to this application will become part of the public record.



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Figure 1. Overview of the Cowichan Bay sawmill. Effluent discharge locations are identified by the red balloons.