2026 SFI Public Summary Report

Western Forest Products Inc.
Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard
Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2022 Forest Management Standard

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Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") completed a multi-site Recertification Assessment (RA) on Western Forest Products Inc. ("the Company" or "Western") including forest management activities on the Nootka operations and the corporate fiber sourcing activities managed by Western's Fibre Supply Group based in Nanaimo, BC. The Lead Assessor was James Lucas, RPF, EMS (LA). The additional assessment team members were Nick Beals, RPF, EMS (LA), and Tyler Doucet, EMS (LA). The assessment team was accompanied by Western's certification representative, Jonathan Flintoft, RPF.

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 Standards in the field.

Client Profile

Western is an integrated Canadian company sustainably managing forests and manufacturing wood products on the coast of British Columbia and in Washington State. The Company has an annual total available harvest of approximately 5.6 million cubic meters of timber. Western has five sawmills and two remanufacturing facilities with an annual lumber production capacity of approximately 785 million board feet. Principal activities conducted by the Company include timber harvesting, reforestation, milling logs into lumber and wood chips, and value-added remanufacturing. Western's SFI certification covers both their Mainland Coast and Nootka Forest Operations as well as fiber sourcing operations for their primary sawmills in British Columbia.

Indicators

All indicators in the SFI Forest Management ("FM") and SFI Fiber Sourcing ("FS") Standards were within scope of the Recertification Assessment.

Assessment Process

The opening meeting for both standards was completed on May 8, 2026. The assessments for both standards took place from May 11 to May 15, 2026, and a closing meeting was held on May 25, 2026.

In total, the assessment team spent two auditor days performing office reviews for both the SFI FM and FSC standards, including a half-day virtual office review on May 11, a full-day office review at the Campbell River office on May 13, and a half-day office review at the Campbell River office on May 15. The office assessment included a review of Western's SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing programs. This involved staff interviews and an evaluation of relevant documentation to assess policies, procedures, and the implementation of SFI program requirements.

Fiber sourcing field activities in the Nitinat Lake area were reviewed on May 12. A field review of forest management activities was conducted on May 14 within Western's Nootka Operations. The field audit team visited completed harvesting, road development, and reforestation sites, as well as four procurement/fiber sourcing units. In total, the assessment team spent two days completing office reviews and two days conducting field reviews.

Western has a multi-site certification for the forest management and a single-site certification for wood fiber procurement in North America including the following: Mainland Coast and Nootka Forest Operations, and Wood Fiber Procurement company-wide in British Columbia. PwC uses a rotational assessment approach where the central office is assessed 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

FOREST MANAGEMENT

SFI Forest Management Objective	**Evidence of Conformity**
Objective 1. Forest Management Planning To ensure forest management plans include long-term sustainable harvest levels and measures to avoid forest conversion	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors, Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western Forest Strategy, post-harvest completion inspections, forest management plans, site plans and field observations* **Summary:** Western has a comprehensive and well-structured forest management planning framework. Planning is supported by robust long-term resource analysis, continuous forest inventory updates, and advanced GIS and growth-and-yield modelling integrated through the Timber Supply Review process. The Province completes AAC analysis as part of the TSR process for Western's area-based licenses. The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) is determined through the BC Timber Supply Review (TSR) process. Forest management activities such as planting, fertilization, and thinning are well documented and aligned with planning assumptions. The Company effectively incorporates non-timber values (e.g. biodiversity, water, soils, recreation, cultural heritage, and climate considerations) into its Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs) and operational practices. Strong integration of socio-economic factors is evident through Indigenous partnerships, public engagement, and local employment initiatives. Volumes are identified on an operational basis by the planning and engineering groups. Operations planning staff and contractors are responsible for locating timber, as well as for layout and Cutting Permit (CP) development. Western also manages all spatial data within its in-house ArcGIS system. Data inputs include forest inventory, roads, the Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB) layer, and non-timber values and constraint layers (e.g., UWRs, WTPs, WHAs). Conversion of stands to other land-use types is not permitted under British Columbia forest practices regulations, and Western has not undertaken such conversions historically. Western manages plantation establishment using approved FSP stocking standards, which include specifications for preferred and acceptable species in accordance with provincial silviculture legislation requirements.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

Objective 2. Forest Health and Productivity To ensure long-term forest productivity, carbon storage and conservation of forest resources through prompt reforestation, afforestation, minimized chemical use, soil conservation, and protecting forests from damaging agents.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors, Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western Forest Strategy, post-harvest completion inspections, forest management plans, site plans and field observations.* **Summary:** Reforestation plans are primarily documented in site plans developed for each block and signed off by the Planning Forester. Site plans reference the applicable stocking standards, and Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs) identify which standards apply to the operating area. Accredited silviculture surveyors or other qualified professionals follow survey guidebook requirements to verify whether these standards have been met. Planting occurs as soon as operationally feasible, subject to seedling availability, and within two years of harvest during the spring and fall planting seasons. Blocks have a survival survey in the spring or summer following the initial plant and free to grow (FG) surveys. Reports are prepared after each survey, outlining recommended actions required to achieve FG status. Western's retention harvesting system considers the biodiversity values associated with reserve areas and restricts opening size and the distance between areas of mature forest. Sensitive soils are identified at the site plan level for each unit and are managed accordingly to minimize soil disturbance. The FSP outlines legal requirements under FRPA legislation. Phase inspections are conducted throughout operations to ensure disturbance levels remain well below established limits. Post-harvest completion instructions are developed on-site by the Silviculture Forester and signed off by Harvest or Contract Supervisors upon completion. A final cutblock inspection form is completed at the time of review by the Silviculture Forester. These inspections are conducted for every block and are designed to confirm that prescriptions have been implemented and to identify any required remedial actions.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 3. Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources To protect the water quality of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands and other water bodies through meeting or exceeding best management practices.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors, Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western Forest Strategy, SOPs containing riparian protection measures (i.e., Emergency Preparedness & Response, Planning), pre-work, inspection reports, forest management plans, site plans and field observations.* **Summary:** Western's FSPs and SPs prescribe riparian protection measures that conform to FRPA requirements. In certain areas and for specific sensitive sites, these buffer requirements are expanded. These instructions are communicated to operators through maps and pre-works. Western also maintains a comprehensive set of SOPs for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Grading, Hauling, Sorting and Booming, Pre-Works and Inspections, as well as Common SOPs that include general riparian protection measures. These SOPs are used by both Western staff and contractors. GIS data are corroborated in the field during block planning, and riparian assessments confirm classifications. Western has LiDAR coverage across most of its operations, and probable stream locations are modelled using this data. This supports identifying control points and the design of roads to minimize impacts on riparian areas. Western includes requirements in all contracts to comply with its EMS, which

	outlines BMPs, as well as all applicable legal requirements. Western has established guidelines to address wet-weather events across various operating areas. Wet-weather conditions are incorporated into site plans, harvest and road instructions, and pre-works, and compliance with wet-weather BMPs is assessed through internal inspections and Western's Monitoring Program.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 4. Conservation of Biological Diversity To manage the quality and distribution of wildlife habitats and contribute to the conservation of biological diversity by developing and implementing stand- and landscape-level measures that promote a diversity of types of habitat and successful stages, and the conservation of forest plants and animals, including aquatic species, as well as threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old-growth forests and ecologically important sites.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, GIS, and block files including FRPA checklists, AIAs and SPs. Field Observations.* **Summary:** Western's FSPs, TFL Management Plans, and SPs incorporate the conservation of biological diversity by establishing objectives, results, and strategies to meet legislative requirements. These include landscape- and stand-level biodiversity, objectives for fish, water, wildlife, and biological diversity within riparian areas, as well as objectives related to soils and wildlife. These measures are implemented through site-level plans developed by Registered Professional Foresters. Western has a full-time biologist to support the company's biodiversity conservation objectives. Western demonstrates strong operational implementation through retention harvesting systems, wildlife habitat protection measures, and landscape-level conservation planning. This includes the use of Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs), Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHAs), and voluntary reserves. The company exceeds regulatory requirements in several areas, including big tree retention and biodiversity-focused harvesting practices. Programs are in place to protect ecologically important species, wetlands, and Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value. These are supported by GIS-based identification, field verification, and stakeholder engagement, including collaboration with Indigenous groups. Measures to manage invasive species and to consider natural disturbance regimes (e.g., windthrow and fire) are also effectively implemented. Various field cards and standard operating procedures (SOPs) are available to support operations. Field sites visited demonstrated the effective implementation of Western's biodiversity management programs. Western subscribes to a variety of organizations (e.g., NCASI) 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.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 5. Management of Visual Quality and Recreational Benefits To manage the visual impact of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, GIS, and block files including FRPA checklists, AIAs and SPs. Field Observations.* **Summary:** Western has effectively implemented programs to manage visual quality and recreational values in alignment with regulatory requirements and forest management planning. Scenic areas are established based on polygons with designated visual quality objectives (VQOs), which are incorporated into operational planning to guide harvest design and minimize visual impacts.

public.	Historical activity information is retained within the spatial GIS system and can be retrieved through system queries. The Reporting Silviculture Updates and Land Status Tracking System (RESULTS) application tracks silviculture information by managing the submission of openings, disturbances, silviculture activities, and obligation declarations, as required by the FRPA. Visual impact assessments are conducted to ensure compliance with these objectives, and field observations confirmed that harvesting practices, including an average clearcut size of 5-7 hectares, align with both visual and ecological considerations. Western also maintains public access across its tenures and supports recreational use through infrastructure and road maintenance.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 6. Protection of Special Sites To manage lands that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, GIS, and block files including FRPA checklists, AIAs and SPs. Field Observations.* **Summary:** Western's Forest Stewardship Plans contain a cultural heritage resource strategy. The Company engages with stakeholders and First Nations to ensure that planning activities effectively manage all known special or culturally sensitive sites. Available special site and cultural information databases are consulted to support the inclusion of any areas not already identified in the planning process. Expert advice is regularly sought from First Nations, Registered Professional Biologists, and geotechnical professionals. Protection measures are specified in Western's standards for various values, including bear dens, nests, and big trees. Assessments to determine the potential presence of special sites, along with strategies for their management, are incorporated into harvest area planning. Western maintains a GIS layer for special sites, including cultural features, which is used to identify potential harvesting constraints during block planning. GIS layers include roads, landings, water features, geology, special features (e.g., karst), Visual Quality Objectives, wildlife layers (e.g., bear dens), archaeological sites, trapper areas, and community watersheds. Field observations confirmed appropriate protection measures around several special features, all of which were accurately mapped.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 7. Efficient Use of Fiber Resources To minimize waste and ensure the efficient use of fiber resources.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, FSPs and SPs, field observations.* **Summary:** Fiber utilization is reviewed during both phase and final inspections. It is also a key focus during unannounced site visits conducted by harvesting supervisors. A portion of Western's SFI FM-certified operations fall within the Coast Fiber Recovery Zone, which carries increased waste penalties. The size and scale of slash piles were observed during site visits across several units. Operational controls to support the efficient use of fiber resources include the Western Cutblock Slash Management Guide Standard, Log Specifications Field Cards, and internal inspection processes.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

Objective 8. Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights To recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge.	***Evidence****: Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix Western Sustainable Forest Management Statement and Western Indigenous Relationships Policy.* **Summary:** Western has an Indigenous Relationships Policy that is publicly available on the company's website (www.Westernforest.com/company/indigenous%20peoples/). The Policy documents Western's commitment to recognizing and respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Additionally, Western's Sustainable Forest Management Statement includes a commitment to work collaboratively and in partnership with Indigenous groups. Western's program appears robust and forms a foundational component of its SFM program. Western operates within the traditional territories of more than 50 First Nations on Vancouver Island and along the coast of British Columbia. The Company has two executive positions (Vice President, Indigenous Partnerships and Vice President, Coastal Commercial Relationships) responsible for building and maintaining relationships with First Nations whose traditional territories overlap with Western's operations. Relationship building at both the corporate and operational levels requires strong cultural understanding, and Western continues to develop business relationships with many First Nations. Western is actively engaged in collaborative planning initiatives with several First Nations. Western engages with First Nations at both the FSP level and the individual Cutting Permit level. In many areas, Archaeological Overview Assessments (AOAs) are conducted, where required, and all pre-1846 Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs) are documented and protected within harvest blocks when identified. Additional initiatives include providing cedar logs for canoe building, as well as the harvesting of non-timber forest products. Western's GIS incorporates certain areas of known high-value sites where this information has been shared with the Company. The Company has comprehensive First Nation awareness training integrated into its EMS.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 9. Climate Smart Forestry To ensure forest management activities address climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff, Climate Change Mitigation Strategies for Healthy, Resilient Forests and Carbon Modelling Report and Reforestation Prescription Standard.* ***Summary:*** Western has undertaken extensive analyses to identify and assess key risks to its forestry operations posed by climate change. The Company has developed mitigation strategies for each identified climate risk and has considered how these align with broader regional climate adaptation strategies and plans, where applicable. Western has also established a comprehensive carbon modelling program to track its Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions. Western has committed to reporting its progress toward achieving climate change adaptation strategies and objectives through the SFI Annual Survey.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 10. Fire Resilience and Awareness To limit susceptibility of forests to	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors, SFI FM Evidence Package, Fire Hazard Assessment Standard, SOPs, and BC Wildfire engagement documents.* ***Summary:*** Western foresters receive annual wildfire training, and wildfire is

undesirable impacts of wildfire and to raise community awareness of fire benefits, risks, and minimization measures.	a topic addressed throughout the Timberlands and Fiber Supply EMS training. Western contractors conduct weather monitoring and maintain fire suppression equipment on every harvest unit during fire season. Western has an Emergency Preparedness and Response SOP that provides guidance on wildfire events and other environmental incidents. Western actively participates in numerous engagements with the British Columbia Wildfire Service and other forest licensees to promote awareness and best practices related to wildfire management. Western foresters work to reduce the incidence and severity of wildfire where practicable, including salvaging dead or unhealthy stands to reduce fuel loads and fire hazards.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 11. Legal and Regulatory Compliance To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state and local laws and regulations.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix (Western Trained Logger List –SFI FS Risk Assessment, Western FSC Risk Assessments, Western CoC Procedures, Western WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, Western MERC MR – Environmental Policy, EMS Compliance Log and field visits.* **Summary**: Western has a comprehensive EMS program in place, which includes legal and regulatory commitments, procedures to ensure compliance, clearly defined roles and responsibilities, internal auditing of activities, and the review and updating of legal compliance by senior management. Forest management regulatory updates are communicated across the organization to relevant staff as they occur. These updates are provided to Western through participation in working groups, as well as through a Quickscribe subscription. The Company also monitors relevant websites for changes to applicable laws and regulations. The Certification and EMS Manager conducts periodic reviews of these changes and determines whether updates to programs or procedures are required to ensure continued compliance. Any documentation changes are implemented in accordance with EMS document control procedures. The Company complies with applicable provincial and federal social and labour legislation in Canada. A range of corporate policies are in place to support conformance, including a Health and Safety Policy, an annual employee code of conduct sign-off, and policies addressing bullying and harassment, as well as workplace violence. The Company is SAFE Certified through the Forest Safety Council of British Columbia.
No Nonconformities were identified related to this objective. One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this objective: OFI Description: During the field assessment in the Houston operating area, three pieces of mobile heavy equipment operated by a Nootka contractor were observed with fire extinguishers past their annual inspection due dates. In addition, one externally mounted cab fire extinguisher was also found to be in a severely deteriorated condition. One of the machines observed was a processor that is subject under WorkSafe BC Regulation 16.38(1)(c)–2(b), which could present a compliance concern if operated on a sloped forest worksite. The organization may wish to strengthen contractor oversight related to the inspection, maintenance, and replacement of fire extinguishers on forestry machines to help ensure equipment remains in good working condition and supports regulatory and safety compliance.	

Objective 12. Forestry Research, Science and Technology To invest in forestry research, science and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based and broaden the awareness of climate change impacts on forests, wildlife and biological diversity.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WCSIC Meeting Summaries, Western website.* **Summary:** Western maintains a robust and well-developed corporate research program that supports sustainable forest management through long-term studies in forest ecology, silviculture, and growth and yield, as outlined in the May 2026 Forest Monitoring and Research Strategy. The program includes active monitoring and research related to climate resilience, regeneration, watershed outputs, and seed and seedling development. Western participates in numerous biodiversity and species-at-risk initiatives, including monitoring programs for Northern Goshawk, Marbled Murrelet, and Western Screech-Owl, and contributes to landscape-level conservation through initiatives such as Landscape Reserve Design and rare ecosystem identification. Staff are members of various professional associations, including Forest Professionals BC, and participate in continuing education to support ongoing improvement in sustainable forest management within the Company's area of operations. Management decisions are informed by current science, and information is shared through staff training and internal communications.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 13. Training and Education To improve the implementation of sustainable forestry practices through appropriate training and education programs.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western Trained Logger List –SFI FS Risk Assessment, Western FSC Risk Assessments, Western CoC Procedures, Western WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, Western MERC MR* **Summary:** Western has a Sustainable Forest Management Policy, which includes a commitment to sustainable forest management and adherence to SFI principles. The Western EMS Manual (Appendix 5) outlines the roles and responsibilities of staff and departments with respect to the SFI program. Roles are clearly defined, including associated tasks and responsibilities. Training requirements are detailed in the Training Table document and include EMS training, as well as SFI Fiber Sourcing and Manufacturing CoC SOPs. The Western training matrix identifies all training requirements for woodlands staff and contractors. It includes the frequency of required training and specifies the SOPs applicable to each position. Training records are maintained to ensure that all active workers are competent in their assigned tasks. The Western Fiber Sourcing Information Package (developed in alignment with the WCSIC Wood Producer Package and Training Policy) is provided to all contractors. The materials include Western's EMS training and associated SOPs. All contractors are trained on Western's EMS prior to commencing work on Western harvest units. The WCSIC Training Policy and Wood Producer Information Package outline criteria and delivery mechanisms for wood producers. The WCSIC website also provides access to additional training resources.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

Objective 14. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through public outreach, education and involvement, and to support the efforts of SFI Implementation Committees.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, WCSIC member roster, WCSIC website, Western website and reporting line.* **Summary:** Western is a member of the Western Canada SFI Implementation Committee (WCSIC) and, through its membership, attends WCSIC meetings, provides financial support, and participates in internal working groups focused on various initiatives. The Company encourages forest landowners to participate in forest management certification programs through the distribution of the WCSIC Wood Producer Information Package. Western engages in public outreach and education through several initiatives, including leading tours of its facilities and forest management operations upon request, the Company's summer student program, and providing in-kind support for public engagement events (e.g., BC National Forestry Week). The Company also maintains recreation sites and trails, as well as resource roads used by the public and guide outfitters.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 15. Public Land Management Responsibilities To participate and implement sustainable forest management on public lands.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, Western FSP and SPs.* **Summary**: As Western 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 and FRPA, Forest Stewardship Plan Consultations, Permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), PMP Consultations, Information Sharing and Engagement, Timber Supply Review, Stakeholder meetings and information sharing. Western works with government on several fronts to conduct operations on Crown land. The FSP and CP process requires regular communication with the MoF to ensure the approval of these documents which are required for operations to proceed. At a higher-level Western's Senior Biologist works with government scientists and land use planners on the development and implementation of biodiversity specific plans. Western's main Silviculture Research Forester oversees a long-term research project on broadcast fertilization of cedar and hemlock. The data from this will eventually lead to new growth & yield curves for similar treatments in TASS and TIPSY and will feed into the government TSR process. Western is required to seek input from local stakeholders prior to harvesting, including First Nations, trappers and guides, watershed groups, adjacent landowners, and others. Western makes Forest Operations Map (FOM) available for public review and comment as part of specific cutting or road permits review and approval process. FOMs that are available for public review and comment are posted on Western's website with an online comment form. Specific consultation takes place during the development of Forest Stewardship Plans, Pest Management Plans, permits (CP, RP, SUP, etc.), Information Sharing & Engagement (FN's), and Timber Supply Reviews. Additionally, as part of their CSA SFM certification covering other divisions, Western maintains Public Advisory Groups (PAG's) which meet regularly (both in person and remotely) to discuss Western's operations and SFM efforts.

No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 16. Communications and Public Reporting To increase transparency and to annually report progress on conformance with the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.	***Evidence:*** *Review of SFI survey submission records, SFI database.* **Summary:** PwC is responsible for producing the summary audit report and submitting it to SFI on behalf of Western. The report can be found at: https://www.sfidatabase.org Western has responded to SFI's annual progress report surveys. Records for the SFI report are stored in several databases including LRM, GIS, financial records, research documents and communication records.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 17. Management Review and Continual Improvement To promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry by conducting a management review and monitoring performance.	***Evidence****: Interviews with Western staff. MERC Management Review meeting minutes, EMS Manual - Management Review Process, Audits – Internal and External* **Summary:** The Western Timberlands EMS Manual describes a multi-level management review process implemented across all operations. Agendas for each level of management review are defined in the EMS Manual. Standing agenda items include certification findings, progress on action items, internal and external audit results, revisions to procedures, roles and responsibilities, as well as other incidents and business matters. At a minimum, Operations Managers are responsible for conducting management reviews twice per year. The minimum agenda follows the Management Review Meeting Checklist. The results of operational management reviews are documented using this checklist and are forwarded to the Environment Team. Action items are tracked within LRM-EMS by the respective operations. At the corporate level, the Management Environmental Review Committee (MERC) is conducted at least annually. The Timberlands MERC meeting was held on December 9, 2025. The Company completes internal audits of its head office functions annually and samples participating sites. The 2026 Head Office and Fiber Supply Internal Audit was conducted on April 13–14 and April 20–21, 2026. The report was comprehensive and included a summary of internal audit findings and conclusions. Western's Certification and EMS Manager performs internal audits for Timberlands operations within the scope of SFI certification. The Nootka internal audit was conducted on-site from September 10–12, 2025, against the requirements of the SFI 2022 FM Standard and applicable Western procedures.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

FIBRE SOURCING

SFI Fiber Sourcing Objective	**Evidence of Conformity**
Objective 1.	***Evidence****: Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of*

Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing To address the practice of sustainable forestry by conserving biological diversity.	*Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fibre Sourcing Information Package, SFI FS Risk Assessment, Western FSC Risk Assessments, Western CoC Procedures, Western WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, and site visits.* **Summary:** The majority of Western's fiber purchases are sourced from Crown lands governed by the FRPA, while purchases from private lands generally fall under the Private Managed Forest Land Act (PMFLA), both of which address biodiversity considerations. The Western SFI Fiber Sourcing Procurement Package is provided to all suppliers and includes BMP guidance related to the conservation of biological diversity. This includes references and links to resources such as the Canadian Species at Risk Act, BC Species and Ecosystem Explorer, NatureServe Explorer, and other BMP guidance documents. The Standing Timber Procurement Team also works with communities to support local conservation efforts. Western's Fiber Sourcing group demonstrates a strong understanding of Sustainable Forest Management practices in British Columbia. Staff EMS training includes information on threatened and endangered species, as well as other biodiversity considerations. All sources are subject to a risk assessment and field inspection at the time of purchase. Where warranted, phased field inspections are conducted to ensure BMPs are implemented and that operations meet FRPA requirements related to biodiversity, soil conservation, and riparian management.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 2. Adherence to Best Management Practices To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through the use of best management practices to protect water quality.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package, Western Trained Logger List - SFI FS Risk Assessment, Western FSC Risk Assessments, Western CoC Procedures, Western WCSIC Risk Assessment forms, and site visits.* **Summary:** For all purchased timber, Western's EMS or other equivalent SFI-certified systems are followed, which include BMPs and associated SOPs. The timber procurement program includes an initial assessment of each potential sale to evaluate timber quality, logistics, and other factors, including resource values. A Risk Assessment is completed for all timber purchases. All road building (where applicable) and harvesting activities are conducted under Western's EMS and in accordance with relevant SOPs. The EMS also includes harvest inspections conducted by Western staff at various offices responsible for administering timber sales on behalf of the Western procurement group. The CoC SOP, which incorporates FSC and PEFC risk assessments and CoC training requirements, provides additional rigor to fiber sourcing practices, particularly with respect to BMPs and sustainable forest management practices. At present, Western's verifiable monitoring system is primarily described within CoC procedures under the "Verification of Fiber Supply" section. This system includes the distribution of Fiber Sourcing Information and training packages, completion of WCSIC Risk Assessments for each timber purchase, and the use of field inspection forms to evaluate compliance with BMPs across

	Western timber sales.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 3. Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals To encourage forest landowners to utilize the services of qualified logging professionals, certified logging professionals (where available) and qualified resource professionals.	***Evidence:*** *Interviews with Western staff and contractors. Review of Western Appendix 10 - SFI Certification Matrix, SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package, Western Trained Logger List – SFI FS Risk Assessment, Western FSC Risk Assessments, Western CoC Procedures, Western WCSIC Risk Assessment forms* **Summary:** The Western training program includes the Western CoC SOP (procedures for log purchases), the Fiber Sourcing Information Package (including BMPs), and a training program for suppliers. SOPs are made available to all vendors. Western's SFI FS Information Package (March 2026) is included in all vendor packages and outlines the Company's requirement that all logging and road building contractors (wood producers) receive education and training as recommended by WCSIC. The log supply agreement and standing timber purchase agreement include an "SFI Certification" section, which outlines requirements to adhere to BMPs, the Fiber Sourcing Information Package, and applicable laws. These agreements also require that the seller's employees be qualified under the province's logger training program. WCSIC maintains a Qualified Logging Professional (QLP) progress report (list) of trained loggers, to which Western has access.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 4. Legal and Regulatory Compliance To comply with applicable federal, provincial, state and local laws and regulations.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 11***
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 5. Forestry Research, Science and Technology To invest in forestry research, science and technology, upon which sustainable forest management decisions are based and broaden the awareness of climate change impacts on forests, wildlife and biological diversity.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 12***
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 6.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 13***

Training and Education To improve the implementation of sustainable forestry practices through appropriate training and education programs.	
No Nonconformities were identified related to this objective. One Opportunity for Improvement was identified related to this objective.	
Objective 7. Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach To broaden the practice of sustainable forestry through public outreach, education and involvement, and to support the efforts of SFI Implementation Committees.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 14***
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 8. Public Land Management Responsibilities To participate and implement sustainable forest management on public lands.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 15***
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 9. Communications and Public Reporting To increase transparency and to annually report progress on conformance with the SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard.	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 16***
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 10. Management Review and Continual Improvement To promote continual improvement in the practice of sustainable forestry by conducting a management review	***See SFI Forest Management Objective 16***

and monitoring performance.	
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	
Objective 11. Avoid Controversial Sources To manage the risk of sourcing fiber from controversial sources	***Evidence:*** *Western Policies, Western Chain of Custody SOP, Risk assessments, Interviews with staff, Western SFI FS Evidence Package, Procurement Summary Report, Procurement contracts* ***Summary:*** Western has mechanisms in place to control and monitor the sourcing of fiber areas to ensure no ineligible inputs come into the system from biodiversity hotspots, and high-biodiversity wilderness areas. Western operates a Due Diligence System (DDS) to gather information regarding its supplies to risk assess. The DDS is documented in Western's COC SOP. There have been no substantiated concerns pertaining to the fiber sourcing operations and management system.
No Nonconformities or Opportunities for Improvement were identified related to this objective.	

Specific good management practices are noted below:

- Western maintains a robust forest management research program (Forest Monitoring and Research program, 2026) focused on improving practices.
- Watershed outputs, climate change resilience, regeneration and growth, and seed/seedling production.
- Innovative collaborations with First Nations integrate their values and resource priorities into forest planning processes.
- High standards observed, including techniques like high stumping, use of super snorkel equipment, controlled crossings, and careful harvesting near water.
- High-quality operator knowledge of environmental management systems (EMS), spill reporting, and fuel management; all inspected equipment met environmental and safety requirements.

Status of Previous Assessment Findings

480-A4-OFI-03: To promote the use of best management practices (BMPs) among fiber suppliers, Western Forest Products provides an SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package (version January 2023) with its supplier purchase agreements. The package includes website references to relevant BMP resources; however, some of the reference links are broken or outdated. Additionally, the contact information for Western Forest Products included in the package is no longer current. The company may wish to update the Information Package to ensure that fiber suppliers have access to up-to-date BMP information.

Status: Western has updated the SFI Fiber Sourcing Information Package accordingly. No further action is required. The status of this assessment finding is CLOSED.

Conclusion

The Company has maintained conformance with the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Fiber Sourcing Standard [2022] and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Forest Management Standard [2022]. The Certificate can be obtained by contacting the Western Environment Team by email at environment@Westernforest.com More information on Western's sustainable forestry program can be found at: https://www.Westernforest.com/company/sustainability/certification/

The next SFI Assessment will be a Maintenance Assessment (A1) in the late Spring of 2027. The registration expires on October 12, 2031.