BCCFA Annual Update

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BC Community Forest Association

Guiding Principles

The BCCFA Promotes:

- Culturally, ecologically, and economically sustainable forestry which respects First Nation rights and values, and which fosters understanding and cooperation.
- Meaningful representation of community members.
- Informed public participation in decision-making.
- Leading edge forest practices.
- Local employment.
- The resilience of forest ecosystems as a basis for social, ecological and economic health.
- Community responsibility for land use and allocation decisions.

BCCFA Strategic Plan 2012 - 2017

External Relations and Government Policy

Member Services

Education

Operations and Governance

President's Report 2016

British Columbia Community Forest Association
Annual General Meeting May 28 2016
President's Report

Prepared by Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director
Submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors
by President, Erik Leslie

Top Priorities

1. Pricing
2. Legislative Change
3. Land Based Investment & Wildfire Management
4. Extension Services
5. Community Forest Indicators

CFA Pricing

Objective #1 in the BCCFA Strategic Plan*:*

Tabular rates for sawlog stumpage are in effect, or a better timber pricing arrangement for Community Forest Agreements has been implemented.

Changes to the Forest Act

Bill 12: Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Statutes Amendment Act, 2016

1. *Enables the expansion of the community forests*
2. *Include provisions for BCTS*

Changes to the Forest Act

2015: Bill 25

- Gives Minister the discretionary authority to include a volume reservation for BCTS within the boundaries of a CFA.

2016: Bill 12

- Gives Minister the discretionary authority to create a new CFA that is reduced by a specified volume, to be auctioned by BCTS. The CFA holder would be compensated financially.

Land Based Investment

- 3rd year of a program that integrates CFAs into Forests for Tomorrow
- Eligible projects: current reforestation and midterm timber supply mitigation
- Criteria are set by FLNRO, projects are approved by the Program Administrator PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- BCCFA plays a coordinating role
- Planning for 2017 – 2018 will begin in June

2015/16: $.0.92 Million over 8 CFAS

2016/17: $1.6 Million over 16 CFAs

Forest Inventory

Recreation

Fire Management

Forest Health

Proactive Management of Wildfire Hazard

2015 Survey Results

- In the reporting year, on average they treated 33 ha and spent $43,000 of their own funds to reduce wildfire risk.
- To date, the reporting community forests collectively invested over $1.2 million of their own funds and brought in over $4.6 million from outside sources for wildfire mitigation.
- To date they have treated over 2,100 ha in areas close to their communities.

Extension Services

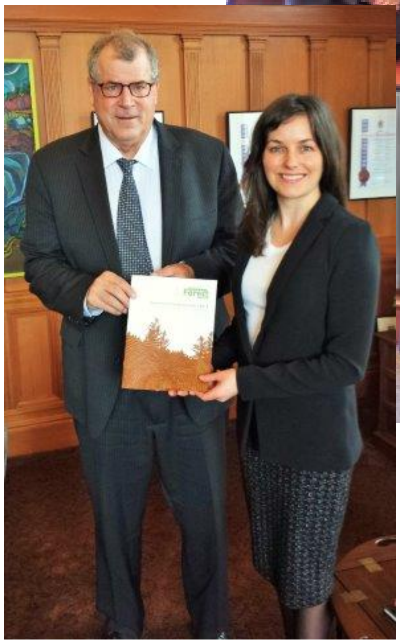
1. Extension services are an element of our core operations
2. UBC Extension Program – Another 3 Years of Funding Approved!
3. Fee for Service, focusing on effective governance

Community Forest Indicators Project

Measuring the Benefits of Community Forests

Community Forest Indicators

January 2015



“Community forests are, on average, creating 50% more jobs/m3 than the industry average. They operate in sensitive areas, and are meeting their cut control while reliably supplying logs to both major processing facilities and small manufacturers.”

“On average they are contributing over $ 2.2million a year each to the economy and are making donations of over $258,000 annually to support local priorities.”

Intensive Silviculture & Forest Stewardship

Survey respondents collectively invested **$1.6 million in intensive silviculture** in the reporting year.

54% of that investment coming from the community forests' **own funds**.

48% of respondents invested in **forest stewardship**, incremental to legal requirements.

Average investment: **$105,000**

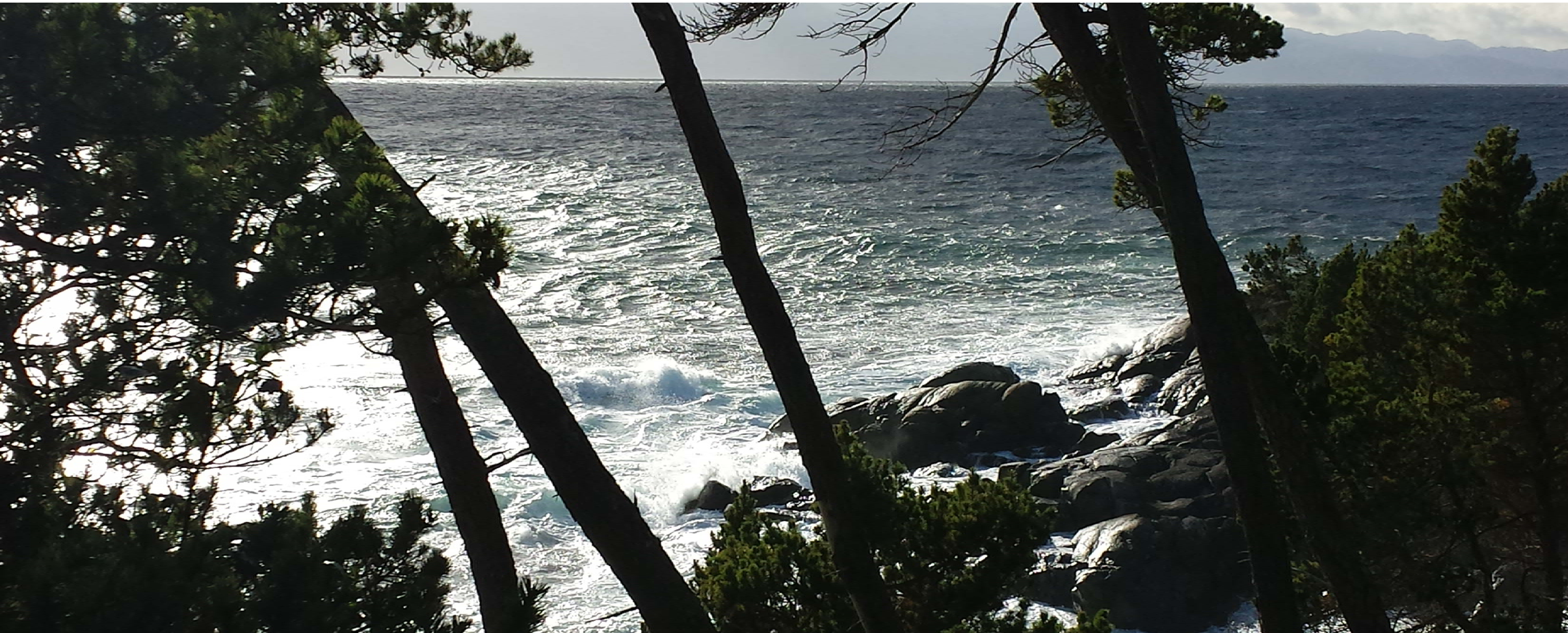
Average # of hectares each: **2,100**

Recreation

Average investment: **$69,000**

Built or maintained **25 km** of trail.

In total, respondents built or maintained **370 km** of trail in the reporting period.



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