Community Forests in British Columbia
SHARING THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL FOREST RESOURCES

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Defining Community Forestry

Community forestry refers to local people’s control over forest resources for local benefit.
## Building Blocks of the Community Forest Agreement

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Benefits

- Livelihoods
- Economic Diversification
- Partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Communities
- Support for Value Added Manufacturing
- Stewardship
- Participation & Conflict Resolution
Community Forest Program Status

2018  56 Community Forests

![Bar chart showing the number of Community Forests from 2001 to 2018 with the breakdown of invites, PCFA, and CFA for each year.](image)
Vancouver Island
Community Forests
Combined AAC ~ 117,000 m3

1. Alberni Velley Community Forest Corporation
2. Bamfield-Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society
3. Barkley Community Forest Limited Partnership
4. Cortes Forestry General Partnership
5. Huu-ay-aht First Nation Community Forest
6. Khowutzun Forest Services Limited Partnership
7. North Island Community Forest Limited Partnership
8. Qala-yit Community Forest (Application)
Why Community Forests?

They are independent log sellers

They have secure, area-based, long term tenures

They have a mandate to generate local benefits
### Distribution of Log Sales from Community Forests (2017 Report)

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<td>Value Added mills</td>
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<td>Pole, Veneer, Plywood &amp; OSB</td>
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<td>Facilities that use low quality fibre (chip, pellet, pulp &amp; paper)</td>
<td>4%</td>
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Telling our stories
West Coast Log Homes
SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY FOREST
Harrop-Procter Community Forest

AREA: 10,860 Ha
AAC: 10,000 m³
Chinook Community Forest

SIX FIRST NATIONS, VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE & REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY NECHAKO
Jobs
Watersheds
Recreation
Proactive wildfire management
BC Community Forest Association

Proposal for expanding Community Forests in 10 km Wildland Urban Interface
Thank you

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Community Forest Survey

2017 Report

- Percentage that sort logs for highest value: 73%
- Average # of bidders invited: 5
- Max # of bidders: 30
- Average # of entities sold to in the reporting year: 5
- Percentage of logs sold to mills considered local: 62
Challenges and Obstacles to Success

- Economies of Scale: 49%
- Timber Supply and Fibre Quality: 41%
- Other: 32%
- Financial Viability and Financing: 30%
- Regulatory Process (includes referrals and permitting): 30%
- Knowledge and Training: 16%
- Board Governance: 14%
- Community Discord: 14%
- Marketing: 11%
- Personnel - Professional Capacity and/or Available Workforce: 22%
- Equipment and Logistics: 5%
BC Community Forest Association

Annual Conference & AGM