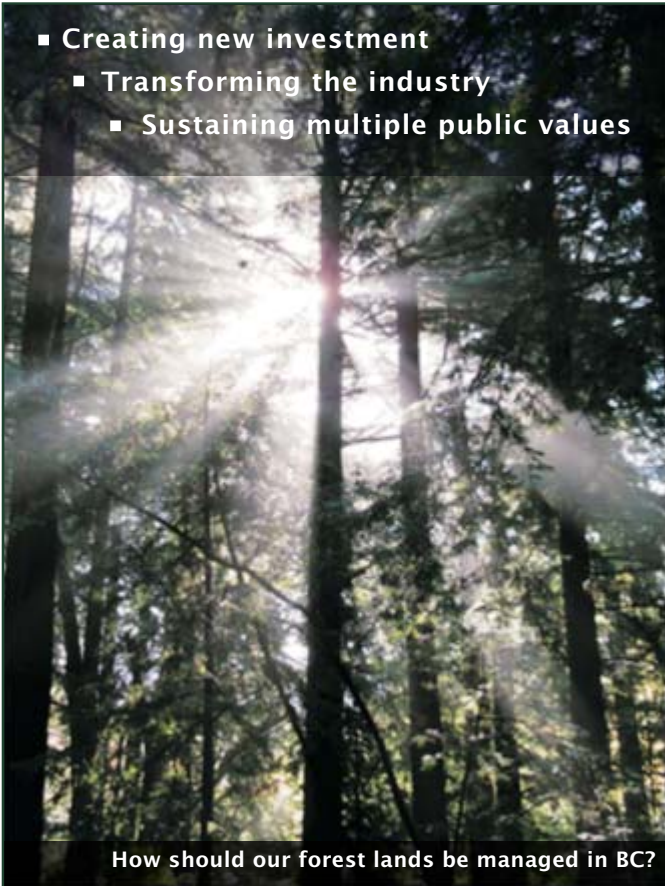




Creating New Opportunities: Forest Tenure & Land Management in BC

- Creating new investment
 - Transforming the industry
 - Sustaining multiple public values



How should our forest lands be managed in BC?

November 1st, 2006
Vancouver, BC Canada

Vancouver Marriott
Pinnacle Downtown

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

On November 01, 2006, the BC Forum on Forest Economics and Policy will host a one day Symposium on Forest Tenure & Land Management in British Columbia. The Symposium will be designed to inform decision makers and stakeholders of the opportunities and potential costs and benefits of alternative tenure arrangements in BC.

The current tenure system has created an industry structure with a dependence on high harvest levels and a focus on being high volume, low cost producers in commodity products. However, forest sector conditions have changed substantially in the last 30 years. BC is no longer a global cost leader as timber quality and piece size decrease over time, environmental costs, once nonexistent, continue to rise, and labor rates cannot compete with those of developing countries. At the same time, the public has become more aware that our public forestlands are more than simply an economic asset. They represent vital ecosystems that should provide a flow of a variety of timber and non-timber goods and services well into the future.

Clearly the conditions that created the need for the tenure system have changed, and the system itself is no longer meeting its original stated objectives: “competitive advantages in world markets”, “maximum continuity of employment in all phases of the industry” and “stable, settled and prosperous communities”. The choices of how we manage this asset will have serious impacts on both current and future generations, and there is widespread public concern about the development of these management policies.

This symposium will convene forest sector leaders to look at a new sustainable development strategy that once again ties forests to our inherent values, to the communities where we live, and to a diverse and globally competitive forest sector. The symposium will engage participants and a panel of experts in a healthy dialogue, and obtain feedback and measure support from the public and stakeholders for ideas for changing the tenure system as well as determine the research questions and information required to facilitate policy changes that advance new opportunities.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE KEY ISSUES AT A STRATEGIC LEVEL, INCLUDING:

- The position of the current forest tenure system in the economic framework of BC.
- The impact of land management tenure and ownership on wealth generation for the province and its communities.
- How to create incentives to manage public forest lands sustainably.
- Alternative land management models that could be considered for BC.
- The role of First Nations in BC forest tenure policies.
- Research questions and information that are required to facilitate forest tenure policy changes.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The purpose of our symposium is to give stakeholders, decision makers and those concerned about the future sustainability of the forest sector in BC a voice in its future direction. If you are concerned about the sustainability of our communities and forests and the competitiveness of the industry in the face of unprecedented challenges, then please attend this event.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

7:30–8:00	Continental breakfast	Pinnacle Ballroom Foyer
8:00–8:10	Welcome Symposium Context & Program Overview	Thomas Maness Symposium Chair
8:10–8:30	Keynote Address	Doug Konkin BC Ministry of Forests & Range


Session 1. The Rationale for Forest Tenures from a Public Perspective

8:30-9:00	Ecosystem Tenures: Institutional Arrangements to Promote Stewardship and Sustainability	Hamish Kimmins UBC Forestry
9:00-9:30	Assessing the Socio-Economic Impact of Tenure Changes in BC	Ilan Vertinsky, Forest & Economic Policy Analysis Unit, UBC
9:30-10:00	Privatization of State Owned Forests Lessons from Sweden	Roger Asserstål Former CEO, AssiDomän, Sweden
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Session 2. Alternative Tenure Arrangements for a Changing World

10:30–11:00	BC's Tenure System in a World Context	David Haley UBC Forestry
11:00-11:30	Aboriginal Property Systems as an Alternative to Public Tenures and Private Property	Ron Trooper UBC Forestry
11:30–12:00	A Business Case for Separating Forest Land Management and Tenure from Manufacturing	Thomas Maness UBC Forestry
12:00-1:00	<i>Luncheon Speaker</i>	Vaughn Palmer Vancouver Sun

Session 3. Moving Forward

1:00–1:30	Valuing Timber Tenures	Hamish Kerr TimberWest
1:30–2:45	Panel Discussion	Vaughn Palmer Moderator
	Ken Higginbotham <i>VP Forestry & Environment, Canfor</i>	Doug Konkin <i>Deputy Minister BC Ministry of Forests & Range</i>
	Lisa Matthaus <i>Forestry Policy Analyst Sierra Club of Canada</i>	Ken McRae <i>Mayor, City of Port Alberni</i>
	David Walkem <i>President, Stuwix Resources</i>	
2:45–3:00	Closing Remarks	Thomas Maness

The BC Forum on Forest Economics & Policy is designed to direct and facilitate research on key issues facing the BC forest sector. The Forum consists of individuals from academia, government, industry, communities, First Nations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders dedicated to enacting positive change to foster the sustainability of BC's forest sector, forest lands and communities.

We are grateful for the support of the Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada, TimberWest Forest Corp., and the Forest Products Association of Canada in bringing you this event.



Location

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Registration Details

There is a registration fee of \$75.00 CDN (\$25.00 for students) to attend the symposium. Payment in Canadian funds must accompany the registration form.

Financial assistance may be available for individuals whose organizations are not able to cover the \$75 registration fee.

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