



Forest Stewardship Council Certification December 2013

Port Hawkesbury Paper is committed to conducting its forest operations under the Forest Stewardship Council® certification standard and will maintain the chain of custody required for this certification at the mill site for the Provincial forests it manages.

Port Hawkesbury Paper is the only large producer of paper in the Maritime Provinces that is certified to the FSC® Maritime Standard. The business has just successfully completed two audits required to maintain this certification. FSC® certification is one of the key aspects of the company's environmental improvement and maintenance plan.

The Province of Nova Scotia and Port Hawkesbury Paper are both committed to continuing its FSC® certification for the Provincial lands managed by the company and promoting FSC® certification on private lands in the Province. This commitment has been documented in the 20 year term "Forest Utilization License Agreement" and the 20 year term "Agreement on the Environmental Performance Commitments to the Province of Nova Scotia" documents.

Over 400,000 green metric tonnes of the 600,000 green metric tonnes of pulpwood utilized annually at the mill is harvested from lands managed by Port Hawkesbury Paper staff. The area managed on the Province owned land License is 623,000 hectares (1,500,000 acres).

The protected and special management areas on this land base include:

- Wilderness Protected Lands - 108,000 hectares (Protected prior to current agreement)
- Candidate Protected lands - 81,000 hectares (Estimate 50,000 hectares will be protected)
- Protected Old Forest - 18,000 hectares
- Special Management Area - 90,000 hectares

Port Hawkesbury Paper conducts harvest and renewal activities on the remaining 326,000 hectares of the land base.

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