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WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND MODEL FOREST Inc.

Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Summary of activities during the winter of 1995

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Over the course of this past winter studies have been undertaken by the Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group of the Model Forest in regard to domestic wood supply. These studies have clearly shown that all areas of Crown Land in the Corner Brook - South Shore Bay of Islands area are being seriously overcut in relation to a safe Annual Allowable Cut (A.A.C.) quota. In short, current harvesting practices will lead to wood supply shortages in the not too distant future.

Domestic cutting permits issued by the Newfoundland Forest Service (N.F.S) have been allowing individuals to harvest up to a maximum of ten (10) cords of wood annually. The following is a list of the three study blocks this area has been divided into and the calculated A.A.C.s for each. It also lists the average number of permits issued for these areas and what would be a safe permit quota based on the A.A.C.. For easier public visualization, all figures are in cords of wood. These permit quotas do not take into account such factors as:

- wood cut illegally without permits for domestic use
- wood cut illegally for sale
- the requirement for oldest stands of wood to be harvested first

<u>Area</u>	<u>A.A.C</u>	<u># permits</u>	<u>sustainable quota</u>
Corner Brook	600 cords	262	2.3 cords/household
Benoits Cove	1000 cords	182	5.5 cords/household
Lark Harbour	250 cords	88	2.8 cords/household

For more information please refer to the appended calculations.

In keeping with the Model Forest's goal of resource sustainability, and the public need for a continuous supply of wood for the future, there has been an effort to develop a strategy for better management of this important forest resource. Public meetings have been held in several locations throughout this area to inform people as to the state of the resource and provide a forum to discuss solutions for managing the supply of timber on Crown Land. Many people are unaware of any problems with wood supply or the demands placed on this diminishing resource.

Essentially there is a need to reduce the drain of wood volume from the areas in question. To reach this goal we have to reduce consumption by means of lowering permit quotas, harvesting from other areas (i.e. C.B.P.P. cutovers), and improving the utilization of trees cut on Crown Land. The latter involves discouraging the practice of leaving large tree tops and other wood behind. This mostly applies to people cutting sawlogs for lumber who resist having to do the

extra work involved in limbing and transporting this lesser quality fuelwood out of the woods.

One of the obstacles in achieving better utilization and control of illegal cutting practices is a lack of enforcement. A more visible presence in the woods, and enforcement of penalties for infractions of the Forestry Act would certainly have a positive effect on the situation. However, the Newfoundland Forest Service does not have the resources to do this adequately, and in such times of government fiscal restraint, other alternatives will have to be explored. The Working Group is looking at other methods of assisting the Forest Service in providing better monitoring and a greater presence in the field.

One possible solution which has been discussed at follow up public meetings is for people to form local wood cutting committees with assistance from such agencies as Development Associations, the Model Forest, and the Newfoundland Forest Service. These committees could play a valuable role in raising public awareness in the community, and working together to achieve solutions. They could also help organize monitoring activities through voluntary assistance, or with technical support from Human Resources Development in conjunction with the Model Forest partners. An initiative such as this could be on-going year after year and provide mutual benefit to communities and the Forest Service.

In the previous season the Working Group has identified the demands domestic cutters place on the forest resource through two surveys carried out by hired technical staff. The first was directed to domestic cutters encountered in the field and the second was directed towards the general public to provide statistically viable data. The second survey was compiled and analysed by the Canadian Forest Service and formed the basis of a report by Mr. Peter Trelawney. Work this past season focused on identifying wood supply and sustainable cut quotas for the Corner Brook - South Shore Bay of Islands area.

All these studies illustrate the dependance people have on domestic cutting, and for this same reason the resource must be managed for sustainability. The following recommendations are put forward to be included in a management strategy.

Elements of a Proposed Management Strategy for Domestic Sawlog and Fuelwood Harvesting

1. The N.F.S. should manage domestic cutting areas around communities separately and calculate A.A.C. figures accordingly. The present method is to arrive at one A.A.C. figure for all Crown Land in the District, thereby permitting serious overcutting in smaller areas around communities while the District as a whole is within the A.A.C. limits. While this means there is still wood available throughout the district, it is of limited value to people in Benoit's Cove if they have to travel to Bonne Bay to get it.

2. Reductions must be made to domestic cutting permit quotas for Crown Land. Discussions at public meetings indicate that the average household relying on wood as a primary source of heat needs between 5 - 8 cords of firewood annually depending on such factors as species used, type of stove, insulation, etc.. However this amount still exceeds a safe allowable cut for most areas of Crown Land in the study area. Permit quotas must be reduced considerably and people directed to utilize firewood from C.B.P.P. cutovers to cover their needs. C.B.P.P. has indicated that they are receptive to changing their policy on domestic cutting if there is some form of monitoring of the situation.

3. The past and current regulations have allowed permit holders to harvest certain quantities of sawlog material annually without justification of need for the lumber. This has resulted in certain individuals consistently cutting large numbers of sawlogs every year, and in many cases overcutting quotas due to limited enforcement. Another problem relates to individuals getting permits for friends or relatives to allow the individual to cut more logs for himself under these permits. All these factors in combination lead to faster depletion of the resource and poor utilization as well, in the rush to get these logs. Suggestions to better manage this situation include:

- The N.F.S must maintain accurate records of both sawlog and fuelwood volumes harvested annually by permit holders. F.B.M. estimates for sawlogs should come from field checks and accurate sawmill returns rather than relying on permit returns.
- The practice of placing permit numbers on sawlogs should be expanded to require that logs cut under each permit be piled separately to facilitate easier scaling by the Forest Service.
- Sawlog quotas greater than 300 - 500 F.B.M. will require the permit applicant to justify need for the lumber by means of a building permit issued by the appropriate municipality.
- A limit of maybe 5000 to 10,000 F.B.M. once a life time or every 10-15 years. This would be checked against the above mentioned record. This lifetime limit may be back dated to 1993/94 when the Forest Service reinstated permit returns. Starting everyone off with a clean slate may not solve the problem.
- In areas where it is practical, such as the Cooks Brook railbed area where logs are stockpiled until spring, tops associated with the piled logs should be marked and piled next to the logs. This would enable the N.F.S. to easily check for proper utilization. Once checked, the fuelwood could be taken home if desired.

4. The present cutting season is year round and permits expire on March 31. The majority of cutting takes place in the period from mid-January until mid April depending on snow conditions. A problem arises with some people cutting wood on their new permit in April and possibly duplicating that cut again the following winter. A solution

may be to change the expiry date to later in the spring. There is also the possibility of limiting the cutting season to a three or four month period during the winter months which would make monitoring much easier.

5. Corner Brook Pulp & Paper should better publicize their domestic fuelwood cutting policy to make people better aware of options for obtaining fuelwood in areas other than Crown domestic cutting blocks.

6. Strategies must be developed to allow domestic cutters to access residual softwood from C.B.P.P. cutovers once they have finished logging. This includes wood left on the ground and standing residual pockets of sub-merchantable or inaccessible wood not harvested by the company. There has been some agreement to this in principle by company officials, if it is done under supervision to prevent abuse of these privileges. Such a monitoring initiative could arise from the local wood cutting committees discussed earlier and/or with help from the Model Forest.

7. C.B.P.P. has also shown interest in turning over some areas of forested land for domestic use. These would be areas inaccessible to commercial operators such as the west side of Cooks Brook in the Burnt Pond Brook area. Once again, this would have to be controlled and monitored to prevent access by domestics into stands viable for company operations.

Efforts to date by this Working Group have gone a long way to promoting better awareness of many aspects of domestic cutting. The information gathered over the past two years has provided a starting point for better management of this resource, and ongoing public meetings are bringing together many of the key players in its use and regulation. Barriers from years of mistrust, suspicion and apathy are being slowly broken down as people become more aware of the values associated with this activity and the formidable task of managing it. The process is under way and though it will be put on the back burner for the summer, the momentum gained must not be lost as the public and Government gears up for another harvest next year.

Work remains to be done on the areas involved this year with the formation of committees to discuss new regulations and monitoring initiatives. The process must then be streamlined and adapted to other areas within our mandate. The key issues of education, stewardship, and public participation will bring about increased sustainability through better management, with help from the Model Forest.

Appendix # 1.

minutes of all Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group meetings held from
January 16 to May 5, 1995

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MINUTES

WNMF Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Jan. 19, 1995
Gros Morne National Park Visitor Center - Rocky Hr. NF

Persons Attending

Mr. Adam Mooreland	- G.M.N. Park
Mr. Doug Anions	- G.M.N. Park
Mr. Matt Churchill	- C.B.P.P.
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn
Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Ms. Bonnie Paul	- Humber Valley Dev. Assn
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Sean Shears	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Allan Masters	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Louis Macdonald	- C.F.E.S.

Mr. Adam Mooreland of Gros Morne National Park briefed the group on the history of domestic cutting within Park boundaries. He outlined policies associated with it and the lack of any real management until a few years ago. On-going strategies were explained with an emphasis placed on the need for public discussion and feedback. Public meetings were very successful with the local residents being receptive to change when consulted for advice.

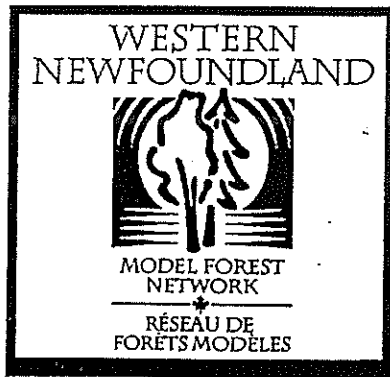
Minutes of the previous meetings were reviewed without comment. This seasons budget for the Domestic Woodcutting Project was outlined, \$5,000.00 remains unallocated.

The new Domestic Woodcutting pamphlet prepared by Mr. Chuck Gaulton was distributed and approved for release. Copies will be distributed to the public by the Forest Service, C.B.P.P. and the City of Corner Brook.

The second draft of the report prepared by Mr. Peter Trelawney of the Canadian Forest Service was discussed. It was felt that the report was a little cumbersome and results unclear. It was agreed to ask for an executive summary for release to the public.

Brent Humphries and Ray Humber are to concentrate on identifying domestic wood supply for the South Shore - Bay of Islands and Corner Brook area.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 31, 1995 at the boardroom of the Western NFLD Model Forest Office, 89 West Valley Rd., Corner Brook.



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MINUTES

W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Jan. 31, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Matt Churchill	- C.B.P.P.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn
Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F..
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

During the review of the previous minutes Kevin Sutton informed the group that Peter Trelawney will prepare an executive summary of his report, for release to the public. It should be ready by Feb. 3, 1995.

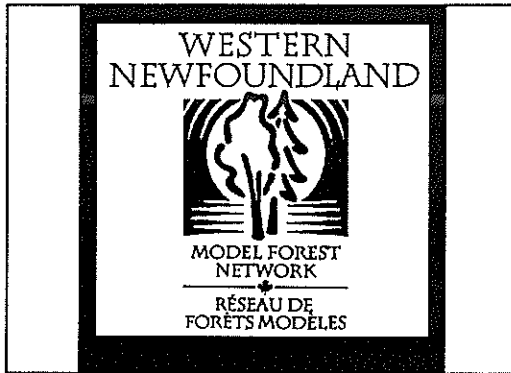
The following duties were assigned to project staff for the coming week:

- break down the present project area into three separate working areas. Identify and quantify wood supply for each.
- check with Matt Churchill on C.B.P.P. wood available for domestics.
- meet with Darrell Harris of the Forest Service to discuss A.A.C. calculations for small areas.
- contact Adam Mooreland and Mark Lawlor to discuss A.A.C. calculations at Gros

Morne National Park.

- prepare overview of project area on 1:50,000 type maps.

The next meeting is changed from Tuesday Feb. 7, 1995 to Thursday Feb. 9, 1995 at the W.N.M.F. boardroom.



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MINUTES

W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Feb. 14, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Matt Churchill	- C.B.P.P.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn
Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Darrell Harris	- NFLD forest Service
Mr. Allan Masters	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Bill Quigley	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Louis Macdonald	- C.F.E.S.

- Minutes of previous Public Awareness Involvement Working Group meeting were discussed and there was debate as to who should attend Domestic Wood Cutting meetings with the public.

- Kevin Sutton agreed to write a summary outlining concerns about public awareness and list possible areas of discussion at meetings. This will be distributed to members of this working group for review.

Mr. Darrell Harris spoke about problems with calculating A.A.C. quotas for the relatively small areas concerned in this project, and agreed to offer assistance with the exercise. This will determine what efforts will be necessary to further refine the present database.

- It was agreed that we need to identify any wood supply problems with supportable data, and then present the problems to the public with whatever options are available to correct the situation.

Next meeting was postponed several times and rescheduled to Feb 22, 1995 at the Model Forest boardroom.



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MINUTES

W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Feb. 22, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

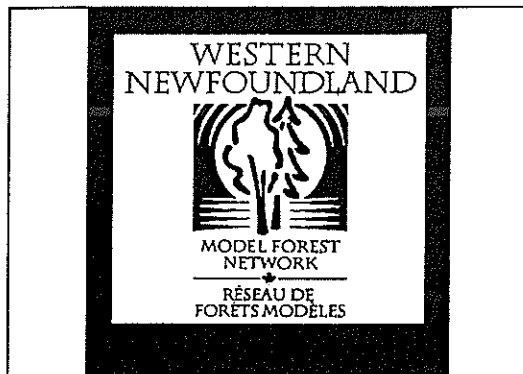
Mr. Matt Churchill	- C.B.P.P.
Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Doug Barter	- North Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.

Tom O'Keefe was introduced to the group in his new capacity as Meeting Facilitator - Community Animator for the W.N.M.F.. Kevin Sutton gave a brief review of what the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group has done, and tried to accomplish over the last two years. Tom opened the floor for general questions and briefly discussed his plans. He also presented options for planning upcoming public meetings for this working group and agreed to meet with several group members at a later date to finalize details.

Annual Allowable Cut calculations were presented and briefly explained. It was agreed that this approach was acceptable pending refinement of the data.

Kevin mentioned the offer of help from the Forest Inventory Section of the Newfoundland Forest Service in helping to arrive at better inventory figures for the project areas.

The next meeting will be called when sufficient progress has been achieved.



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W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Mar. 14, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

This meeting was called to prepare for the first public meeting to be held for local domestic wood cutters. It is an opportunity for the public to be given an overview of the state of the resource, problems associated with sustainability, and the results of surveys completed last year. It will also provide a forum for public concerns and participation in a management strategy to properly protect this resource. The first meeting is to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Church hall in Lark Harbour, on Wednesday, March 15.

Ray and Kevin ran through their presentations to fine tune the content, and both were well received by the group.

It was agreed that Tom should stress his neutrality in the process and act solely as facilitator. He will also deal with questions outside the scope of this group such as W.E.R.A.C. issues, and A.T.V. regulations.

Bob Mercer will make a brief presentation on the Model Forest concept and the Western Newfoundland Model Forest in particular.

Minutes of the meeting will be kept and a meeting of the Working Group will be scheduled as soon as possible after the public meeting.



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W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - Mar. 29, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Doug Barter	- North Shore Dev. Assn.
Ms. Bonnie Paul	- Humber Valley Dev. Assn.
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Alec Murley	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Bill Quigley	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Louis Macdonald	- Centre Forest & Environmental Studies
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

Alec Murley was invited to attend because he was present at the Mt Moriah meeting as a member of the public. His impression of the meeting was that the residents were too concerned with the thorny issue of domestic cutting to gain much appreciation of what the Model Forest is. He also felt there was very little or no representation at the meeting from residents of either Curling or Corner Brook.

The Newfoundland Forest Service must issue new cutting permits starting April 1, 1995. Due to the ongoing work of this committee, these new permits will still be good for 10 cords of firewood or up to 2000 F.B.M of lumber (reduced from 3500). However, the permits will only be valid until the end of April, further quota adjustments can then be implemented in the fall and the permits revalidated.

The three public meetings were reviewed and summaries distributed.

The subject of a second round of meetings on the South Shore was addressed. It was agreed that we must proceed with these meetings in all three areas and the following points were made:

- a more direct approach to the problem should be made, forget about mistakes in the past and get on with solutions for the future
- the issue of sawlog harvesting should be separated from firewood and both dealt with separately
- make the point that there are different rules for Industry and the public and explain why
- Mt. Moriah and Lark Harbour meetings will be planned after Benois Cove

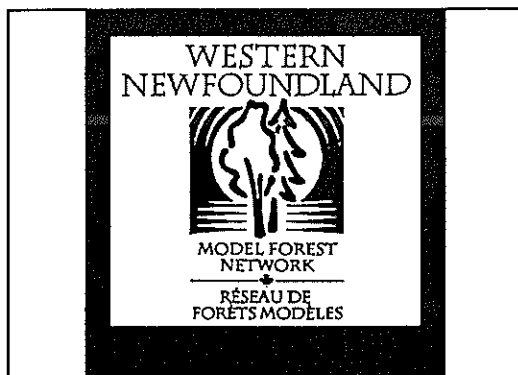
Update North Shore inventory during breaks in work on South Shore work. Public meetings on the North Shore will be left until next year rather than start and have to leave till next year.

The question of whether or not C.B.P.P. is willing to turn over land on both sides of the Bay of Islands was raised. Bob Mercer will Write to Stu Weldon to request assistance i.e.. access to land and also the possibility of domestics being able to clean up green wood left on cutovers and landings.

A small committee will be formed to look into possible sources of funding for future monitoring efforts.

Brent and Ray will be extended until May 7, 1995 to finish up work in progress.

Kevin, Tom, Ray and Brent will meet with Joanne to discuss upcoming I.R.M. presentation.



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W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - April 13, 1995
Sub-committee to look into funding for monitoring incentive
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Doug Barter	- North Shore Dev. Assn.
Ms. Bonnie Paul	- Humber Valley Dev. Assn.
Mr. Greg Mitchell	- commercial operator
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.

This meeting was called to discuss strategies to obtain funding for some form of monitoring effort within the Model Forest. Human Resources Development (H.R.D.) seemed to be the only source of funding which may be available either through T.A.G.S. (The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy) or the C.O.P. (Community Opportunities Pool) programs. Both programs are aimed at employing displaced fisherpersons and plantworkers who are presently receiving compensation. However it seems apparent that emphasis would have to be placed on some aspect of training in this venture to gain approval from H.R.D..

Chuck Gaulton, representing the NFLD Forest Service expressed a concern over what type of effort was being planned and possible interference with his departments role in enforcement. It was agreed that this project would have to be planned and implemented with cooperation and support with the Forest Service.

Tom channelled discussion towards a three step planning process to focus on what we are looking for. The three steps are (1) Preparation (2) program and (3) Outcomes.

Here are the notes taken from a preliminary "brainstorming session"

- physical presence needed in the forest
- what qualifications and skills would the monitors require?
- they will have to document what they find in the field
- must have communication skills and be able to deal with people
- need some technical background and/or training
- public perception and community acceptance
- public education and awareness role
- should be done in cooperation Model Forest, community woodcutting groups, N.F.S., C.B.P.P., R.D.As and any other agencies involved
- evaluate the impacts on other groups, depts., etc.
- will participants have some symbol of their authority?
- are TAGS people willing to do this work?
- what is the duration or longevity of this process?
- look to the future
- future employability of participants
- jurisdictional problems
- impact on the NFS. will it hinder or help
- union concerns
- community conflicts
- role of volunteers
- commitment by Government
- necessity of transportation and supplies
- the integrity of participants. age?
- what benefits will this have?
- informants
- could be implemented in stages

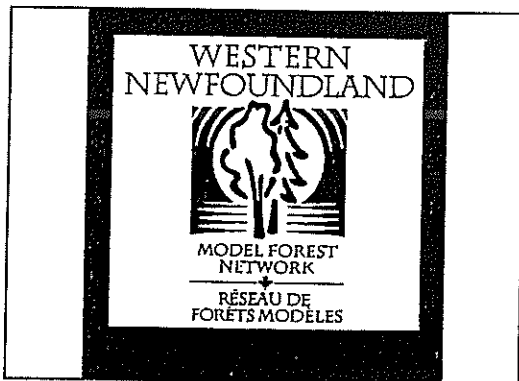
These were all comments thrown out at random with no discussion of merit at this time

In the next step of this process the following list of possible positive outcomes were recorded:

- better utilization of wood and control of domestic cutting
- a presence in the field
- increased awareness of the need for conservation
- sense of community ownership
- a decrease in consumption of wood on Crown Land
- better awareness of proper harvesting methods
- everyone working together for a sustainable forest
- a sense of respect for those doing the monitoring

- the participants improve their opportunity for future employment
- people appreciate the role of the Model Forest and other agencies involved

At this point the meeting came to a close and will resume at a later date. Ray, Dean, and I will arrange to meet with Mr. Bob Freeman of H.R.D. in the meantime to discuss the funding options further.



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W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - April 13, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.	Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Dean Wheeler	- South Shore Dev. Assn.	Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook	Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

This was a short informal meeting to discuss the upcoming second round of public meetings at Lark Harbour and Mt. Moriah.

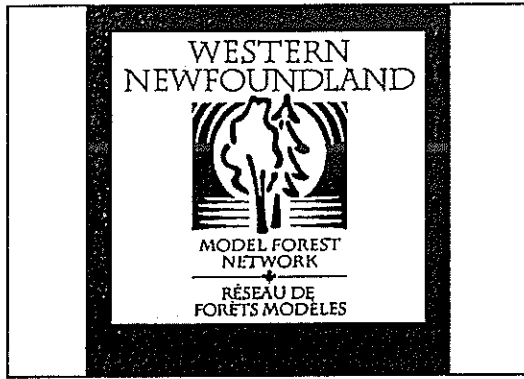
Bob mentioned that Stu Weldon of C.B.P.P. might be receptive to turning over certain areas on their limits for domestic use if he were approached with a proposal outlining the areas in question. Derek said that city council might also consider opening portions of the recently closed watershed areas as well, if there was proper monitoring of the area in question.

Dean agreed to help in setting up a local woodcutting committee through the Development Association as was talked about in the second meeting in Benois Cove. We have to see if the people at the other meetings will be receptive to this idea.

The next meeting was changed to be held in Lark Harbour on Wednesday, April 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. instead of Mt. Moriah as originally planned. The meeting in Mt. Moriah is now tentatively scheduled for the following week on Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

Ray is to contact Bob Halfyard with W.E.R.A.C. to determine the status of the proposed Serpentine - Lewis Hills wilderness reserve.

Brent is to contact the Provincial Parks Division to determine the status of the Bottle Cove day park and what may happen to the land if there are no proposals for its use.



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MINUTES

W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group Meeting - April 27, 1995
W.N.M.F. Boardroom, Corner Brook

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Matt Churchill	- Corner Brook Pulp & Paper
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

The meeting between Ms. Verna Hope of Human Resources Development and several D.W.C committee members held yesterday to discuss funding for a monitoring initiative was discussed. It was felt that no clear source of funding is immediately available through H.R.D. but maybe we could look to Westviking College for resource technology students to carry out some of the work through work terms, or voluntary work after graduation to gain experience. If this avenue was followed maybe other partners could fund the operational expenses if H.R.D. continued income support to these individuals. This kind of monitoring approach done in conjunction with local wood cutting committees could be developed into a model for other areas in the province.

Upcoming public meetings are scheduled for next week in two areas. The first is an introductory meeting for the Corner Brook area, similar in nature to the first round of meetings on the South Shore - Bay of Islands. This will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 1995, 7:30 p.m. at the Mamateek Inn. The second meeting for the Mt. Moriah area will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 1995, 7:30 p.m. at the community hall in Mt. Moriah. The list of topics that the people in Mt. Moriah

wanted answers to was discussed and assigned to various group members to respond to.

Brent and Ray will compile the results of this seasons work including all minutes from these meetings, summaries of public meetings, A.A.C. calculations, and proposed guidelines for changes to domestic cutting regulations.

It was suggested that work on setting up local wood cutting committees would proceed after the Mt. Moriah meeting and continue over the summer to have committees in place by the fall. Any work undertaken by the Domestic Wood Cutting Working Group next year should be started after Christmas, but this will be discussed further at a later date.

Appendix # 2. summaries of all public meetings sponsored by the D.W.C.W.G.

SUMMARY

Domestic Woodcutting Working Group Public Meeting - Lark Harbour - Mar. 15, 1995

A meeting was held in Lark Harbour, Mar. 15th. for local residents and the Model Forest's Domestic Woodcutting Working Group. The facilitator was Tom O'Keefe.

The working group was represented by nine (9) people:

Mr. Kevin Sutton & Mr. Chuck Gaulton	NF Forest Service
Mr. Dean Wheeler & Mr. Ray Humber	South Shore Deve. Assoc.
Mr. Matt Churchill Mr. Derek Brown	Corner Brk. Pulp & Paper City of Corner Brook
Ms. Joanne Smythe, Mr. Robert Mercer & Mr. Brent Humphries	Western NF Model Forest Inc.

Approximately 45 - 50 local residents showed up even though the weather was less than ideal. Ray opened the meeting and introduced the group, then turned things over to Tom. It soon became clear that many thought the meeting was related to the Serpentine Lake/Lewis Hills Wilderness Reserve. There was suspicion that the Model Forest Organization was just another means to sneak in the wilderness reserve.

Tom recognized the peoples' concerns over this issue and agreed to at a later date help them set up a meeting on the subject. The agenda was changed to allow Bob to explain the Model Forest concept at the beginning. This presentation seemed to give people a better understanding as to what the Model Forest was all about.

Kevin then gave a slide presentation and a brief overview on the state of the forest resource. People seemed somewhat interested but were still suspicious as to what they perceived to be Model Forest's reason for holding these meetings. People were uncertain about admitting to a wood supply problem for fear of restrictions arising from their suggestions. A few people commented about reducing quotas and need for more enforcement but on the whole there was no agreement as to whether or not there is a serious problem. The following points were brought up:

- the illegal selling of firewood
- Forestry should better monitor what is cut, possibly scale wood in gardens
- no reduction in the number of permits, possible quota reductions
- confusion over whether cutting is allowed in the Beacon area. Some felt the area should be opened to domestic cutters but as it stands now it is not.

There was some discussion of cutting boundaries around Bottle Cove Park and the Beacon areas. It was explained that this area is closed to all cutting. There was very little mention on how the woodcutters could be represented on the Model Forest. The wood supply problem was not properly addressed, nor a date set for a future meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Domestic Woodcutting Working Group
Public Meeting - Benoit's Cove - Mar. 22, 1995

A meeting was held in Benoit's Cove, Mar. 22nd. for local residents and the Model Forest's Domestic Woodcutting Working Group. Mr. Tom O'Keefe was the facilitator.

The Working Group was represented by eight (8) people:

Kevin Sutton & Chuck Gaulton	NF Forest Service
Ray Humber	South Shore Deve. Assoc.
Matt Churchill	Corner Brk. Pulp & Paper
Derek Brown	City of Corner Brook
Joanne Smythe, Robert Mercer, & Brent Humphries	Western NF Model Forest

Approximately 45 -55 local residents were present at the meeting. Ray opened the meeting and introduced the group. Tom started to outline the evening and the agenda was changed so that Bob could explain the Model Forest concept. It was obvious that most of the public have very little idea of what the Model Forest is, or why it is here. Most people perceive it as an extension of government which will reduce their right to use the forest as they have in the past. First and foremost on most everyones' mind at the meeting was whether or not they were going to be allowed to continue cutting domestic wood. Bob made it clear that the Model Forest does support Domestic Cutting but in a way that guarantees a wood supply for the future.

The following points were brought up:

- The Wilderness Reserve was mentioned and people asked if it was associated with the Model Forest
- Not enough wood left now to bother with, too late to make changes
- Not enough enforcement. Rules now in place are not being enforced, Forest Service is not doing its job properly
- Community woodlots were mentioned and somebody said it would not work
- There was concern over the large volume of sawlogs being cut by the same people year after year
- General agreement that 10 cords of firewood is not necessary.
Several people suggested 6 - 7 cords would be enough
- Government should take back some land from CBPP for domestic use
- There is no representation by the public on any of the Model Forest's committees
- Another meeting is needed
- Concern over perception of changes in commercial operator's Five Year Plan on commercial block

It was clear from this meeting that there is a lack of trust in government agencies and CBPP (Model Forest included). People were angry at increased regulation and further restrictions being imposed on them and do not fully accept or recognize the Model Forest as a means of expressing these concerns. However, they have requested another meeting and want at least twenty-five (25) locals present before it goes ahead. They feel strongly about having fair representation in this process. Rather than meet and discuss possible options for the future, people want the Model Forest to first come back with ideas for their consideration. There was no final agreement on how the woodcutters could be represented on the Model Forest, it was left for further discussion.

Domestic Woodcutting Working Group
Public Meeting - Mt. Moriah. Mar. 23, 1995

A meeting was held for local residents and the Model Forest's Domestic Woodcutting Working Group. Mr. Tom O'Keefe was the Facilitator.

The Working Group was represented by eight (8) people:

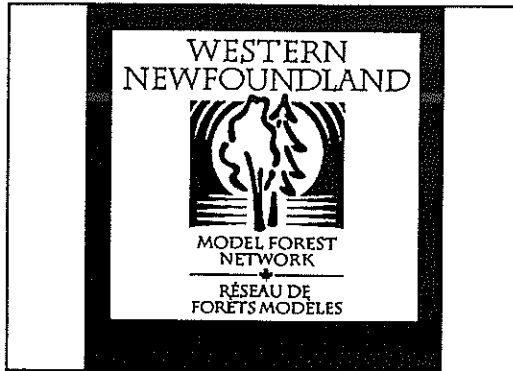
Mr. Kevin Sutton &	
Mr. Charles Gaulton	NF Forest Service
Mr. Ray Humber	South Shore Deve. Assoc.
Mr. Matt Churchill	Corner Brk. Pulp & Paper
Mr. Louis MacDonald	Centre for Environ. Studies
Ms. Joanne Smythe,	
Mr. Robert Mercer &	
Mr. Brent Humphries	Western NF Model Forest Inc.

Approximately 45 - 50 local residents were present at the meeting. This meeting followed much the same format as those held in Lark Harbour and Benoit's Cove. Again, people had very little knowledge of the Model Forest and were deeply suspicious of its motives, particularly in what these meetings were trying to accomplish. There was a feeling that the Model Forest is going to exclude the local people from their activities in the forest.

The following points were brought up:

- The Wilderness Reserve was mentioned again and associated with the Model Forest
- Not enough wood left now to bother with, too late to make changes
- Not enough enforcement. Rules now in place are not being enforced, Forest Service is not doing its job properly. Much discussion over large tops left by people cutting sawlogs
- Maybe all regulatory agencies could enforce each other's regulations
- Resentment over loss of access due to cross country ski park and closure of Curling Watershed to cutting
- Anger at perception of disregard to the environment by CBPP (buffers, siltation, ground disturbance, etc.) and lack of action or penalties imposed by government
- Two sets of rules - one for CBPP and one for the public
- Green wood left on CBPP cutovers should be available to public
- Domestic should get the balance of wood not cut in CBPP's Annual Allowable Cut
- CBPP is spraying herbicides and killing mature birch
- There is some concern over the large quotas for sawlogs year after year
- Several people mentioned that 10 cords of firewood is necessary to last through the winter
- People feel there should be representation by the public on

There was more mistrust and anger towards Government and CBPP at this meeting than at the other two. Most people seemed to think Government and industry will do what they want anyway, so why bother with this process. A time was not set for another meeting but when we meet again this committee must have some suggestions or options prepared for discussion.



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SUMMARY

W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Public Meeting # 1 - May 2, 1995
Mamateek Inn - Corner Brook , NF

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Matt Churchill	- Corner Brook Pulp & Paper
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Tracey Freeman	- W.N.M.F.

This meeting was organized for the Corner Brook area because the Working Group felt that city residents may have felt excluded from meetings held in Mt. Moriah. It followed the same format as initial meetings in other areas with Bob giving his slide presentation on the Model Forest concept, and Kevin and Brent following up with presentations on the state of the resource and allowable cut figures.

Although the turnout was low with only four people showing up, these people were very interested in the presentations and had several topics of concern for discussion.

There was great concern expressed about harvesting practices carried out by C.B.P.P. and the impact on water quality in general, and more specifically the impact on the City of Corner Brook water supply. Company equipment repair facilities near the water supply and contamination by fuel and lubricants were also mentioned as problems. This gentleman also expressed deep concern over what he perceived to be destructive road building techniques and the lack of

restoration after logging.

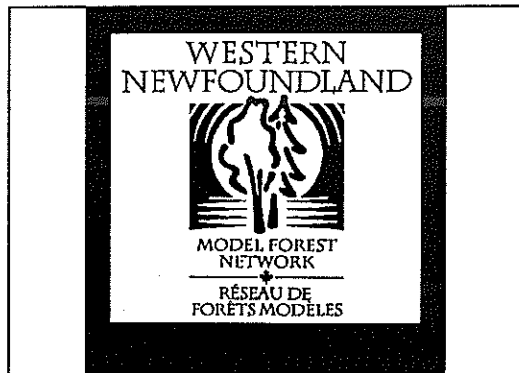
Derek responded to concerns about City water quality and explained the testing regimen and new buffers required on recent operations. He also mentioned the experiment in the Copper Lakes area dealing with various size buffer zones. Kevin also commented on new buffer legislation introduced to deal with these concerns.

Matt spoke up about new logging machinery with lower ground impact. He also defended their road building policies mentioning the shift towards excavators instead of bulldozers to minimize disturbance.

The people present all expressed surprise at the volume of wood being cut by domestic cutters, especially the large amount of sawlog material shown in slides of the Cooks Brook area. They agreed that this rate of harvest was alarming and the resource was under pressure by these activities. Discussions on quota reductions for both sawlogs and firewood on Crown Land indicated that the Forest Service should take these steps and also implement a system to ask cutters to justify their need for large amounts of sawlog material.

Strategies to utilize the large volumes of birch wood left on company cutovers were mentioned. Efforts by local contractors to harvest and sell this firewood were discussed. It was recognized that this wood could go a long way towards alleviating the demand on Crown resources.

Two of the people present left their names and telephone numbers with the group to be contacted on any future discussions or initiatives undertaken by the Working Group.



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W.N.M.F. Inc. Domestic Wood Cutting Public Meeting # 2 - May 3, 1995
Mt. Moriah Community Hall

Persons Attending

Mr. Ray Humber	- South Shore Dev. Assn.
Mr. Derek Brown	- City of Corner Brook
Mr. Kevin Sutton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Chuck Gaulton	- NFLD Forest Service
Mr. Matt Churchill	- Corner Brook Pulp & Paper
Mr. Brent Humphries	- W.N.M.F.
Ms. Joanne Smythe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Tom O'Keefe	- W.N.M.F.
Mr. Robert Mercer	- W.N.M.F.

This was the second public meeting to be held in the Mt. Moriah area and approximately 25 local residents were there. It started with a review of events of the previous meeting in that area, and the state of the resource. Special emphasis was placed on the A.A.C. of 600 cords for the whole Corner Brook area. The results of a rough estimate of sawlog material scaled last week in the C2 cutting block were discussed and helped to illustrate the overcutting problem, particularly as a result of sawlog harvesting.

The following is a list of points brought up in discussions:

- Could there be a season for sawlog harvesting or wood cutting in general to improve monitoring?

- There was agreement that quotas could be reduced for both sawlogs and firewood on Crown limits. The ideas of a lifetime limit on sawlogs, and producing a building permit to get permission to cut sawlogs were discussed and met with general approval.
- The N.F.S. should keep track of cutting permits and record the amount of sawlogs that individuals cut. This would help stop the same people from getting sawlog permits every year.
- Matt agreed that C.B.P.P. might be willing to make wood available for domestic cutters. Residual softwood left on company cutovers after logging, and standing timber in areas not commercially viable could be cut if there was a monitoring effort in place to prevent cutting of stands valuable to the mill. The area west of Cooks Brook in the area of Burnt Pond Ridge was mentioned in particular.
- A two week period open to the public to clear up residual softwood under supervision on specific company limits might work as well.
- It was suggested the Model Forest could fund a monitoring effort in the short term to initiate the program.
- It was noted that C.B.P.P. should publicize their domestic cutting policy as many people are unaware of it.

A number of people present left their names and telephone numbers with the group to be contacted on any future discussions or initiatives undertaken by the Working Group.

Appendix # 3. press releases issued on behalf of the D.W.C.W.G.

News Release

Meetings to be held on Domestic Woodcutting

A series of meetings is being held to seek input from the public on the question of domestic woodcutting in Western Newfoundland. These meetings are being held by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest. The first three meetings are to get input from the South Shore of the Bay of Islands and the Corner Brook area. The meetings will discuss the needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting. Presentations will be given on the present state of the forest resource and on the Model Forest Concept. A report will also be presented on a survey done during the past year to collect information from woodcutters.

Dates and locations for these meetings are as follows:

Lark Harbour Church Hall, Wednesday, March 15

Benoit's Cove Community Hall, Wednesday, March 22

Mount Moriah Community Hall, Thursday, March 23

All meetings will begin at 7:30 pm. While these meetings are focused on the subject of domestic woodcutting other issues will be dealt with at future meetings.

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For further information:

Ray Humber 789-2089

March 25, 1955

News release

Two meetings in a series being held by the Western Nfld. Model Forest were held this past week. One was held in Benoit's Cove on March 22 and another in Mount Moriah on March 23. They were organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest.

It was clear from questions at both meetings is that not much is known about the Model Forest and its role. People displayed a mistrust of the Model Forest and feared it may interfere with people's right to cut wood. Model Forest General Manager, Bob Mercer, tried to correct this misunderstanding in a presentation at both meetings. He pointed out that the Model Forest does not have the power to control the use of the forest in any way and plays a role of trying to bring the various users together for a co-operative approach and wiser use of the forest. He used as an example the present series of meetings which are being held to make sure that domestic woodcutters and the public have an opportunity to express their concerns and share in development of a strategy for domestic woodcutting. He also stated that his organization funds projects to study the forest and provide information for more effective planning. One of the aims of the Model Forest is to develop an integrated resource plan for a sustainable forest. This would be developed with the support of the seven partner agencies that make up the Model Forest corporation and input from the public.

Kevin Sutton of the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources presented information on the present state of the resource, which indicated that cutting on crown lands exceeds what is a safe annual allowable cut. He stated this means that the supply will eventually be used up. Brent Humphries, an employee of the Model Forest who helped interview woodcutters this past year, also supported this position with additional figures and asked people what they felt should be done about it. People at the Mount Moriah meeting stated that they should continue to be allowed to cut 10 cords of wood on their permits and stressed the importance of domestic wood cutting to their lifestyle. At the Benoit's Cove meeting it was suggested that the volume of wood should be reduced to 6 or 7 cords. However, figures presented indicated that the number of cords allowed each permit holder needs to be even lower in order to conserve the wood supply.

During the discussions on wood supply people were critical of the lack of enforcement by the Division of Forestry. It was stated that more enforcement officers were needed in the area to control: over cutting, poor utilization of the wood, selling of wood illegally and cutting without permits. There were a number of incidents thrown up to criticize the foresters for their management of the wood supply. In trying to suggest solutions to the problem people presented ideas such as numbering tree tops as well as the logs. When invited to continue this discussion the Benoit's Cove gathering suggested having another meeting within two weeks so that they could have more say in future management of the forest. The Mount Moriah gathering was not as clear about being involved with the process and wanted the foresters or the Model Forest group to put a plan together on which they could then comment. While a second meeting was requested the support for it was not clear nor was a date set. There was also a suggestion at this meeting to have the people who attended three recent meetings at Lark Harbour, Benoit's Cove and Mount Moriah, come together for a combined meeting. There was no final decision on this and it may depend on the results of future meetings in local communities.

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper also came in for some criticism at the meetings, especially the one in Mount Moriah. Both meetings expressed concern about wood operations causing pollution in waterways and damage by use of big machinery in the woods by contractors. People said that in past skidders had crossed brooks and that the same buffer zones had not been required for CBPP as was required of woodcutters. It was suggested that CBPP should make some land available for domestic cutters because the paper company was not cutting its total allowable cut.

At both meetings this past week there was a call for more public involvement in the decision making group of the Model Forest. General Manager Bob Mercer said this was in line with what the Model Forest wanted to do and invited people to come up with suggestions of how the public, including woodcutters, might select someone to represent them within the Model Forest organization.

March 31, 1995
News release

Domestic Woodcutting Meetings Continue

A second meeting on domestic woodcutting is being held in Benoit's Cove on April 5th. This is a follow-up to a meeting held by the Western Nfld. Model Forest during March when it was stated that the amount of wood being cut exceeds what is a safe allowable cut. The participants at that meeting asked for a second meeting and for the organizers to come back with their ideas for a solution to the problems and a possible strategy for domestic woodcutting. Representatives from the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources have been attending the meetings and providing information on the state of the resource.

These domestic woodcutting meetings are part of a series by the Model Forest to get public input into a long term development plan for a sustainable forest. The meeting in Benoit's Cove on April 5th. will start at 7:30 pm and is being held in the Benoit's Cove Community Hall.

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April 12, 1995
New Release

People who attended a public meeting in Benoit's Cove, Tuesday, are concerned about the future wood supply for domestic cutting and they want to do something about it. Many people at a meeting called by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest agreed that they may have to reduce the amount of wood they cut and take other measures to guarantee a future supply. However, they see a serious problem which will make any efforts by local people almost useless. That is the lack of enforcement of regulations by the Newfoundland government. Many measures to protect the wood supply would need greater enforcement by the Nfld. Forest Service. People stated at this and other recent public meetings that the current enforcement is not adequate and that government is not protecting the wood supply. They see the forest being destroyed like the fishery if more enforcement personnel are not made available through the Nfld. Forest Service.

Local people do not see enforcement as the only answer. There was a call for more education of the public in ways to conserve the wood supply. A suggestion that a local woodcutters committee be established to play a role in helping save the wood supply for future generations was discussed. It was suggested that the Model Forest representatives ask the development association to assist in setting such up a committee.

Some people wondered if Corner Brook Pulp and Paper could not help by making some wood available from their supply in the local area for domestic woodcutters. Matt Churchill of CBPP explained the policy of his company, which does supply some wood to domestic cutters, but said there was a limit to how much they could open up their land, even for wood they do not need, because it then became difficult to control misuse. Again, it is a matter of supervision and enforcement to protect their wood supply. People at the meeting expressed satisfaction with the input from the representative of CBPP.

The discussions at this weeks meeting came after two reports from representatives of the Model Forest. Ray Humber gave a report of discussions at the previous meeting and Brent Humphries gave figures of the amount of wood being cut and what was available to be cut. Indications are that there is serious over cutting of wood on Crown Land. Kevin Sutton was present from the Nfld. Forest Service to provide information about his department's work. Bob Mercer, General Manager of the Model Forest, answered questions about his organization and stressed it wanted to help domestic woodcutters find a way to be able to continue cutting without using up the supply.

The Model Forest is continuing it series of meetings on domestic woodcutting and will soon have their second meetings in Mount Moriah and Lark Harbour area.

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April 13, 1995
NEWS RELEASE

The Western Newfoundland Model Forest has announced a date for its second meeting on domestic woodcutting in Lark Harbour. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, in the church hall at Lark Harbour.

This is one in a series of meetings being held on the South Shore of the Bay of Islands to discuss domestic woodcutting practises. The first meetings in each community focuses on the issues and concern of the domestic woodcutters or the general public. The second meetings will attempt to discuss possible solutions to wood supply problems and encourage local people to be involved in developing a strategy to maintain a wood supply into the future. Figures have been presented at earlier meetings show that there is over cutting on Crown Lands. Concerned has been expressed that if a solution is not found the forest could go the way of the fishery. Lack of enforcement of regulations by the Nfld. Forest Service because of insufficient enforcement officers has been identified as one of the causes of the problems.

These meeting are being organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest. It is hoped to find a way to select a representative of the domestic woodcutters to be a member of this committee. The meeting in the Lark Harbour Church Hall will begin at 7:30 pm.

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News release
April 20, 1995

The second public meeting on domestic woodcutting in Lark Harbour, held Wednesday, April 19, was much smaller than the first held March 15. Part of the reason for the small numbers is that wood cutters have turned their attention to fishing and many were out of the community. Six local residents turned up to discuss the issues. However, this was a focused meeting in which those present expressed a willingness to get involved and a concern for the future of the wood supply. Local People and representatives of the Model Forest discussed ideas that might be pursued to help protect the wood supply.

The meeting opened with the presentation of a report on the previous meeting by Ray Humber. Brent Humphries reviewed figures that indicated there is too much wood being cut on Crown Land and this will lead to a shortage. While it was pointed out they were not speaking for the whole community, those present agreed that five to seven cords is sufficient for heating purposes but understood not all of that should be cut on Crown Land locally. They also agreed that there should be a reduced limit on saw logs. Consistent with statements made at similar meetings, held by the Model Forest, people felt that more effective enforcement by the NF Forest Service is required and that to provide this enforcement the NFS will need more workers. One person suggested having government reduce the cost of oil to take the pressure off the wood supply.

Local people agreed that they might be able to play a role in helping reduce the misuse of the forest. It was agreed a committee should be set up to assist and it might be possible to get forest monitors to play a role in helping reduce over cutting. Such monitors could keep the committee aware of poor woodcutting methods. They could also play a role in helping educate people how they can help prevent over cutting and misuse of the wood supply.

A representative of Corner Brook Pulp and Paper, Matt Churchill, gave information on company policy in regard to cutting firewood on their land. It is possible to get a permit to cut hardwood or dried softwood from CBPP cutovers, but they cannot allow people to remove green softwood.

The next meeting on domestic woodcutting will be held in Mount Moriah on April 27.

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May 5, 1995
News Release

Two meetings were held by the Western Nfld. Model Forest this past week. One was held in Corner Brook on May 2 and another in Mount Moriah on May 3. They were organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest.

The Corner Brook meeting began with a presentation from Bob Mercer, the General Manager of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest. He described the Model Forest concept and what the Domestic Wood Cutting Group of the Model Forest was trying to accomplish at the meeting. Kevin Sutton from the Newfoundland Forest Service presented information on the present state of the resource, which indicated that cutting on Crown Land exceeds what is a safe annual allowable cut. Brent Humphries, an employee of the Model Forest, supported this position

with additional figures and asked people what they felt should be done. Those attending the Corner Brook meeting were interested in the presentations and several topics arose for discussion. There was great concern expressed about the impact of harvesting on water quality in general, and more specifically the impact on the City of Corner Brook's water supply. These concerns were centered around the use of heavy equipment, the handling of fuel, and waste materials. Issues were raised about forest access road construction and it was suggested that skid trails be restored and replanted after harvesting has been completed.

Everyone expressed surprise and concern about the volume of wood being cut by domestic cutters, especially the number of saw logs. They agreed that the rate of harvest was alarming and that the resource is being pressured by these activities. People attending the meeting agreed that the Forest Service should implement quota reductions for domestic harvesting of both saw logs and firewood on Crown Land.

The meeting in Mount Moriah was the second public meeting on domestic wood cutting to be held in that community this year. Approximately 25 local residents attended. The meeting began with a review of the issues raised at the previous meeting, and a presentation on the state of the resource. Those attending the meeting gave a number of suggestions for reducing the harvest level on Crown Land in this area. These suggestions included; implementing a shorter wood cutting season in order to improve monitoring, reducing quotas for saw logs and fire wood on Crown Land, and the possibility of a lifetime limit for cutting saw logs. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper currently allows domestic wood cutters to obtain permits to harvest hardwood and dry wood from their limits. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper indicated that they would consider allowing access to certain timber stands on their timber limits which are not accessible for company purposes. This offer was conditional upon there being an adequate monitoring system put in place.

A number of people present at each meeting left their names and telephone numbers with the group so that they may be contacted for future discussions.

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Appendix # 4. summary of Annual Allowable Cut calculations for the Corner Brook -
South Shore Bay of Islands area

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Annual Allowable Cut (A.A.C.) calculations

The present project area has been divided into three separate blocks which will be referred to as Corner Brook, Benoit's Cove, and Lark Harbour areas. These areas have been digitally mapped by the NFLD Forest Service in cooperation with the Management Planning technical staff. Along with the production of detailed forest type maps for these areas, this procedure also provides the data from which the following calculations are derived.

Several points must be noted in regard to the database:

stand typing for this particular area is based on aerial photography flown in 1986.

Although it has been updated by recent photography in some areas, and aerial surveys, it may not accurately reflect present day conditions in all cases.

as stated at previous meetings, stand volume estimates are based on statistically sampled plot data throughout District 15. These volume estimates may prove to be overly optimistic for local areas such as Lark Harbour which have poorer growing conditions.

highgrading by domestic and commercial cutters, mortality and insect damage, as well as small undefined areas of inaccessibility have been estimated in general, but are still factors which must be considered in the final results.

The Area Control Method of A.A.C. calculation uses the area of productive forest land in relation to the rotation age of the forest to arrive at a sustainable area to be cut annually.

Corner Brook Area

Land area summary	C.B.P.P.	312 ha.
	Crown	<u>1263 ha.</u>
	total	1575 ha.

These figures can be conservatively reduced by 20% to account for undefined areas of non-productive land and inaccessibility. This will provide a net area figure of 1260 ha. of productive forest land.

assume rotation at 80 years. 1260 ha. divided by 80 years = approx. 15 ha./year

If we assume 100 m³ per hectare at age 80 years.

100 m³/ha. x 15 ha. = 1500 m³ per year available

@ 15 m³ per person, this area will sustain 100 domestic cutters per year if the oldest stands are cut first.

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Benoits Cove Area

Land area summary	C.B.P.P.	577 ha.
	Crown	<u>2150 ha.</u>
	total	2727 ha.

These figures can be conservatively reduced by 25% to account for undefined areas of non-productive land and inaccessibility. This will provide a net area figure of 2045 ha. of productive forest land.

assume rotation at 80 years. 2045 ha. divided by 80 years = approx. 25 ha./year

If we assume 100 m³ per hectare at age 80 years.

100 m³/ha. x 25 ha. = 2500 m³ per year available

@ 15 m³ per person, this area will sustain 167 domestic cutters per year if the oldest stands are cut first. SUSTAINABLE

Lark Harbour Area

Land area summary	C.B.P.P.	190 ha.
	Crown	<u>1172 ha.</u>
	total	1362 ha.

These figures can be conservatively reduced by 35% to account for undefined areas of non-productive land and inaccessibility. This will provide a net area figure of 885 ha. of productive forest land.

assume rotation at 80 years. 885 ha. divided by 80 years = approx. 11 ha./year

If we assume 80 m³ per hectare at age 80 years.

80 m³/ha. x 11 ha./year = 880 m³ per year available

@ 15 m³ per person, this area will sustain 59 domestic cutters per year if the oldest stands are cut first. ↖ NOT SUSTAINABLE ↗

$$7.5 \text{ ha/yr} \times 80 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha} = 600 \text{ m}^3 \div 15 \text{ m}^3/\text{cutter} = 40 \text{ cutters/yr.}$$

SUSTAINABLE

The next step is to break down the area into age classes to see the present age class structure and predict how it will respond to this area of allowable cut over time. This model assumes the oldest age classes are cut first, and please note that wood volumes do not enter into this exercise. We must determine after if this represents a realistic scenario based on age classes harvested, and the actual state of the forest involved.

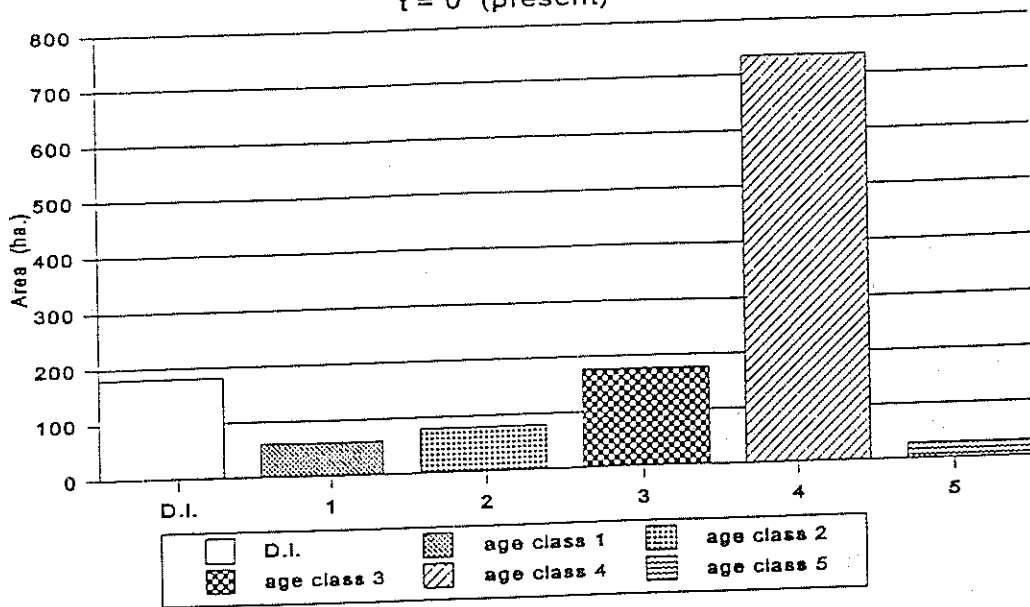
The following graphs depict how the age class structures for each area will change over 20 year time periods following the prescribed A.A.C. area figures.

Corner Brook - 15 ha./year x 20 years = 300 ha.

Benoits Cove - 25 ha./year x 20 years = 500 ha.

Lark Harbour - 7.5 ha./year x 20 years = 150 ha.

CORNER BROOK - Age class dist.
t = 0 (present)



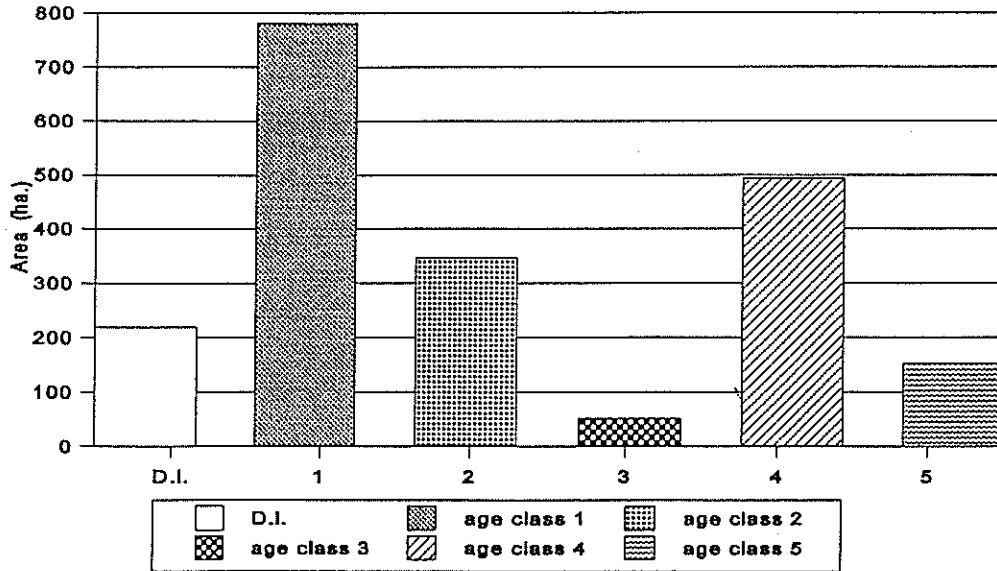
Over 50 hectares of age classes 4 and 5 are considered severely highgraded and most of the remaining mature stands in some areas have been updated from 2 to 3 density class indicating reduction of volume by cutting activity. However, this area still contains blocks with healthy fire wood stands, and sawlogs to a lesser degree.

REDUCE MATURE STANDS (A&S) BY 50 ha. TO ACCOUNT FOR HIGH GRADING. AGE CLASS DISTRIBUTION IN 20 YEAR INCREMENTS AS FOLLOWS. 15 ha./yr x 20 YEARS = 300 ha.

		AGE CLASS				
	D.I.	1	2	3	4	5
PRESENT	231	60	80	177	712	
20 YRS	150	381	60	80	177	412
40 YRS	150	300	381	60	80	177 112
60 YRS	150	300	300	381	60	69
80 YRS	150	300	300	300	210	

BENOITS COVE - Age class dist.

t = 0 (present)



over 140 hectares of age classes 4 and 5 are considered severely highgraded, and the majority of remaining mature stands have been updated from 2 to 3 density class, indicating reduction of volume by cutting activity.

REDUCE MATURE STANDS (4&5) BY 140 ha. TO ACCOUNT FOR HIGHGRADING. AGE CLASS DISTRIBUTION IN 20 YEAR INCREMENTS AS FOLLOWS.

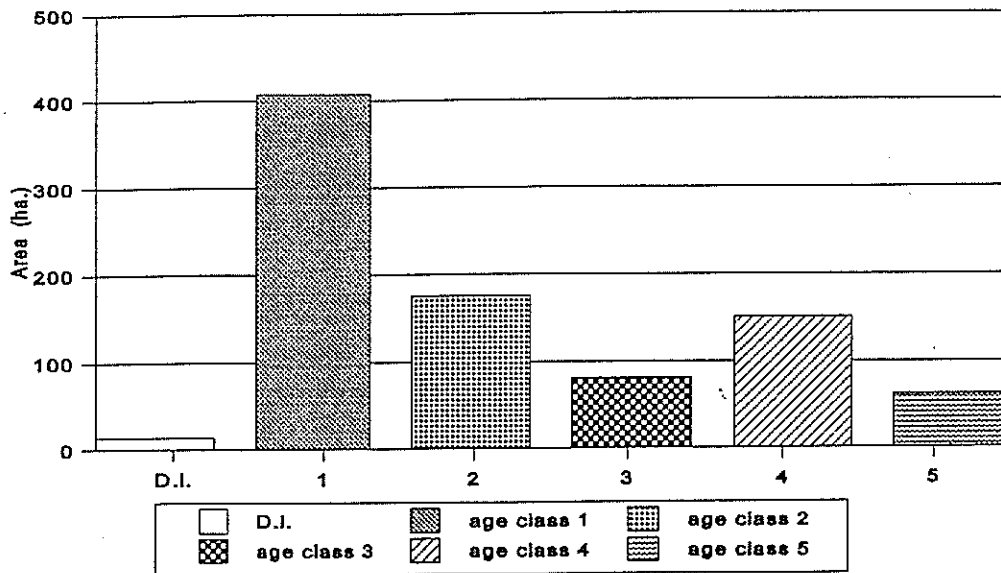
25 ha./yr x 20 yrs. = 500 ha HARVESTED EACH INCREMENT

AGE CLASSES

	D.I.	1	2	3	4	5
PRESENT	359	781	346	52	494	13
20 YRS.	250	609	781	346	52	7
40 YRS	250	500	609	686		
60 YRS.	250	500	500	609	186	
80 YRS	250	500	500	500	295	

LARK HARBOUR - Age class dist.

t = 0 (present)



Over 120 hectares of age classes 4 and 5 are considered severely highgraded and the majority of remaining mature stands have been updated from 2 to 3 density class, indicating reduction of volume by cutting activity. This area is in the most danger from overcutting due to demand and detrimental growing conditions. It is questionable as to whether some areas will produce future wood volumes.

REDUCE MATURE WOOD STANDS (4 & 5) BY 120 ha. TO ACCOUNT FOR HIGH GRADING. AGE CLASS DISTRIBUTION IN 20 YEAR INCREMENTS AS FOLLOWS.

7.5 ha/yr x 20 YEARS = 150 ha HARVESTED EACH INCREMENT

	AGE CLASSES					
	D.I.	1	2	3	4	5
PRESENT	153	407	175	81	69	
20 YRS	75	228	407	175		
40 YRS	75	150	228	407	25	
60 YRS	75	150	150	228	282	
80 YRS	75	150	150	150	228	132

Appendix # 5. all maps, posters, calculations and other related documentation

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From: Tom O'Keefe
Re:

Fax no. _____

COMMENTS:

Could you please put the following on your public service announcements:

Residents of Lark Harbour and nearby communities are reminded of a public meeting to seek input on the question of domestic woodcutting. The meeting is being organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest and will discuss the needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting. Time and place of the meeting is: 7:30 pm, at the Church Hall, Lark Harbour, Wednesday, March 15.

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Residents of Benoit's Cove and nearby communities are reminded of a public meeting to seek input on the question of domestic woodcutting. The meeting is being organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest and will discuss the needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting. Time and place of the meeting is: 7:30 pm, at the Community Hall, Benoit's Cove, Wednesday, March 22..

Cutting quotas must be based on model forest report

May 25/95

ulated. The present method used by the Newfoundland Forestry Service is to arrive at one annual allowable cut (AAC) for all Crown lands in the district.

The report says this method allows serious overcutting in smaller areas around communities while the district as a whole remains within the AAC limits.

Therefore, the report recommends the Forestry Service should manage domestic cutting areas around communities separately and calculate AAC figures accordingly.

The report goes on to recommend a shorter cutting season of three or four months during the winter instead of year-round.

It says this would make monitoring much easier.

The report also suggests stiffer requirements for sawlog quotas greater than 300-500 feet board measure (FBM).

A person applying for such a quota should justify the need for the lumber by means of a building permit.

The Forestry Service must maintain accurate records of both sawlog and fuelwood volumes

harvested annually by permit holders, says the report. FBM estimates for sawlogs should come from field checks and accurate sawmill returns rather than from permit returns.

Once such a record system is put in place, says the report, it would be easier to place limits on individual cutters.

The report recommends a limit of perhaps 5,000 to 10,000 FBM once every 10-15 years.

Some of the report's recommendations deal with how domestic woodcutters can have better access to land owned by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper.

For example, it says strategies must be developed to allow domestic cutters access to residual softwood from company cutovers.

This includes wood left on the ground and standing residual pockets of wood not harvested by the company.

A full copy of the two-page report is available from the Model Forest Corporation office in Corner Brook. For further information, phone 634-6383.

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From: Tom O'Keefe

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Date: March 21, 1995
Re: Public Meetings on Domestic Woodcutting

COMMENTS: Please put the following on your public service announcements for the next couple of days.

Residents of the South Shore of the Bay of Islands are reminded of two public meetings this week to seek input on the subject of domestic woodcutting.

The meetings are being organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest and will discuss needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday night in the Community Hall at Benoit's Cove and the one on Thursday night at the Community Hall in Mount Moriah. Both meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.

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Date: April 26, 1995
To: newsroom
Organization:
From: Tom O'Keefe
Re: domestic woodcutting meetings

Fax no. _____

COMMENTS:

Would you please run the following on your public service announcements over the next few days:

The Western Nfld. Model Forest is continuing its series of meetings on domestic woodcutting. A second meeting will be held in Mount Moriah to follow up on one held in March. This meeting which was first announced for April 27 will now be held on May 3 in the Community Hall at Mount Moriah starting at 7:30 pm. A meeting is also being organized for Corner Brook. This will be held in the Mamateek Inn at 7:30, Tuesday, May 2 and is to discuss needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting. The public is encouraged to attend both these meetings.

*Sent to CFCB
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To: Newsroom
Organization: *CFCB*
From: Tom O'Keefe
Re: Public meetings on domestic woodcutting

Fax no. 634-4081

COMMENTS:

Could you please include the following on your public service announcements for the next couple of days:

Residents of Benoit's Cove and nearby communities are ae reminded of a meeting to be held Wednesday night, April 5, in the Community Hall.

At the request of people at the first meeting, The Model Forest Domestic Woodcutting Working Group is holding a second meeting to discuss possible solutions to wood supply problems. The meeting will begin at 7:30

Public Meetings
on Domestic Woodcutting.
Come and have your say.
Presentations on resource,
survey of woodcutters, and
the Model Forest Concept.

Lark Hr Church Hall, Mar 16
Benoit's Cv Comm Hall, Mar 22
Mt. Moriah Comm Hall, Mar 23
Meetings start 7:30pm

*sent to Caldwell
Mar 7/95*

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Rescheduled

PUBLIC MEETING
ON
DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

Benoit's Cove, Community Hall,
Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 pm

This meeting is being organized by
the Western Nfld. Model Forest
to follow-up on previous discussions
to develop a strategy for domestic
woodcutting.

The meeting on Domestic
woodcutting at Benoit's Cove
scheduled for Wednesday
Tuesday night April 4 at 7:30
in the Community Hall

Two Public Meetings
on
Domestic Woodcutting

Mamateek Inn, Corner Brook
Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 pm

Mount Moriah Community Hall
Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm

These meetings are being organized by the Western Nfld. Model Forest to continue discussion about needs and concerns related to domestic woodcutting. Come and have your say on the future of domestic cutting

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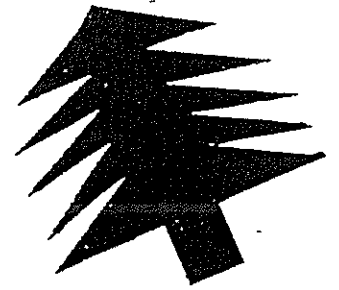
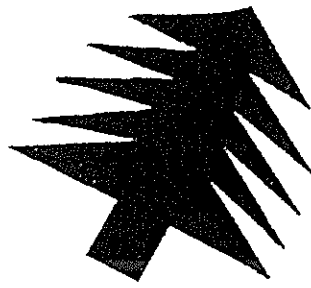
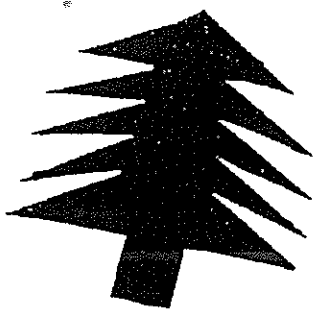


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RESCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
ON
DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

Benoit's Cove, Community Hall
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 pm

This meeting is being organized by the Western Nfld. Model Forest to follow up previous discussions on developing a strategy for domestic woodcutting.



PUBLIC MEETING

DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

Come and have your say on the future of domestic woodcutting in this area.

Hear a presentation on the present state of the resource , on the Model Forest Concept and on the results of a survey of woodcutters during the past year.

LOCATION: _____

Date: _____

Time: 7:30 pm

Meeting organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Western Nfld. Model Forest.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS
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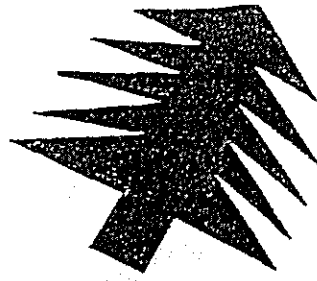
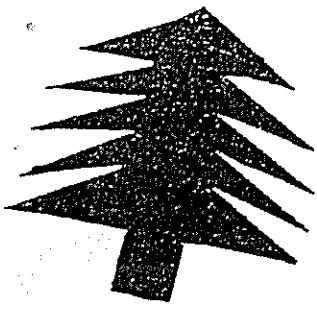
What is it's future

Have your say on a management plan for a future wood supply.

The Western Nfld. Model Forest is holding a series of meetings to discuss domestic woodcutting. The meeting locations and dates are as follows:

Lark Hr., Church Hall, March 15
Benoit's Cove, Community Hall, March 22
Mount Moriah, Community Hall, March 23

All meetings start at 7:30 pm



PUBLIC MEETING

DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

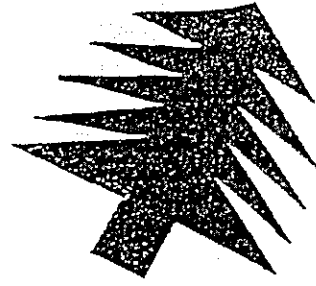
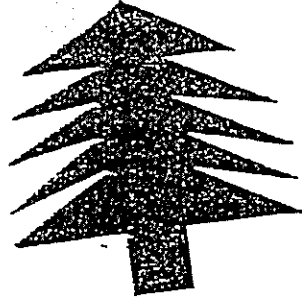
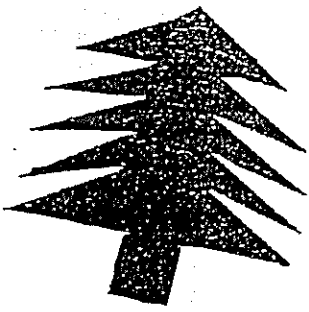
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AT THE REQUEST OF PEOPLE AT THE
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GROUP IS HOLDING A SECOND
MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
SOLUTIONS TO WOOD SUPPLY
PROBLEMS.

COME AND VOICE YOUR OPINION.

Location: Benoit's Cove Community Hall

Time: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11



PUBLIC MEETING

DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

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AS A FOLLOW-UP TO A PREVIOUS
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COME AND VOICE YOUR OPINION.

Location: Mount Moriah Community Hall

Time: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3rd.

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Domestic woodcutting focus of meeting

LARK HARBOUR — The Western Newfoundland Model Forest Inc. will hold a meeting on domestic woodcutting in Lark Harbour on Wednesday, April 19.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lark Harbour church hall.

The meeting will address possible concerns to wood supply problems and encourage people to be involved in developing a strategy to maintain a wood supply into the future.

Figures presented at earlier meetings show that there is over cutting on Crown lands.

The meetings are being organized by the Domestic Woodcutting Working Group of the Model Forest.

Domestic woodcutting focus of public meeting

LARK HARBOUR — Domestic woodcutting will be the focus of a public meeting at the local church hall 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The meeting was called by the Domestic Woodcutting Group of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest Corporation. The Model Forest Corporation is currently developing a plan for sustainable development of forest resources in this region.

At a similar meeting held in Benoit's Cove last week, some felt that domestic woodcutters may have to reduce their yield in order to safeguard the future supply of wood.

Some people at the meeting felt government must step up its enforcement measures, or else efforts by local people to reduce their yield will be in vain.

In a news release, the Model Forest Corporation said people expressed serious concerns about the future supply of domestic wood. There have been indications from the Newfoundland Forestry Service of significant over-cutting in the Humber Arm area.

Those attending the meeting did not see enforcement as the only answer to the wood supply shortage. According to the Model Forest news release, there was a call for more public education.

There was a suggestion that a local woodcutters committee be established to play a role in helping save the wood supply. Model Forest representatives may ask the South Shore, Bay of Islands Development Association to assist in setting up such a committee.

Some people at the meeting asked if Corner Brook Pulp and Paper could help by making some wood from its supply available to domestic woodcutters.

Company spokesperson Matt Churchill explained that Corner Brook Pulp and Paper already supplies some wood to domestic cutters. But he added there is a limit to how much the company can open up its land, even for wood it doesn't use because it would be difficult to control abuse.

The Model Forest Corporation plans to continue its series of meetings with another one soon scheduled for Mount Moriah.

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Domestic Woodcutting Working Group
Public Meeting Benoit's Cove, March 22, 1995
meeting attendance approximately 60 people

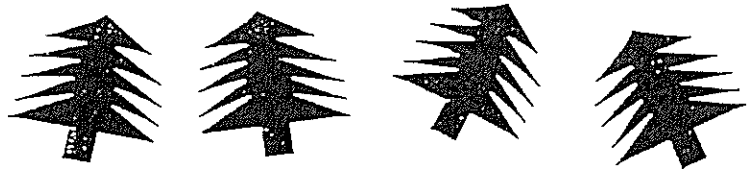
Issues/Questions Raised:

- What is the model forest and what will it do?
- What will the model forest people do with the information we give them?
- How will the outcome of these meetings affect domestic cutting?
- Public meetings should have been held 2 years ago before the sawmills cut their areas.
- The model forest and WERAC are trying to take over the whole south shore.
- Are the MF and WERAC the same?
- Why is this area important to the MF?
- There is no wood left to protect behind Halfway Point.
- If skidders are allowed in the woods, ATVs should have complete access.
- If domestic cutters have to reduce will commercial cutting be reduced?
- Concern over silt in wells.
- Will the 5 year commercial plan be extended? Will they get more wood?
- Concern that the government does not always do what it says it will.
- Domestic cutters have a right to cut and will not stop.
- People want their children to be able to cut wood in the future.
- Need community woodlots.
- Community woodlots won't work because people will use other people's roads to cut wood..
- The public is not represented in the group of 7.
- A committee should be formed in Benoit's Cove.
- A petition was circulated in 1991 to stop commercial cutting but no one listened.
- Concern that the government would not consider public opinion when making decisions.
- MORE ENFORCEMENT IS NEEDED. Need more enforcement officers.
- People want to be left alone to cut the way they always did.
- Firewood should not be sold without a permit.
- Everything will be OK if the present rules are enforced.
- How do people get commercial permits?
- Too many tops are being left in the woods.
- There should be an upper limit to the number of permits issued.
- Plans don't matter if there is no enforcement.
- The public is interested in being involved in management
- The cost of a permit should be increased to pay for enforcement.
- People should not be allowed to cut so much lumber every year.
- Should there be a priority given to sawlog or fuelwood permits?
- More information and discussion needed to develop plan.
- Still concerned about the MF.
- Kruger should give up some land for domestic cutting.
- People do not need 10 cords.
- People agreed to meet again in 2 weeks to discuss issues further.

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PUBLIC MEETING
ON
DOMESTIC WOODCUTTING

A G E N D A

1. Open, welcome, introductions and explanation of purpose.
Ray Humber, member Domestic Woodcutting Working Group
2. Goal Setting: what else do we want to get out of tonight's meeting?
Tom O'Keefe, Facilitator
3. Presentation: State of the Resource
Review of present forest resource and how it is being used.
Results of survey of woodcutters. Questions and comments.
Kevin Sutton, Forest Ecosystem Manager
4. Discussion: How do you feel about the current regulations and management of the resource.
5. Presentation: The Model Forest as a tool for long term benefit to our forest resource. Bob Mercer, General Manager, Model Forest. Questions.
6. Discussion: What actions need to be taken as result of this meeting?
7. Review: suggestions and key concerns or ideas from this meeting.
8. Adjourn.

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AGENDA

Domestic Woodcutting Working Group meeting
March 29, 1995

1. Forest Service cutting permits. Changes for April 1st
2. Peter Trelawney's report on survey completed last season
3. Review of public meetings on South Shore - Bay of Islands
4. April 5, 1995 meeting at Benois Cove
 - what do we present?
 - should we attempt to clarify the different groups? e.g. I.R.M., Management Group, // D.W.C.W.G., etc.
5. Will there be further meetings in Lark Harbour and Mt. Moriah?
6. Update inventory on the North Shore - Bay of Islands
7. Public meetings on the North Shore? When? Where?
8. Budget and termination date for Ray and Brent *W.M.F.*
9. Overall objectives of the project ✓
10. I.R.M. presentation

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February 15, 1995

Martin Von Mirbach
Chairman
Public Awareness and
Involvement Working Group
Model Forest
Corner Brook, NF

RE: TOM O'KEEFE AND HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH DOMESTIC CUTTING

Martin:

The following is for discussion purposes and is not necessarily meant to be the working groups fixed position. We will be looking to Mr. O'Keefe for advice as to how we handle this whole public involvement issue. Maybe he could even attend our meeting on the afternoon of Feb. 22nd. By way of this letter I am only trying to summarize on paper some of the opinions and ideas discussed at our Feb. 14th. Domestic Woodcutting Meeting. Hopefully this will help focus our Domestic Cutting discussion at your Feb. 22nd. meeting.

Mr. O'Keefe should be an asset to the Model Forest and we are cognizant of the fact that he has to maintain neutrality. We certainly do not want to do anything in the short term to jeopardize his relations with the public in the long term. Maybe he will even suggest that he should not be involved with Domestic Cutting meetings in early March. We need to go to the public soon though if for no other reason than our working group is starting to second guess what the public may have to say. We need to hear from them and not surmise their feelings. Also this is the cutting season on the west coast when cutting is uppermost in people's minds.

The way we envision obtaining public input between now and April is through three (3) Public Meetings on the South Shore of the Bay of Islands. One could be held in the Lark Harbour/York Harbour area another in Benoit's Cove/Halfway Point and a third in Curling. We are open to suggestions as to the best way to publicize these meetings. Should we for example put out a flyer listing problems? Should we advertise it as something simple like "Future of Domestic Cutting". The majority of the working group

feel that our target audience is domestic wood cutters. Is this the only audience we should consider at this point in time?

When we arrive at the meetings we expect that Bob Mercer or Joanne Smythe will in ten minutes tell the audience what the Model Forest is about. I can assure you that our audience may have heard the corporate name but they won't have a clue as to what it is all about. The domestic cutting working group has to be disassociated from WREAC. Most of the people at the last controversial WREAC meeting were domestic cutters, matter of fact the same ones that come to our office for permits. If our group is viewed as an extension of WREAC forget about progress we will be looked upon as a group with a hidden agenda.

After the introduction the Domestic Cutting Working Group would give a presentation for 20 - 30 minutes on domestic cutting. This would be handled by myself or if we are looking for neutrality Ray or Brent could give the presentation that the working group prepares. During and after the presentation the floor could be open for questions and suggestions.

The content of the presentation will be as follows. We will show the make up of our group and what we have done to date. We will state that as a result of these discussions the forest service will not make any drastic changes April 1, 1995. There would be no reason to fear that April 1st. everything would be changed. We would show in a concise form the results of past years work as to how much wood is cut annually in the Model Forest etc. In so doing we will be giving people feedback on last year's personal interviews. Incidentally prior to these meetings we will have the results of last year's work released as a Press Release to stir up interest. We would then show how the forest service in District 15 traditional set AAC's in this area. That is on a district basis. Then we might show them how Gros Morne Park allocates their harvest. That is on a block basis. Then we could discuss the pros and cons of approaches. We would like to make simple statements like - the way things are going now the wood supply in the area will run out in 20 years.

The Public Awareness and Involvement Working Group had noted in the Feb. 7th. minutes that a large number of the domestic cutting working group should not attend the Public Meetings probably because it would make local residents feel uncomfortable and outnumbered if only a few of them showed for the meeting. We certainly do not have total concurrence with this idea especially considering that we all represent different agencies. This type of thinking could be justified if the Forest Service was going out alone with ten forest service people. I feel this stipulation will have to be dropped. One member felt so strongly about this that he felt that if this was not going to be a team approach he would quit. I don't suspect there is anything to worry about anyway since if we do a good job on advertising we should have a good turnout and not outnumber the public. Also human nature being what it is will dictate that members of the working group will not want

Forest Service, etc. 10/10/10
1/10/10 - 2/10/10 - no 200 FSW FFC
30-40 minutes for each person - 100-200
will be held around 10:00-11:00 - 10/10/10, etc.

to attend every meeting. I can think of at least 5 members though that should attend each meeting to field questions.

As to Tom's role I suspect that the Forest Service will be attacked on a number of issues. I also suspect that CBPP and the City of Corner Brook may be attacked and criticized severely at these meetings. We feel that Tom should allow a certain amount of this but then we hope he can move the discussion forward. CBPP can only say so many times that they require the wood on their limits to keep the mill going and that they are not willing to give up land near the mill. It has to be stated and restated that the Model Forest has no direct authority with respect to any of the partners.

We would expect Tom depending on the flow of the meeting to encourage discussion by asking questions like the ones that follow:

1. Do you think Domestic Wood Cutters should have a representative on the Domestic Wood Cutting Committee? If so how would you decide on a representative?
2. Do you think that sawlogs are being sold there by limiting amount of wood that is available for legitimate domestic wood cutters?
3. Should people be allowed to get the equivalent to 10 cords of wood every year? Do you really need it? *Is the 10 cords being sold on block - 10000*
4. Should people be made show a building permit before receiving a permit for logs? This is done elsewhere on the island where there is a scarce resource
5. Should there be a lifetime limit on the volume of sawlogs that an individual can cut? With a scarce resource should people be allowed to build 4 or 5 houses with wood cut on domestic permits and make profits from each sale?
6. When we finally come up with a strategy for domestic cutting how would we monitor to stop people from cheating? *Self regulating or Government?*
7. If it is obvious that we have to reduce volumes on permits or reduce the number of permits. What would you prefer?
8. Are there areas being cut now that should be reserved for other values? BINGO!!
9. Should there be one domestic allowable cut for the Model Forest Area or should the area be blocked up with a dozen AAC's? *Expans on block size & clear cut limits - another 1000*
10. Should communities have their own designated cutting blocks? If so how do we handle communities with no wood supply on Crown Land nearby? *Can't have this, but it's a question to be drawn out. Look for 1/10/10.*
11. ~~Should there be particular seasons for wood harvesting so that~~

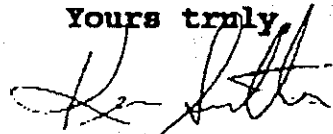
11. Should there be particular seasons for wood harvesting so that increased effort could be placed on enforcement for violaters and thus more protection for our scarce wood supply?

The comments and discussion will be summarized by someone on the working group and circulated to _____ by the end of March.

As noted in the opening paragraph these ideas are not cast in stone but they merely provide an avenue for discussion with Tom.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Yours truly,



Kevin Sutton