



Bowater Maritimes Inc.

SFI 2005-2009

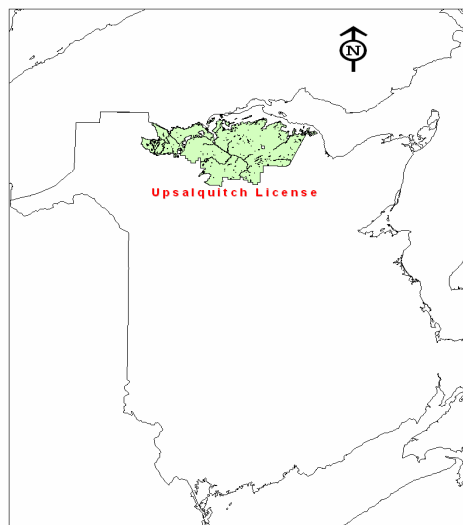
Crown License, Dalhousie New Brunswick, Canada

Audit Coverage

- During the period of August 8 – 10, 2007, QMI conducted the surveillance audit of Bowater Maritimes Inc. Crown License, to the Sustainable Forest Initiative program (SFI) 2005-2009 standard. The audit took 2.5 audit-days to complete.
- The Audit Team consisted of Martin Litchfield RPF, EMS (LA) for QMI.
- The audit assessed active and completed harvest operations through interviews with Bowater Maritimes Inc. staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFIS and supporting EMS documentation, records at the Bowater Maritimes Inc. office. The audit consisted of site visits and interviews with contractors and company's forest management activities.
- All SFI 2005-2009 Principles, Performance Measures, and Objectives were assessed in accordance with the following scope:

Scope of Registration:

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) system that applies to the woodlands operations of Bowater Maritimes Inc. which covers their regulated forestry activities including those of their immediate contractors. These activities, carried out on the Upsalquitch crown license include harvesting, silviculture, forest management planning, road construction and maintenance, transportation and other associated services. In addition, the SFI system covers the operations on New Brunswick crown license under the direct supervision of Bowater Maritimes Inc. for sub-licenses Les Cèdres Balmoral Ltée and Kedqwick Lumder Ltd.:



Background

- Bowater Maritimes Inc. forestry operations are located in Dalhousie, New Brunswick, Canada.
- The Bowater Maritimes Inc. SFIS land base is approximately 425,268 hectares with an annual harvest allocation of 255,163 m³ which is delivered to local sawmills in exchange for chips for the Bowater Maritime Inc. Newsprint mill in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. The SFM system has been certified to the ISO 14001 standard since December 2000 and certified to the SFIS standard since November 2003. The Environmental Coordinator and SFI Representative is Terry Traer, RPF.

Positive Aspects

The Audit Team observed the following positive management practices:

1. The design and development of the PDA inspection forms to facilitate data input, data management and strategic use of information.
2. The development of long term harvest and silvicultural planning to optimize road configurations.
3. The harvesting awareness and performance to protect regeneration and riparian values.

Previous Findings of Non-conformance

All improvements items identified in the 2006 SFIS Surveillance audit have been adequately resolved.

Areas of Non-conformance

NCR No.	Clause No.	Clause Description	Response Due Date:
2007-01	11.1	Objective 11	October 09, 2007

Review the implementation of fuel management controls to comply with legal regulations and corporate requirements.

Audit Recommendation

The Bowater Maritimes Inc. SFI program is recommended for continued registration to the SFI 2005 - 2009 standard.



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Non-conformances

Major Non-conformance: A systemic failure of the Program Participant's SFI system to meet an SFI objective, performance measure or indicator.

Minor Non-conformance: An isolated lapse in SFI system implementation which does not indicate a systemic failure to consistently meet an SFI objective, performance measure or indicator.

All non-conformances require an action plan within 30 days. Major non-conformances must be addressed by the operation or registration cannot be achieved / maintained.

Opportunities for Improvement

Are isolated observations that are non-critical to the achievement / maintenance of EMS/SFIS objectives.

Positive Aspects

Are features of the EMS/SFIS system that are considered as enhancements to the expected level of EMS/SFIS performance.

Key Opportunities for Improvement

Performance Measure 3.2.3 Consider reviewing cross drainage requirements to minimize water ponding within blocks.



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