

## LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On November 30, 2021, Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
  - asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 1122 of *Hansard*
  - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
  - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Forestry industry

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:
  - Bill No. #  Second Reading  Third Reading
  - Committee of the Whole: [Vote]
  - Motion No. # RE: [subject]
  - at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

The Government of Yukon is working to encourage the development of a healthy forest industry in southeast Yukon in a number of ways. Work continues at all levels of forestry planning.

Currently, there are multiple approved timber harvest plans in the southeast Yukon with volume available for harvesting. These harvest plans have undergone assessment by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board.

The Forest Management Branch is also taking steps towards the completion of a forest resources management plan for southeast Yukon. Completing a forest resources management plan in this area is a long-term goal which is expected to take several years. This timeline estimate is consistent with the necessary amount of time it has required to develop other forest resources management plans in the Yukon.

We are committed to working with Yukon First Nations. In December 2020, Liard First Nation entered into a funding agreement with the Government of Yukon to establish a forestry table to address forestry concerns at a government-to-government level to support their participation in forestry initiatives and move forward with forest resources management planning.

The Forest Management Branch also works with members of the forest industry to support the development of wood supply options to meet the needs of operators. This work is ongoing and includes providing personnel support, technical expertise and information sharing. Forest Management Branch personnel are regularly in southeast Yukon conducting field operations, which support the forest industry.

27 April 2022

Date

Signature