



Fact Sheet

WORLD CLASS STEWARDSHIP MEASURES

C̓awak ʔqin Forestry is a world-leading forestry partnership that owns and operates a timberlands business on Tree Farm Licence 44 (TFL 44) on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

C̓awak ʔqin means ‘*we are one*’ in the traditional Nuu-chah-nulth language: we work and speak as one, and respect the interconnectedness between the people, the water, the salmon, and the animals. We see more than trees and are influenced by Huu-ay-aht’s three Sacred Principles of ʔiisaak (utmost respect), ʔuuʔaʔuk (taking care of), and hišuk ma c̓awak (everything is one).

As C̓awak ʔqin we have a shared responsibility: to manage the forests and ecosystems sustainably to meet the economic and cultural needs of our people today and into the future. We take this responsibility seriously. In order to ensure sustainability into the future, we are doing things differently.

Here are our commitments and initiatives:

- 1. Protecting big trees and tall trees within TFL 44 that are over 70 metres in height.**
- 2. Retaining 96% of old growth forests on TFL 44 while Integrated Resource Management Planning (IRMP) is completed.**



- 3.** Working with and respecting area First Nations to put a **200-year plan in place through the Indigenous-led TFL 44 IRMP** process.
- 4.** Pursuing a Manufacturing Investment Plan to **Achieve Climate Positive by 2030** (not 2050).
- 5. Planting more trees.** Over the past five years, we have planted over five million trees across TFL 44 and Huu-ay-aht First Nations land tenures, which is more than the provincial standard requires.
- 6.** Building a stronger future for **First Nations, our communities, employees, and contractors, including United Steelworkers (USW) members.** We look after each other and are committed to the communities in which we work, our employees, and to achieving reconciliation and revitalization of the forest sector in the Alberni Valley and across TFL 44.

C'awak ʔqin Forestry is committed to respectful engagement with the area First Nations that have a portion of TFL 44 in their respective traditional territories. Through both business-to-nation and nation-to-nation relationships in accordance with traditional protocols, opportunities for increased participation of area First Nations through tenure ownership, employment and business opportunities are discussed.

We are guided by the **Huu-ay-aht Forestry Guiding Principles**, which include: Giving serious consideration about what needs to be left behind as well as what can sustainably be harvested. **And putting back what we take out.**