



**Conservation  
Forestry Branch**  
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To:

Forest Industry Association of Manitoba  
Southeast Quota Holders Association  
Mountain Quota Holders Association  
Interlake Quota Holders Association  
Manitoba Forestry Association  
Tolko Manitoba  
LP Canada Ltd. Swan Valley Resources  
Tembec Ltd. Pine Falls

Re: Scaling in Manitoba

Manitoba's authority to ensure that all wood harvested in Manitoba is properly measured and reported is supported by the Forest Act (Chapter F150 Revised Statutes of Manitoba) and Revised Regulation F150-R1. In recent months the Forestry Branch has been particularly active regarding our wood measurement program and a variety of scaling related activities. This letter will update you on recent activities and provide you with notice of upcoming activities and requirements.

By communicating this message to the multitude of Forestry Associations in Manitoba it is the Forestry Branch's expectation that each association will communicate the information provided in this letter to all their members. The contents of this letter and other announcements regarding Timber Administration will also be available on the Forestry Branch website at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/forestry/forest-practices/fpp-contents.html>

As the forest industry is aware no person shall measure Crown timber for reporting and payment to the province or otherwise act as a scaler unless he holds a valid Manitoba Scaler's Licence. In December 2005 the Forestry Branch provided notice to all Licensed Scalers in Manitoba that **anyone with a Manitoba Scalers License issued prior to 2002 who wished to retain a valid licence would have to attend a Scaler refresher course prior to 2009, and that all new Scalers Licenses would be valid for a period of five years.**

The Forestry Branch informed all forestry associations and Forest Management Licensees of the scaling courses that would be offered in 2006 with the expectation that the information would be communicated to all interested parties. Seventeen scalers attended the three refresher courses offered throughout Manitoba in 2006. Seven candidates also attended a complete Scalers License training course. All participants passed their examinations and possess licenses which will be valid until 2011.

The Forestry Branch intends to conduct all future scaling courses in Swan River, Manitoba where all forest product types and suitable facilities are available. In 2007 and 2008 the Forestry Branch anticipates that only recertification courses will be required. Commencing in 2009 recertification courses will be held in conjunction with the complete Manitoba Scalers Licence Course. One scaling course will be offered in May each year. To register applicants should contact me directly at 945-7865 or by email at [rimorrison@gov.mb.ca](mailto:rimorrison@gov.mb.ca).

In March of 2006 the Forestry Branch requested that all Manitoba Timber Permit and Sale operators provide a Scaling Plan for the 2006/07 operating year. Scaling Plans indicate the Licensed Scaler that will be responsible for scaling timber harvested from a Sale or Permit, or that the timber is being delivered to a facility that has a licensed scaler on staff. **Scaling Plans will become a requirement in April 2007. All Manitoba Timber Permit and Sale operators must submit a Scaling Plan to the supervising Conservation District Office for approval. Approval of Scaling Plans will be necessary before operators receive their 2007-08 Operating Permits.**

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Manitoba Forestry Branch scaling program, scaling courses, or Scaling Plans.

Yours truly,

R.W. Morrison  
Provincial Scaler