

# Forest Industry Presentation Dawson Land Use Planning Commission



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# Topics

1. Yukon Wood Products Association
2. Industry in Yukon and Dawson
3. Chapter 10 Forests
4. Carbon Neutral, Renewable and Climate Actions

# Yukon Wood Products Association

- The Yukon Wood Products Association (**YWPA**) is a **non-profit society formed in 2007** to represent Wood Products industry in the Yukon
- We are a **local grassroots association with strong commitments to the communities** we live and work in.
- Our membership is committed to an economically viable forest industry that **promotes healthy forests and sound forest management regimes**

# Mission Statement

- Be the **voice of the forest industry** in the Yukon. The association works with all levels of Government, stakeholders, fellow members and the public to advance a strong and viable forest industry,
- The YWPA will **represent its members in policy development** with all levels of Government, (regulation streamlining and biomass strategy)

# Mission cont'd

- The YWPA will be the forest industry **representative at public forums such as land use planning commissions, forest resource management planning and any other forum** that affects the association and its members,
- The association will **promote effective communications** throughout its membership, stakeholders, and Governments.

# Yukon's Forest Industry Yesterday and Today

# Yukon has a Rich Commercial Forest Industrial History



Wood Saw Steam T... 1912







# Industry Today

- Membership includes:
  - Loggers and small sawmills that produce firewood, wood chips and lumber
  - Firewood manufacture and distribution
  - Local Biomass boiler and hydronic heat mechanical companies
  - First Nations government and development corporations
  - Natural resource management consultants and engineers

# Forest Harvest Permits 2017/18

## Yukon wide

- 1,227 commercial and personal use

## Personal Use only

- 1,146 permits

## Commercial Permits

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|------------------------|----------|
| • Haines Junction      | 4        |
| • Whitehorse           | 7        |
| • Dawson               | 4        |
| • <u>Rest of Yukon</u> | <u>2</u> |
| • Total                | 17       |

# Volumes

## Total Commercial Harvest

- 18,280m<sup>3</sup> or about 5,078 cords

## Personal Use Permits

- Using estimate of 4 cords or 8 m<sup>3</sup> per permit
- 8 x 1,146 = 9,168m<sup>3</sup> or about 2547 cords
- Total **27,448 m<sup>3</sup> or about 7,624 cords**

# Chapter 10 Forests

YWPA view is that there is an approved FRMP and it needs to be incorporated into the LUP

- The industry needs to have **access to the land** to carry out timber harvesting
- The cut in **Dawson** is relatively small and stable at around **2,500 to 3,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year**

# Specific comments on the chapter

- Page 10.3.1 natural value
  - *Flora suggest using common species names in line with the Fauna description*
- Page 10-4 Carbon Cycling
  - *Need to expand this section to ensure that users of the plan understand how the carbon cycle works in relation to climate change mitigation strategies*
    - *Next slide offers a suggestion with regard to this*

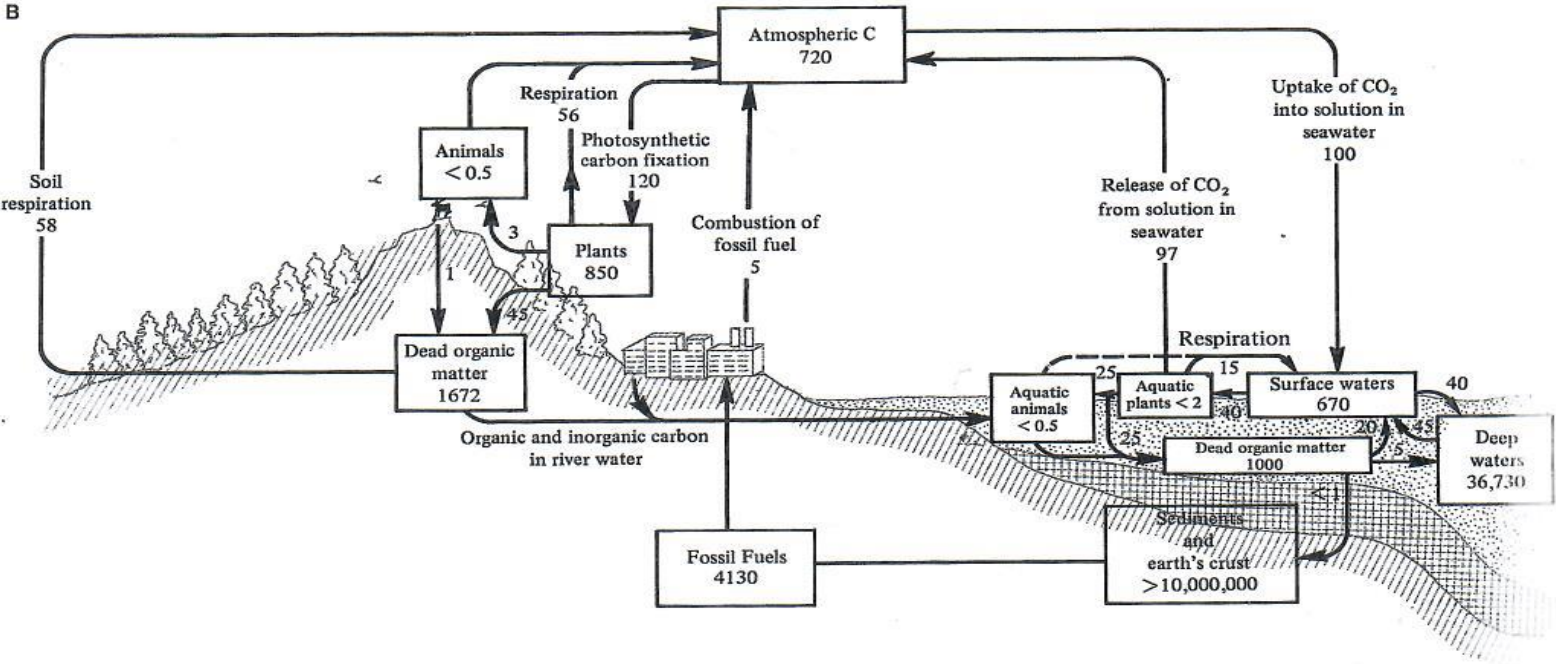
# Carbon Cycle and Biomass as an alternative to Fossil Fuel

**Biomass for heating buildings is a renewable and carbon neutral source of heating fuel**

Cord wood and wood chips can be manufactured within 200 km of where it will be consumed

Wood Pellets can be transported much further; Korea, Japan and England at 90% neutral

# Carbon Cycle and Biomass production



# Biomass is Renewable and Carbon Neutral



# Axe cut stump under second growth spruce



- Page 10-7 Silviculture Strategic Plan
  - *This is one of those opportunities*
  - *Dawson nursery growing birch seedlings for reforestation*
  - *Forest fire mitigation strategies in Yukon communities will be prescribing stand conversion from conifer to deciduous species they can be propagated in Dawson for the rest of the territory*

- Page 10-9 section 10.4 Regulation
  - Forest Resources Act, regulations and standard operating procedures
    - Wetlands, riparian management
    - Riparian management on streams and lakes
    - Wildlife features
    - Forest Resources roads
    - Soil conservation
    - Incorporating land users interests
    - Historic and archaeological resources

# Final thoughts

- The **language** in land use plans needs to be **flexible and non-ambiguous**
  - Flexibility provides opportunity to expand the harvest in response **to future market demands e.g. growth in the biomass industry**
  - Non-ambiguous means be clear about **where forest harvesting is allowed or not allowed....**
  - **Maybe** is not good for industry and should be avoided
  - Once allowed to access the land don't change your mind
- Uncertainty is the enemy of good investment decisions

# Page 10-12 Section 10.4.2 Policy Direction

- The FRMP has been approved as **the primary policy direction** for forest resource management
- Minister and Chief have approved it and it became a significant **document to guide the forest industry** with regard to where allowed to harvest in a sustainable way
- The four objectives guide forest managers and industry operators
- **Key one for industry is #4** Maintain and enhance multiple socio-economic benefits from timber and non-timber forest resources

Thank you for listening

