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Dear Andrew Merilees:

Thank you for your letter dated March 29, 2018, regarding the invitation for Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS) to apply for a community forest agreement (CFA). I am pleased to hear that there is strong support on Haida Gwaii for a CFA.

I appreciate being advised that there are concerns by the communities with the construct of the CFA as described in the invitation letter of December 15, 2017. I would be pleased to meet with you and the other MIEDS representatives to fully discuss your concerns and to provide any additional information that may help address these issues. I am available to meet in Haida Gwaii so please contact Sangita Kumar, Regional Executive Administrator, by phone at (250) 751-7163 or by email at [sangita.kumar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sangita.kumar@gov.bc.ca) to make arrangements.

Your letter also requests an extension to the application period for the CFA. Specifically, you request to have the application period be extended until such time that the timber supply data package is available and you can have it independently analysed with the results reported back to the public. The timing of the release of this information may occur by late summer, therefore, I hereby extend the application period for the CFA as described in the invitation letter to September 30, 2018. If an application is not received by that time, the invitation to apply for a CFA will be void. A further extension to the application period may be granted. The request for a further extension should be made in writing to me prior to September 10, 2018.

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If you have any specific questions about preparation of the application or the management plan, please contact Randy Aitken, Timber Tenures Specialist, by email at [Randy.Aitken@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Randy.Aitken@gov.bc.ca) or by phone at 250-751-7022.

Yours truly,



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