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Douglas Daugert, Chair
Misty Isles Economic Development Society
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Dear Douglas Daugert:

Thank you for your letter dated November 10, 2020, regarding the recent Chief Forester's allowable annual cut (AAC) determination on Haida Gwaii. The new AAC for the Timber Supply Area (TSA) on Haida Gwaii has dropped from 512,000 cubic metres per year to 398,000 cubic metres per year. You have raised several concerns regarding the implications this could have for Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS) community forest opportunity. Please be advised that the October 27, 2020 Chief Forester's AAC determination is not an apportionment decision. The apportionment of the new AAC has not been made at this time.

As I stated in my June 11, 2020 letter to you, it is necessary to wait until the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (the Minister) has finalized a new apportionment for the TSA on Haida Gwaii prior to addressing your concerns. An apportionment decision is made under Section 10 of the *Forest Act* and specifies the volume available for tenures, including proposed community forest agreements in the TSA. For the TSA on Haida Gwaii the decision will reflect the reduction in the AAC. This decision will include consultation with the Haida Nation and engagement with existing tenure holders and with MIEDS. You can expect ministry staff to contact your office and initiate discussions with MIEDS in the near future.

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If you have any additional concerns or questions, please contact Matt Feagan, Timber Tenures Specialist, Coast Area by email at matthew.feagan@gov.bc.ca or Daryl Sherban, Resource Manager at the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District office by email at daryl.sherban@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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