Proposed Annual Limit on Timber Harvesting by Region where no FRMP has been Approved Regulation Content

The following document contains the concepts that will be used to develop the Harvesting Ceiling Regulation. You are invited to review these concepts and provide comments and recommendations to the Forest Management branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.
For information on how to comment, please contact the Forest Management branch.

Comments must be made in writing and can be sent via regular mail, electronically or delivered by hand. The Forest Management branch appreciates your participation in this process.

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Basic Concepts

- This regulation prescribes a maximum harvest amount for an area that does not have a forest resources management plan, until an annual allowable cut is determined for that area.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:

***Forest Resources Act* PART 3 – DISPOSITION OF FOREST RESOURCES**
Restrictions on harvesting licences
20(2) Where a forest resources management plan has not been approved for the area where forest resource harvesting is proposed to occur, the Director may only authorize harvesting in a harvesting licence in an amount that is less than that prescribed by regulation for that area.

***Forest Resources Act* PART 6 – GENERAL**
Regulations
92(g) Establishing limits on forest resource harvesting by region, where no forest resources management plan has been approved.

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1. Existing Harvest Ceiling

(1) If forest resource harvesting is proposed to occur in an area where a forest resource management plan has not been approved the maximum amount of timber that may be harvested in a specified area is set until an annual allowable cut can be completed as per the Annual Allowable Cut regulation. Once an annual allowable cut is determined for an area the harvest ceilings will not apply.

(2) The maximum level of harvest for each region without a Forest Resource Management Plan is:

a) **Watson Lake Region** (southeast Yukon)
Harvest ceiling – 128,000 m^3/year

b) **Whitehorse Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 10,000 m^3/year

c) **Beaver Creek/Burwash Landing/Destruction Bay Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

d) **Carmacks Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

e) **Mayo Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

f) **Pelly Crossing Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

g) **Ross River and Faro Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

h) **Dawson City Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year

i) **Old Crow Region**
- Harvest ceiling – 1,000 m^3/year

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Information Note:
Areas to which harvest ceilings apply:

- Roughly based on Forest Management Unit boundaries (FMU) and proximity to communities. The areas described below have taken account of planning areas that have been completed and planning processes that are ongoing or being initiated. These have been highlighted in the area descriptions.
- FMU's are based on large watershed boundaries.
- Community names have been used to help describe the location.

Harvest ceilings:

- Harvest ceilings are based on a combination of average demand from harvest records and relative local demand. In certain areas, agreements were made on a harvest ceiling during planning processes that will be used.
- Harvest ceilings levels include green wood harvest.

The areas and associated harvest levels area:

1. **Watson Lake Region** (southeast Yukon)
   - Harvest ceiling – 128,000 m^3/year
   - Includes Y01, Y02, Y03
   - The number was based on timber supply analysis in 2000 for Y02 and Y03. The harvest ceiling was referenced in MOU 2002 for southeast Yukon forest regional management planning to apply to the entire planning region (Kaska Traditional Territory).
2. **Whitehorse Region** (Y05)
   - Harvest ceiling –10,000 m^3/year
   - Since 2000, land claim agreements have been finalized, which has fragmented the public forest land base. The harvest ceiling of 34,000 m^3/year is likely not achievable today.
   - TSA completed in 2000.
   - Overlap with Teslin Forest Resource Management Plan
3. **Beaver Creek/Burwash Landing/Destruction Bay Region**(Y06/07)
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
   - Historical number
4. **Carmacks Region** (Y08)
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
5. **Mayo Region** (Y10)
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
6. **Pelly Crossing Region**
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
   - Excluding overlap with southeast Yukon FRMP boundary
7. **Ross River and Faro Region** (Y09)
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
8. **Dawson City Region** (Y11)
   - Harvest ceiling – 5,000 m^3/year
9. **Old Crow Region**(Y12/13)
   - Harvest ceiling – 1,000 m^3/year

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