



2019 - 2020 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

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Coast Bargaining Committee - News Release

United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 and Western Forest Products Reach Tentative Agreement

February 10, 2020 – Vancouver, British Columbia – United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 (USW) announced today that the Union and Western Forest Products (WFP) have agreed to the terms of a tentative Collective Agreement. The tentative agreement is subject to a ratification vote by USW Membership. The USW Bargaining Committee is advising that they will be recommending acceptance of this agreement to its Members.

“Our Union is extremely proud of our Members' solidarity in this extended struggle to achieve a fair Collective Agreement with Western Forest Products and their associated Contractors,” said Brian Butler, President of USW Local 1-1937. “Details of the tentative agreement will not be released until our Members have had the opportunity to review and vote on the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement, which we hope to arrange in a timely manner. I am pleased to report that the tentative agreement does not contain any concessions, which was a key mandate from our Members. The Local Union wishes to thank Mediators Vince Ready and Amanda Rogers for their assistance in reaching the tentative agreement”.

About United Steelworkers Local 1-1937

United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 represents 6100 men and women working in a wide range of occupations, including the forest industry throughout coastal British Columbia. The Local Union has five offices located in Duncan, Port Alberni, Courtenay, Port McNeill and Burnaby BC in order to serve its Members. The Local Union is a Charter Member of the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (AFL-CIO-CLC), based in Pittsburgh, USW National Office based in Toronto and USW District 3 Office in Western Canada, based in Vancouver.



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