



2019 - 2020 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

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USW LOCAL 1-1937 MEMBERS RATIFY COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THREE TFL 44 CONTRACTORS (BLL, IFC, MS)

Today USW Local 1-1937 members ratified new collective agreements with three Woodland Contractors on TFL 44, including Big Lake Logging Ltd., Island Forest Company Ltd. and Mount Sicker Timber Company Ltd. (Franklin).

The agreements mirror the coastal pattern agreement signed in February between USW Local 1-1937 and Western Forest Products Inc.

The agreement also gains back concessions made in 2017 during a period when the crew was laid off for an extensive period of time, which also resulted in the temporary sub-division of Franklin Operation and included concessions on Travel Time and Hours of Work. The new agreement returns to industry standard travel time instead of the two-tiered system in place and also a twelve (12) month reduction in the term of a substandard alternate shift, which will end once the sub-division agreement is finished its five year term in thirty-two (32) months (now twenty (20) months). We would like to see the other two contractors in the TFL adopt these changes as well.

While the Union was not concerned with the substance of lawsuits that were filed by the three contractors against the Local Union last summer (which we believe were promoted by Western Forest Products) they also agreed those lawsuits would be withdrawn.

With the sale of a majority ownership interest in TFL 44 LP rights from Western Forest Products to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, recently taking place in March 2020, the Local Union looks forward to working with the new majority owners in a proactive way to make the operation the success we all know it can be.



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