



# 2025/26 Forest Industry Bargaining

## USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

**2026 BARGAINING UPDATE #17 – February 23, 2026**

### LKSM CREW RATIFICATION VOTE RESULTS

Dear Members,

Following a crew meeting and ratification vote on Saturday, February 21, 2026, and further ratification votes on February 22 and 23, 2026, the Local Union and La-kwa sa muqw Forestry LP (LKSM) have now reached a collective agreement.

The crew has voted 67% in favour of the new collective agreement.

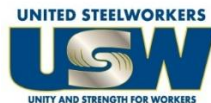
The positive ratification vote follows an 8.5-month strike over concessionary LKSM proposals that included stripping the crew of its Union Shop language, as the company sought to have more non-union contractors introduced into the operation.

The Union from the outset made it clear that it would not accept any terms that allowed the company to remove the long-standing Union Shop language that prevents the company from contracting out work to non-union contractors. Today, the operation remains a Union Shop, and USW members from across the Local Union salute the members at La-kwa sa muqw Forestry LP., for standing up for their rights and the rights of others.

We are proud to say that the terms of the coast pattern collective agreement were also achieved in this fight. Thank you all for your solidarity and commitment to gaining the best collective agreement possible for the members in your operation.

The members can expect to start receiving calls from the company regarding a start-up plan for the operation in the coming days.

In Solidarity,  
The USW Local 1-1937 Bargaining Committee



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