



**UNITED STEELWORKERS, LOCAL 1-1937**

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**SERVING MEMBERS THROUGHOUT COASTAL BRITISH COLUMBIA**



March 4, 2026

Attention: All USW Local 1-1937 Members Working in the Forest Industry

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

**RE: End of Strike Assessment**

We write to express, on behalf of the members at La-kwa sa muqw Forestry LP (LKSM), our sincerest gratitude for the support shown to the striking members, who fought hard for over eight months to remove the threat against their Union Shop rights and to reach a collective agreement. In doing so, LKSM members also achieved the coast pattern agreement, set between the Local Union and Western Forest Products.

During this long fight, our Forest Industry Members, Officers and Business Agents have demonstrated once again that we are a strong, fighting Union that does not back down.

At the time the assessment started in June of 2025, the Local Union had one operation on strike and two others with the potential to be on strike, covering roughly 750 members.

Since that time, the Local Union reached an agreement with the four Terminal Forest Products operations, and just this week, the Local Union reached a tentative agreement with Island Timberlands and associated contractors. Both agreements followed the coast pattern agreement.

**With all major forest industry agreements now being finalized or close to it, the Local Union will be removing the \$10 per day member strike assessment.** Your employers were notified of this last week, and you should notice the amount no longer appearing on your pay stubs.

**The Union will now take the time to process an orderly refund of unused strike assessment funds back to members.**

These refunds will be proportionally, with all members receiving the same percentage of the remaining strike assessment funds, to the amount they personally paid during the strike assessment period. **We ask for your patience in this process, as it will take significant time to ensure accuracy in those refunds.**

From the beginning, this Strike Assessment was only used to help our striking members/families doing picket duty, while on strike. Their fight, as we know, helped all members to fight against concessions that undermine workers' rights. We also know that if we don't fight, workers lose. These members, like the members who struck against massive WFP concessions in 2019/2020, were fighting for all of us.

Their struggle was every member's struggle.

On behalf of the Local Union and all the members who stood strong on the LKSM picket lines, we appreciate your understanding and the support this action demonstrated.

In solidarity,

Your Coast Bargaining Committee

Brian Butler, Jason Cox and Nolan Paquette

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(General\ST 100\LKSM\2026-03-04-FI Members re End of Strike Assessment)