

Future of the WL Program

Does the WL Program Need to be Restructured?

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Background

- FBCWA engaged FLNR about the “Future Structure of the BC Woodlot Licence Program”
- FBCWA’s initial thoughts were premised on the WL remaining as a forest tenure and focused on improving the program; e.g. single authorization, flat fee for waste, etc.
- FLNR responded - Perhaps we should broaden the viewpoint; expand the consideration of what the WL Program should like in the future!

**LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK,
IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS!**

Four key Federation considerations...

- 1. Program expansion**
- 2. Competitiveness**
- 3. Contributions to Rural Communities**
- 4. Forest Tenure or ???**

1. Program Expansion

BC Needs More Woodlot Licences

- BC would benefit from more, small, area based, sustainable forest units on the landscape.
- The forest sector would benefit from more more 'small' tenures and businesses
- Local people managing local forests is a good thing
- Involve more young people

2. Viability & Competitiveness

WLs Need to be More Competitive!

1. Reduce the administrative burden
2. Protect the land base; particularly the timber harvesting land base
3. Lessen the impact and losses due to catastrophic events; e.g. wildfires & mountain pine beetle
4. Ensure competitive markets exist for products

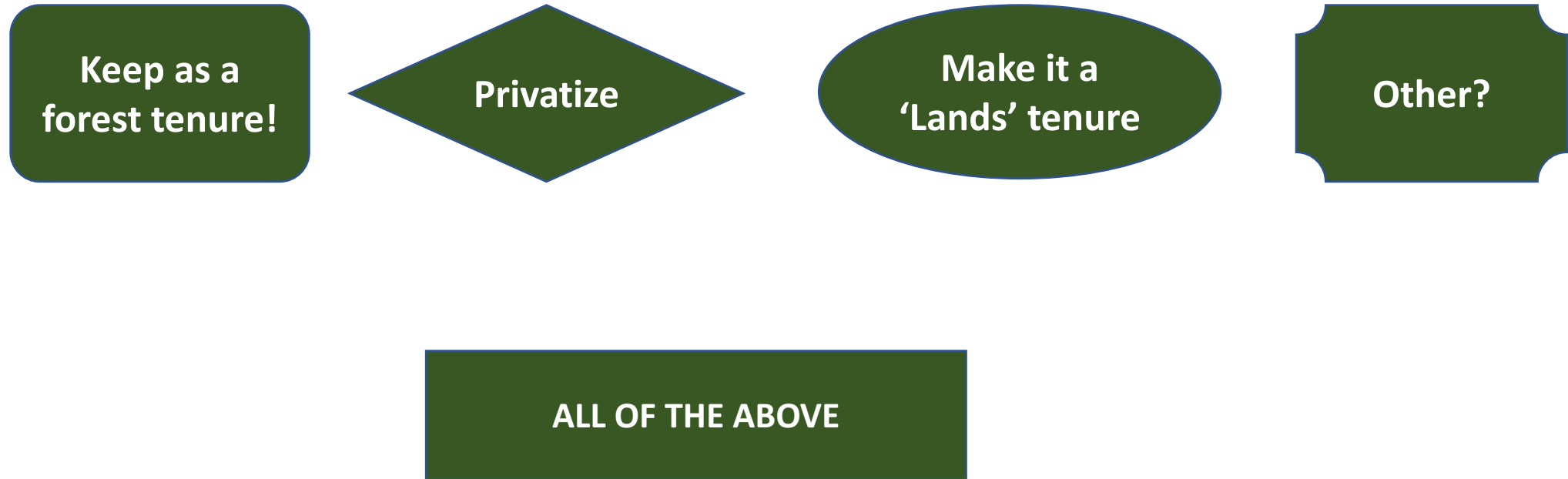
3. Contributions to Rural Communities

WLs have Much to Offer Rural Communities!

In addition to providing jobs, timber for sale and economic benefits associated with local businesses: WLs deliver:

- ✓ Well managed forests
- ✓ Environmental Goods & Services
- ✓ Sustainable management of a defined land base
- ✓ Social Licence

4. Forest Tenure or ???



I look forward to hearing your thoughts during the 'open mike' section of this panel discussion.