

## Does Lahaie Lumber Ltd. meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

February 22, 2024

We are carrying out an audit of Lahaie Lumber Ltd. located in Alban, Ontario, Canada to see if their operations comply with FSC's [Controlled Wood](#) standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood that meets minimum requirements and that can therefore be mixed with FSC wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally.
- harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- harvested from forests with a high conservation value that is threatened by management activities.
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

We will carry out our audit on April 3, 2024. Here is how you should comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? You should send comments to us before or during the audit.
- How? You can comment by .
  - Meeting with a Preferred by Nature staff member in person.
  - Phone to James Hallworth at 249-358-9844  
Writing to James Hallworth at:  
P.O. Box 1771  
Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1  
Canada.
  - Email to James Hallworth at [jhallworth@preferredbynature.org](mailto:jhallworth@preferredbynature.org)
  - In person by arranging to meet with James Hallworth
- If you want your comments to be confidential please notify us when you submit the comments.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the audit.

Lahaie Lumber Ltd. has written a summary document that lists:

- the risks they have identified that they may source unacceptable wood
- the measures they implement to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this forest certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://preferredbynature.org/dispute-resolution-policy>

Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would also gladly receive these from you.

Yours sincerely,



Mélanie Proulx  
Operations Specialist

# FSC Controlled Wood Due Diligence System Public Summary

## 1. General information

Organisation name:	Lahaie Lumber Ltd.
FSC certificate code:	NC-COC-004301
Organisation's DDS contact person:	Shawn Lahaie
DDS prepared/assisted by:	Shawn Lahaie
Date last reviewed/updated (by the organisation):	February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

## 2. Suppliers

Participating site	Non-certified material type sourced	Exact number of suppliers	Supplier type(s)	Average no. of tiers in the supply chains	Approximate or exact number of sub-suppliers
<i>Name of organisation's site. All applicable sites shall be included.</i>	<i>Describe the type of product supplied e.g. logs, sawn logs, chips, wood pulp, etc.</i>	<i>Number of suppliers directly supplying material to the site</i>	<i>E.g. Forest management enterprise, Broker/trader without physical possession, Primary processor, Secondary processor, Distributor/wholesaler.</i>	<i>Average number of organisations within the supply chains, from forest to suppliers.</i>	<i>Total number of organisations that are sub-suppliers (indirect suppliers, or suppliers of your direct suppliers) within all supply chains</i>
Lahaie Lumber Ltd.	Sawlogs	1	Primary Processor	2	1

### 3. Supply areas

Supply area	Controlled wood category	Reference to risk assessment used	Risk designation
<i>The description should allow the identification of an area with a homogeneous risk designation in the applicable risk assessment for each controlled wood category. This is a geographic description (including country of origin) and may also include a functional scale/source type, where the risk assessment differentiates risk based on characteristics such as type of forest (e.g. natural forest or plantation), ownership (e.g. state or private-owned), etc.</i>		<p><i>If an NRA or CNRA is used, include the document title on FSC Document Centre. E.g. the title for the CNRA for Poland is "FSC-CNRA-PL V1-1" (see <a href="https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center/id/238">https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center/id/238</a>).</i></p> <p><i>If a company risk assessment or extended company risk assessment is used, write this and refer to the Annex containing the risk assessment.</i></p>	<i>Select the relevant risk designation for the supply area and controlled wood category from the drop-down menu.</i>
<b>Eastern Forest Boreal Transition Region</b>	1	Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA Version 2.1	Low risk
	2	Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA Version 2.1	Specified risk
	3	Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA Version 2.1	Specified risk
	4	Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA Version 2.1	Low risk
	5	Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA Version 2.1	Low risk
	1		Choose an item.
	2		Choose an item.
	3		Choose an item.
	4		Choose an item.
	5		Choose an item.
	1		Choose an item.
	2		Choose an item.
	3		Choose an item.
	4		Choose an item.
	5		Choose an item.

### 4. Risk assessment and mitigation

***See attached Document (Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA)***

#### 4.a Risk mitigation for the origin of the material

***See attached Document (Lahaie Lumber FSC Canada NRA)***

#### 4.b Risk assessment and mitigation for mixing in the supply chain

Participating site	Supply chain type	No. of tiers	Risk of mixing	Control measures	Findings from field verification if undertaken as a control measure
<p><i>This table shall be filled for each applicable participating site (listed in the table in Section 2)</i></p>	<p><i>Describe the supply chain e.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wood delivered and purchased directly from concession holder to Organisation's log yard</i></li> <li>• <i>Wood delivered and purchased directly from concession holder to Organisation's log yard, but purchased through a round wood trader.</i></li> <li>• <i>Wood delivered from forest to railway terminal and transported by train to organisation.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>and state the relevant supply area, or state that the material previously had an FSC claim but was sourced from a non-FSC certified (chain of custody) supply chain.</i></p>	<p><i>'Tiers' indicates the legal entities taking ownership of the wood from harvesting to the organisation purchasing it. If there is only 1 tier, it means that wood is purchased directly from the concession holder.</i></p>	<p><i>Summarise the risk assessment of mixing in this supply chain. Justify conclusions. NOTE: As per requirement 3.5 of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, material can only be used as controlled wood when there is low risk for origin and NO RISK of mixing with non-eligible inputs in the supply chains. Therefore, conclusions shall be either "no risk" or that risk is present. Control measures are required for instances where risk is present.</i></p>	<p><i>If risk is identified, state what actions are being taken to mitigate that risk. Describe the activities that have been conducted by the organisation to verify the effectiveness of the control measures. Include information on the cycle (how often verification is conducted), number of audits, justification of sampling intensity, and the key results of the audits. If non-conformities were found, state steps taken to address them.</i></p>	<p><i>Summarise findings, if field verification was conducted. Describe steps taken to address any non-conformities found, unless confidential. If information is deemed confidential and not published, provide a justification for this.</i></p>
<p>Blue Water Timber Prod.</p>	<p>Wood delivered and purchased directly from concession holder to Organisation's log yard</p>	<p>1 Tier</p>	<p>No Risk – Parry Sound Forest</p>	<p>Only 3 loads received of white pine from this private land by a reputable logging contractor.</p>	<p>No field verification.</p>

## 5. Technical experts used in the development of control measures

*“N/A, technical experts were not required”.*

## 6. Stakeholder consultation processes

*Summarise all stakeholder consultation processes that you have conducted, including information on*

Supply area	Relevant controlled wood category	List of stakeholder groups invited to participate	Summary of comments received from stakeholders	Description of how stakeholder comments were taken into account	Justification for concluding that the material sourced from the area was low risk
		<i>N/A, stakeholder consultation not required</i>			

## 7. Complaints procedure

We encourage stakeholders who have suggestions for improvements, comments, or complaints related to our controlled wood due diligence system to contact Shawn Lahaie by email. We commit to follow up on stakeholder input as soon as we receive it and to provide stakeholders with feedback within 2 weeks.

### **Complaints Mechanism**

- a) Acknowledging receipt of complaints
- b) Informing stakeholders of the complaint procedure, and providing an initial response to complainants with a time period of two (2) weeks:
- c) Forwarding complaints related to risk designations in the relevant FSC risk assessment to the responsible body (for an NRA, as indicated in the NRA, for the SNRA, FSC):

NOTE: When a complaint is forwarded to a responsible body, Clauses 7.2. d) –k) do not apply.

d) Conducting a preliminary assessment for determining whether evidence provided in a complaint is or is not substantial, by assessing the evidence provided against the risk of using material from unacceptable sources;

e) Dialogue with complainants that aims to solve complaints assessed as substantial before further actions are taken;

f) Forwarding substantial complaints to the certification body and relevant FSC National Office for the supply area within two (2) weeks of receipt of the complaint. Information on the steps to be taken by the organization in order to resolve the complaint, as well as how a precautionary approach will be used shall be included with the complaint;

g) Employing a precautionary approach towards the continued sourcing of the relevant material while a complaint is pending: NOTE: This includes a description of how the precautionary approach is employed by the organization when a complaint is active.

NOTE: A complaint is pending if it has been considered to be substantial (according to Clause 7.2d), and effective corrective action (according to clauses 7.2h-k) has not yet been taken.

h) Implementing a verification process (e.g. Field verification and/or desk verification) for a complaint assessed as substantial by the organization, within two (2) months of their receipt;

i) Determining the corrective action to be taken by suppliers and the means to enforce its implementation by a supplier if the complaint has been assessed and verified as substantial. If a corrective action cannot be determined and/or enforced, the relevant material and/or suppliers shall be excluded by the organization;

j) Verifying whether corrective action has been taken by suppliers and whether it is effective;

k) Excluding the relevant material and suppliers. If no corrective action is taken;

l) Informing the complainant, the certification body, and the relevant FSC National Office of the results of the complaint and any actions taken towards its resolution, and for maintaining copies of relevant correspondence; and

m) Recording and filing all complaints received and action taken.