

## Forest Management Certification Assessment of Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO in Republic of Karelia, Russia 15/12/2015

**Introduction** - Management company Inveslesprom-lesozagotovka LLC has decided to combine the certificates of NC-FM/COC-014091 and NC-FM/COC-014122. The scope of the certificate includes: NC-FM /COC-014091 lease agreement # 86-z dated 25.12.2008 Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO and NC-FM /COC-014122 #87-z lease agreement dated 25.12.2008 Muezerskiy Lespromkhoz PJSC. As part of this audit NEPCon is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification assessment of the **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO** located in Republic of Karelia, Russia. The assessment will be implemented from 30.01.2017 to 10.02.2017.

**Scope of the Certification Assessment** – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO**, using the standard FSC-STD-RUS-V6-1-2012 Russia Natural and Plantations EN. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact NEPCon by telephone, email or website listed below. NEPCon is accredited by FSC and this assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

**Assessment Team Composition** – The assessment team will be led by Evgeniy Vikulov (Ostashkov, Rusia). The team members will be named later.

**Assessment Steps and Schedule** – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ♦ Assessment organization – NEPCon team will assemble in Segezha on 29.01.2017.
- ♦ Field assessments – The team will visit the forest management units from 30.01.2017 to 03.02.2017.
- ♦ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ♦ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO** managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ♦ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO**. This should occur within 30 days after completion of the assessment.
- ♦ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO** forest managers, and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by the March, 12, 2017.

**Your Input Sought** – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment, or prior to 10/02/2017 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision of the March, 12, 2017. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a NEPCon assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Evgeniy Vikulov, NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from NEPCon Russia. If Evgeniy Vikulov is not in the office, please give your comments to Nikolay Tochilov.

3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Nikolai Tochilov. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the **Kostomukshskiy Lespromhoz OOO**.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and NEPCon staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access NEPCon's Dispute Resolution Policy at [www.nepcon.org](http://www.nepcon.org)

#### Contacting NEPCon

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List of forest management units being included into the scope of certification assessment:

The unit / Description	Total area (ha)
Lease agreement № 86-z dated 25.12.2008 GKU RK Kostomukshskoye central forestry, Republic of Karelia.	80612