

THE PLANNING PROCESS

To take into account the concerns of all interest groups and the Aboriginal communities, a Public Advisory Committee has been established to determine the sustainable forest management (SFM) values, goals, indicators and targets for the DFA.

Designing a Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP) is the first step in the planning process shown in the following diagram that integrates all of the SFM elements selected during Public Advisory Committee discussions. The plan directs and controls the three other levels of planning required by the Forest Act.

The General Forest Management Plan (GFMP)

This 25-year strategic plan, based on an updated forest report, proposes a forest management plan aimed at maintaining sustained yield to ensure sustainable development of the resource. This plan informs the general public regarding the management concerns, silviculture strategy, calculation of the allowable cut, conservation stakes and the five-year plan.

The Five-Year Forest Management Plan (FYFMP)

This strategic orientation plan based on assumptions in the GFMP, defines the orientation and intensity of silvicultural activities in a forest management area over a five-year period. This plan shows the general public the road network planning, treatments performed, the scope of the worksites and the volumes harvested.

Annual Forest Management Plan (AFMP)

This operating plan outlines the surface areas in the DFA affected by silvicultural activities for the current year. In this plan, the nature of the treatments performed, the volumes harvested, the road network established, and the conservation and protection measures are outlined for the general public.

Annual Forest Management Report (AFMR)

This annual report allows a comparative statement to be drawn up between silvicultural activities realized according to the GFMP strategy, and those in the FYFMP and the AFMP. The statistics and performance measures are obtained from this report to validate the current picture of the state of the forest resource and the area.

Advisory and Planning Procedure for Various Forest Management Plans

