



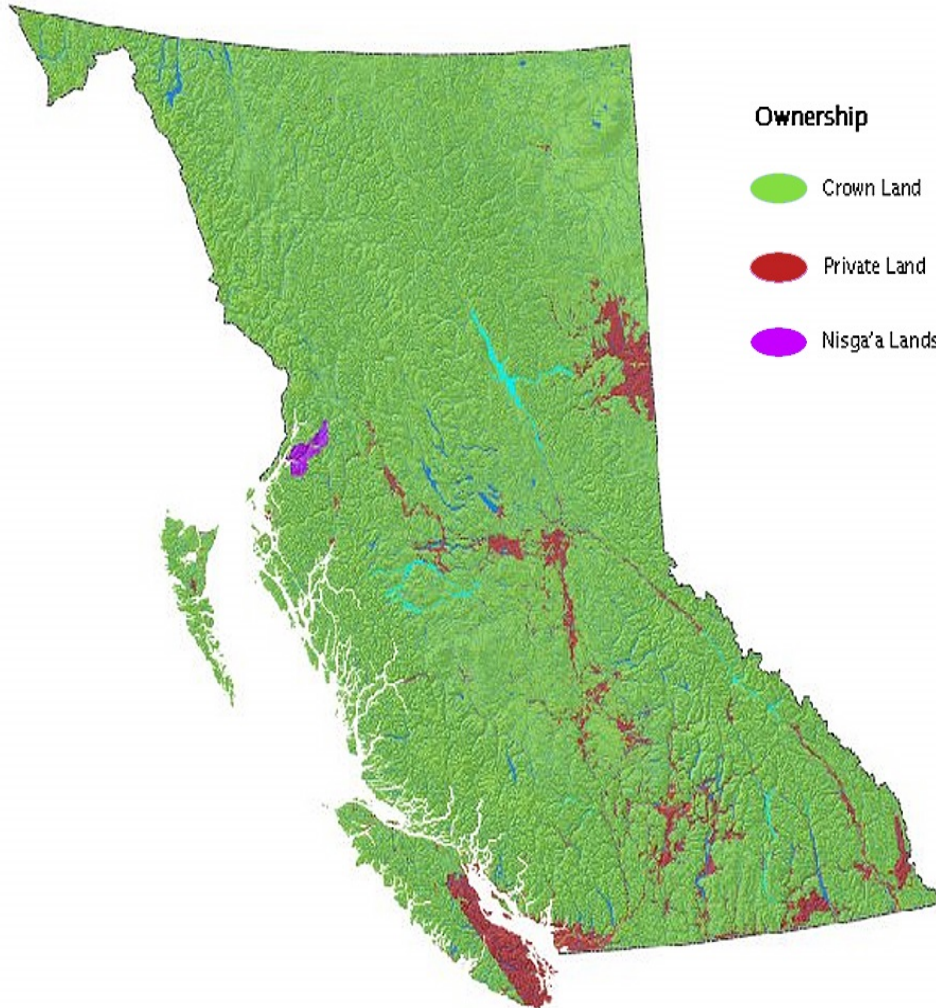
# British Columbia's Approach to Collaborative Forest Management in Allowable Annual Cut Determinations

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## Overview of BC Forests

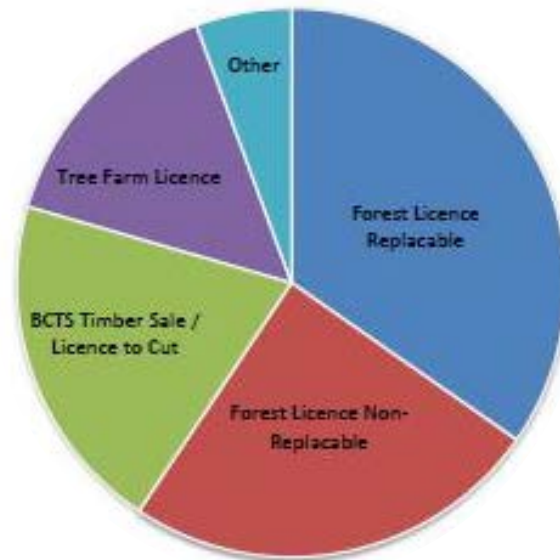
- **95% is Crown (public) land managed by the provincial government**
- **95 million ha total area**
- **55 million ha forested**
- **22 million ha available for harvest**
- **~200,000 ha harvested every year**

# Forest Management in BC

- ***Forest and Range Practices Act*, a professional reliance framework**
  - **Government sets objectives, licensees set the path**
  - **Government and licensees share the obligation for First Nations consultation and public engagement**
  - **Government issues licenses to cut and sets the harvest level**

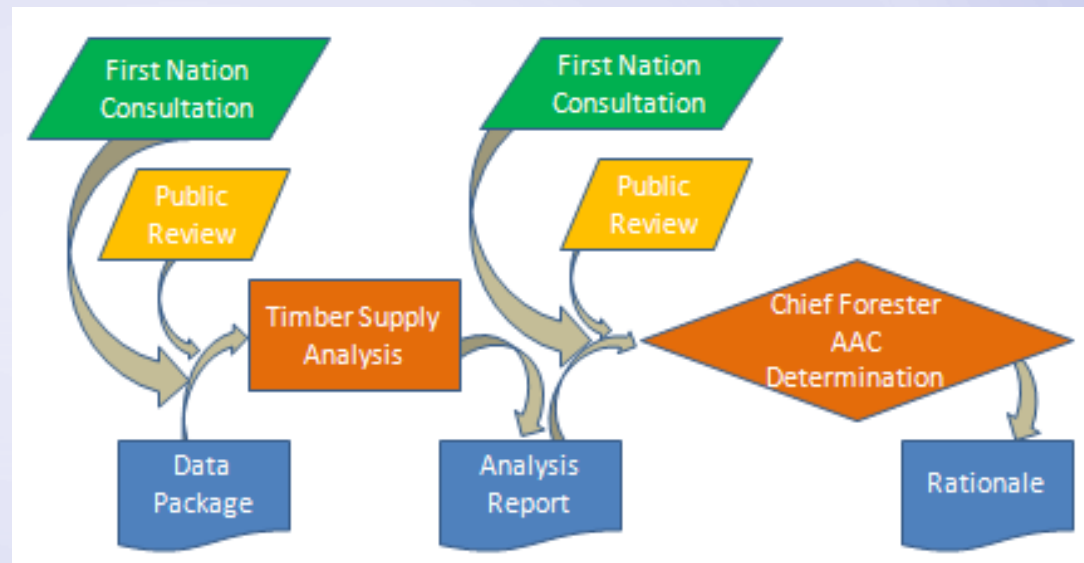
# Timber Allocation in BC

- 13 forms of timber licenses under the *Forest Act*
- Non-replaceable licenses for short-term objectives
- Replaceable licenses (20 to 25 years)
  - Volume-based (38 Timber Supply Areas)
  - Area-based (35 Tree Farm Licenses)



# Allowable Annual Cut Determination

- Chief Forester determines an allowable annual cut at least once every 10 years
- Must consider:
  - sustainable rate of timber production
  - short- and long-term implications of alternative rates of timber harvesting
  - the economic and social objectives of the government
  - abnormal infestations and major salvage programs
  - First Nations consultation
  - land use plans and public input



# Public, Stakeholders and First Nations Consultation

- British Columbia provides many opportunities for engagement
- Government has a legal duty to consult First Nations commensurate with strength of claim
- Chief Forester must consider and, where appropriate, accommodate First Nations interests in determining allowable annual cut



- Interests include:
  - wildlife
  - fish
  - monumental cedar and culturally modified trees
  - medicinal plants
  - sacred sites
  - timber rights and employment
  - access in traditional territory
  - drinking water
  - traditional use (e.g., trapping)



# Collaboration to Meet Future Timber Supply Challenges

- wildlife habitat requirements
- cumulative effects of all land base activities
- climate change
- First Nations treaty negotiations
- losses from forest health and wildfire



# QUESTIONS