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The following sections document ways in which public involvement has been solicited in the TSA over the past few years.

MOF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT

As part of the review of timber supply in the Okanagan TSA, two opportunities were provided for public input. The first followed release of the Okanagan Timber Supply Area Data Package and Information Report in June 1999. The Information Report was a non-technical summary of the draft data and management assumptions that were to be applied in reviewing the timber supply for the Okanagan TSA. A 30-day review period ending July 5, 1999, was provided for the public to comment on these documents.

On July 13, 2000, the BC Forest Service released the 2000 Okanagan Timber Supply Area Analysis Report and Public Discussion Paper. The public was encouraged to review and comment on the accuracy of the information in these documents and to provide additional information during the 60-day review period that ended Sept 11, 2000.

This information was provided to the Chief Forester for his consideration when he reviewed the AAC for the Okanagan TSA.¹

OSLRMP EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT

As part of the development of the OSLRMP numerous opportunities were provided for public input. These included:

- Mailings to distribute updates and request public comments
- Posting of information on the LRMP website with requests for public input
- LRMP Planning table meetings, which were open to the public
- Open houses in 8 Okanagan communities. Questionnaires were provided at the open house to solicit input

The OIFS has met with the OSLRMP Implementing Monitoring Committee annually in 2001 and 2002 to provide an update and status report on the Okanagan IFPA. The OIFS will make a presentation on the AAC uplift and request input from the OSLRMP Committee during the public review and comment period.

OIFS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT ON THE FORESTRY PLAN

As part of the review for the Forestry Plan the OIFS undertook an extensive public consultation which included:

- Posting the Forestry Plan on the OIFS website
- Advertising in local Okanagan community newspapers
- Mailing notifications of open houses to an extensive contact list
- Open Houses in 4 Okanagan communities (Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, and Salmon Arm)

¹ Ministry of Forests. July 2001. Okanagan Timber Supply Area Timber Supply Review, Summary of Public Input.

OIFS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT ON AAC APPLICATION

As part of the review of this document the OIFS undertook an extensive public consultation process, which included:

- Posting the AAC application document on the OIFS website
- Advertising in local newspapers
- Open houses in 4 Okanagan communities (Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm)

The input received during the public consultation and the OIFS responses are as follows.