

**Appendix VII – Public Review Comments and Consideration**

The public comments and IFPA response and rationale are outlined below by

- 1) Provincial Government,
- 2) First Nations, and
- 3) General Public.

**Provincial Government**

*Table 8. Ministry of Forests and Range December, 2006 Forestry Plan Review Comments and IFPA Response.*

Comment	IFPA Response and Rationale.

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Comment	IFPA Response and Rationale.

*Table 9. Ministry of Environment September, 2006 Forestry Plan Review Comments and IFPA Response.*

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## **First Nations**

As a result of the determination of the IFPA AAC uplift award of 332,200 m<sup>3</sup>/yr, the Regional Executive Director included a recommendation to award 50% or 166,100 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of the uplift to be awarded the IFPA holders and 50% or 166,100 m<sup>3</sup>/yr to be made available to First Nations. The Minister of Forests has since allocated the IFPA award accordingly. Since the date of the allocation on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Okanagan Innovative Forestry Society IFPA has not received any correspondence from First Nations on the uplift.

First Nations are included in the communications strategy of the Okanagan IFPA. All First Nations Bands and Tribal Councils have been contacted in 2006 for input into the Forestry Plan #2. There has been limited interest expressed by the Bands in the activities of the IFPA in 2006.

In July 2006, all First Nations Bands and Tribal Councils were advised by mail that Silviculture surveys and ground treatments were being planned and tendered in the summer of 2006. At an implementation level, the Okanagan Indian Band entered into contract to conduct brushing treatments and conduct silviculture surveys on impeded stands.

**General Public**

The following discussion of public review comments (Table 10), includes the OIFS response and associated rationale. In addition, a letter submitted to the IFPA on the Forestry Plan has been included, along with the associated response.

*Table 10a. Public Comments and IFPA Response from the Forestry Plan Public Review*

<b><i>Individuals</i></b>	<b><i>Affiliation</i></b>	<b><i>Comments</i></b>	<b><i>IFPA Response and Rationale</i></b>