

Fibre Procurement Policy

Species at Risk and Forest Conversion Issues

Bois Poulin Inc. is committed in offering quality products made with wood from non-controversial sources. To accomplish this commitment, it recently adopted new mitigation measures to minimize risks of impacts caused by forest operations on species at risks and forest conversion as defined by the National Risk Assessment of FSC Canada.

Species at Risk (SAR)

Bois Poulin Inc. supply regions include ecoregions NA0407 and NA0410 where the critical habitats of the following SAR are found: Blanding's turtle, wood turtle, Northern Dusky salamander, Van Brunt's Jacob's Ladder and American Ginseng.

To mitigate risks for these species on private woodlots, Bois Poulin Inc. raises the awareness of their suppliers, woodlot owners and forest workers on how to identify the species in the field and on the measures to be adopted while planning and executing harvest operations. Bois Poulin Inc. will continually update its suppliers with new information such as documentation produced by the Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec (FPBQ) when it will become available all along their supply chain down to forest owners and forest workers in the province of Quebec and New Brunswick.

Conversion

The NRA concluded specified risks of forest conversion in the Mixed wood Plains ecozone portion found in the province of Québec. In conformance with their fiber sourcing policy, Bois Poulin Inc. is dedicated in avoiding wood sourced from forest conversion in the municipalities included in the area of concern. These include Regional County Municipality (RCM) de l'Érable, Appalaches, Lotbinière, Val-Saint-François and des Sources.

For Bois Poulin Inc., it is essential to implement and monitor compliance with laws and by-laws protecting and restoring forest cover in these RCM:

- CPTAQ - Limiting deforestation in maple stands located in green zones
- The Agricultural Operations Regulations
- Article 233.1 of the Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development defining fines imposed in case of illegal logging

Bois Poulin Inc. encourages RCM and municipalities to support and implement measures protecting and restoring forest cover. The following initiatives are great examples to reduce or even stop the rate of deforestation in the RCM:

- Forest cover monitoring done by municipalities
- Nature Conservancy of Canada Natural Areas Conservation Program (<http://www.natureconservancy.ca/fr/nos-actions/parteneriat-du-gouvernement-du-canada/programme-de-conservation/>)
- Forest corridors of the Regional Environmental Councils and Nature-Action Québec (<http://nature-action.qc.ca/site/corridor-forestier>)

By publicly announcing this commitment, Bois Poulin Inc. wishes to raise the awareness of their clients, suppliers, forest workers and managers to the loss of forest cover and the importance of protecting species at risk.

Contact us for more information.

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