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Report Released for China Creek and Honna River Watersheds

Victoria, B.C. – The Private Managed Forest Land Council has released a report into forest management activities in both the China Creek and Honna River watersheds. Approximately 84% of the private managed forest land in the China River watershed and 14% in the Honna River watershed is owned and managed by Island Timberlands. The focus of the study was on forest practices on private managed forest land and their relationship to the maintenance of water quality. Council initiated the study in the spring of 2013 in response to forest management concerns it received from the Forest Practices Board (the Board).

“The report found that legacy forest management issues and the actions of other resource industries have the potential to impact water quality in these watersheds to a greater extent than current forest management activities of the private forest landowner” said Rod Davis, Chair of the Council.

“Although the study identified minor isolated instances of sediment generation which could cumulatively impact water quality, the owner was performing well above the average for the coast in areas of terrain stability, blowdown management and hydrological assessments, all critical components to the maintenance of water quality”.

A copy of the report for the China Creek and Honna River watersheds may be found on the Private Managed Forest Land Council website at: <http://www.pmflc.ca>

The Private Managed Forest Land Council is an independent provincial agency established under the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* to administer the Managed Forest Program. The Council regulates key public environmental values on private managed forest land in British Columbia.

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