



# ***Fairy Creek – The Facts and the Fairy Tales***

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# Summary

- **BC's Forests and Conservation**
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# Pre European Contact <1770

- First Settlement 14,500 years ago
- Forests re-dominate landscapes after glaciation – 9000 years ago
- 1770's –30 indigenous languages/groups
- Forests/trees key to culture- (food, housing, fuel, art, warfare, transport, trading)
- Extensive logging began in late 1800's



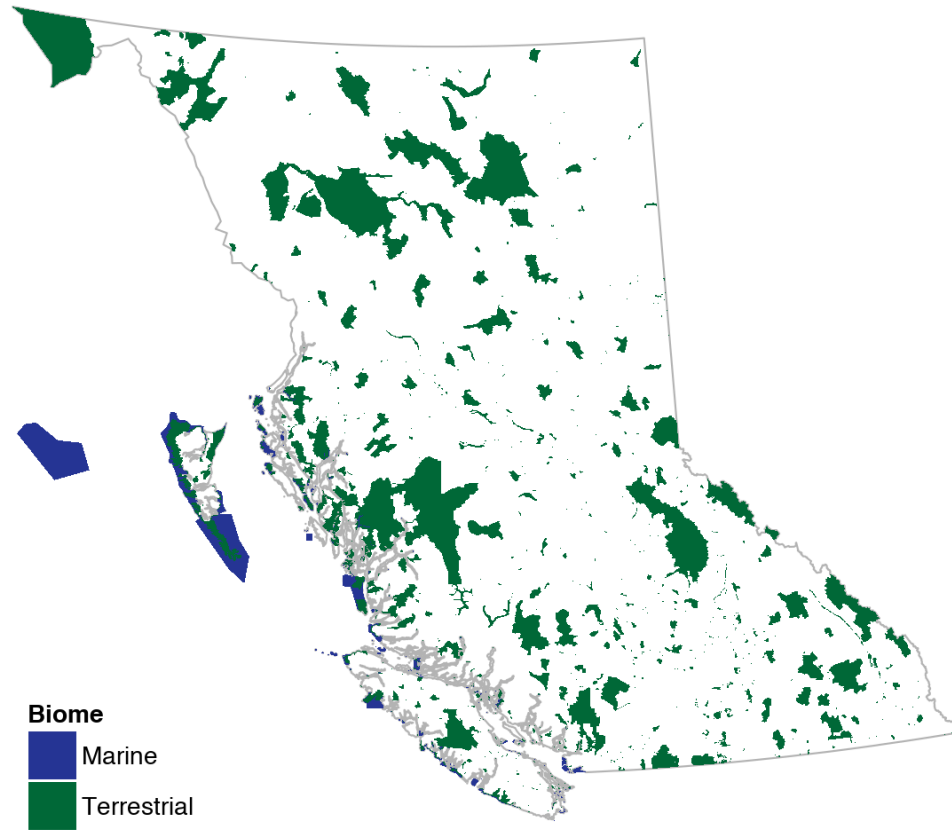
# BC Conservation History

- Indigenous cultural sites historically
- Establishment of parks and protected area over past 110 years
- Major changes in 1990's —doubling of parks
- Old Growth Management Areas
- Big tree protection
- Wildlife Habitat Areas
- World class land and old forest protection
- More to come





# BC's Parks/Protected Areas



**19.5 %  
Lands**

**3.2%  
Marine**

- *Best in Canada*
- *Global champions*



# BC's Lands

The total area of British Columbia





# Old Growth

**Coast > 250 years**

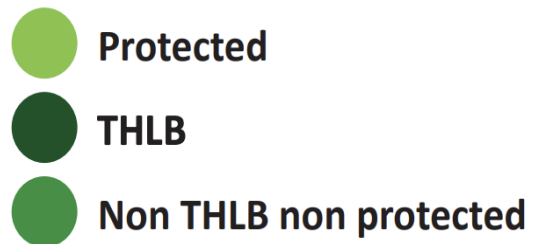


**Interior > 140 years**



# BC's Old Trees

Distribution of 13.2 million  
hectares of forest with old trees





# Old Growth Harvest

**FORESTED LAND BASE**  
57,200,000 HA

**AMOUNT OF OLD  
GROWTH HARVESTED  
ANNUALLY**  
50,000 HA

FOR EVERY  HARVESTED,  
 ARE PLANTED

**SUSTAINABLE OLD GROWTH HARVEST**



**SUPPORTS**  
**38,000**  
**JOB**

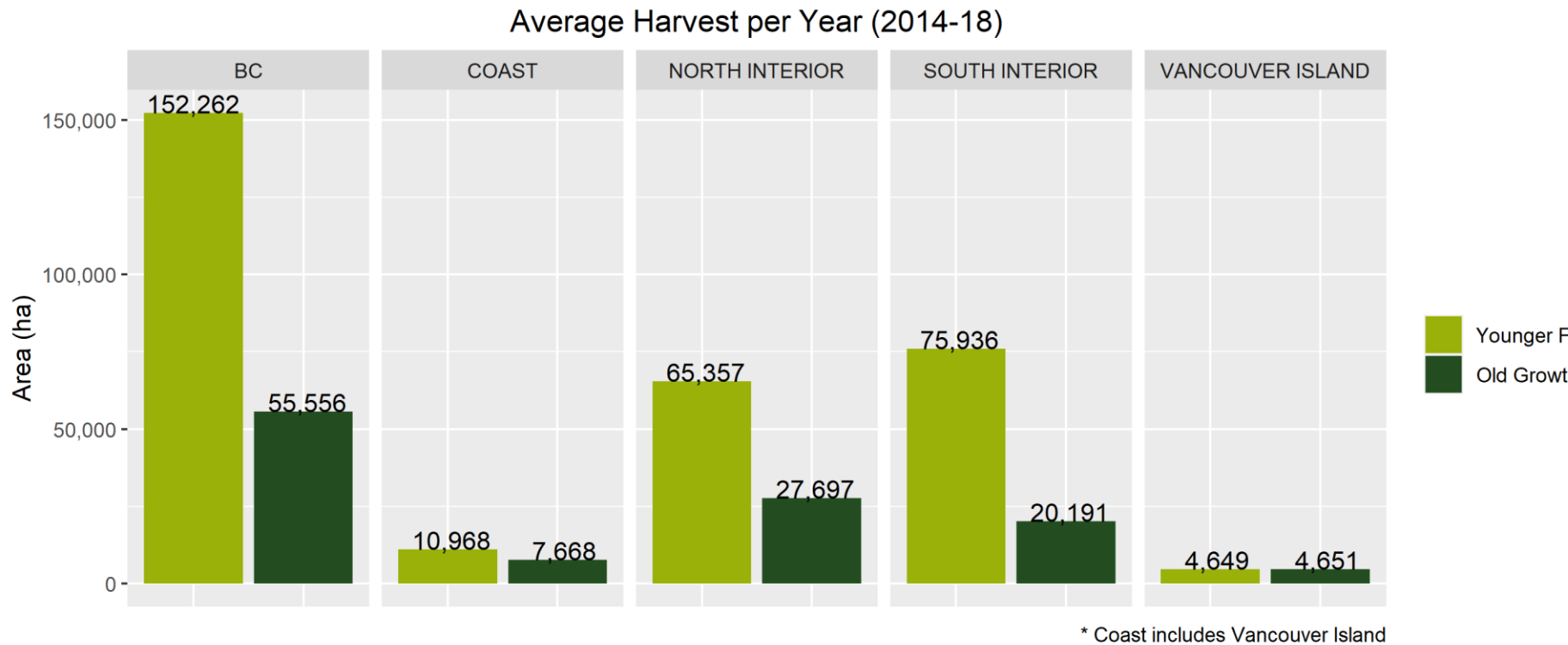


**CONTRIBUTES**  
**\$3.5 BILLION**  
**TO B.C. GDP**

**SOURCES:**  
B.C. Government data 2014-2018  
PwC 2019 (Direct and indirect jobs)



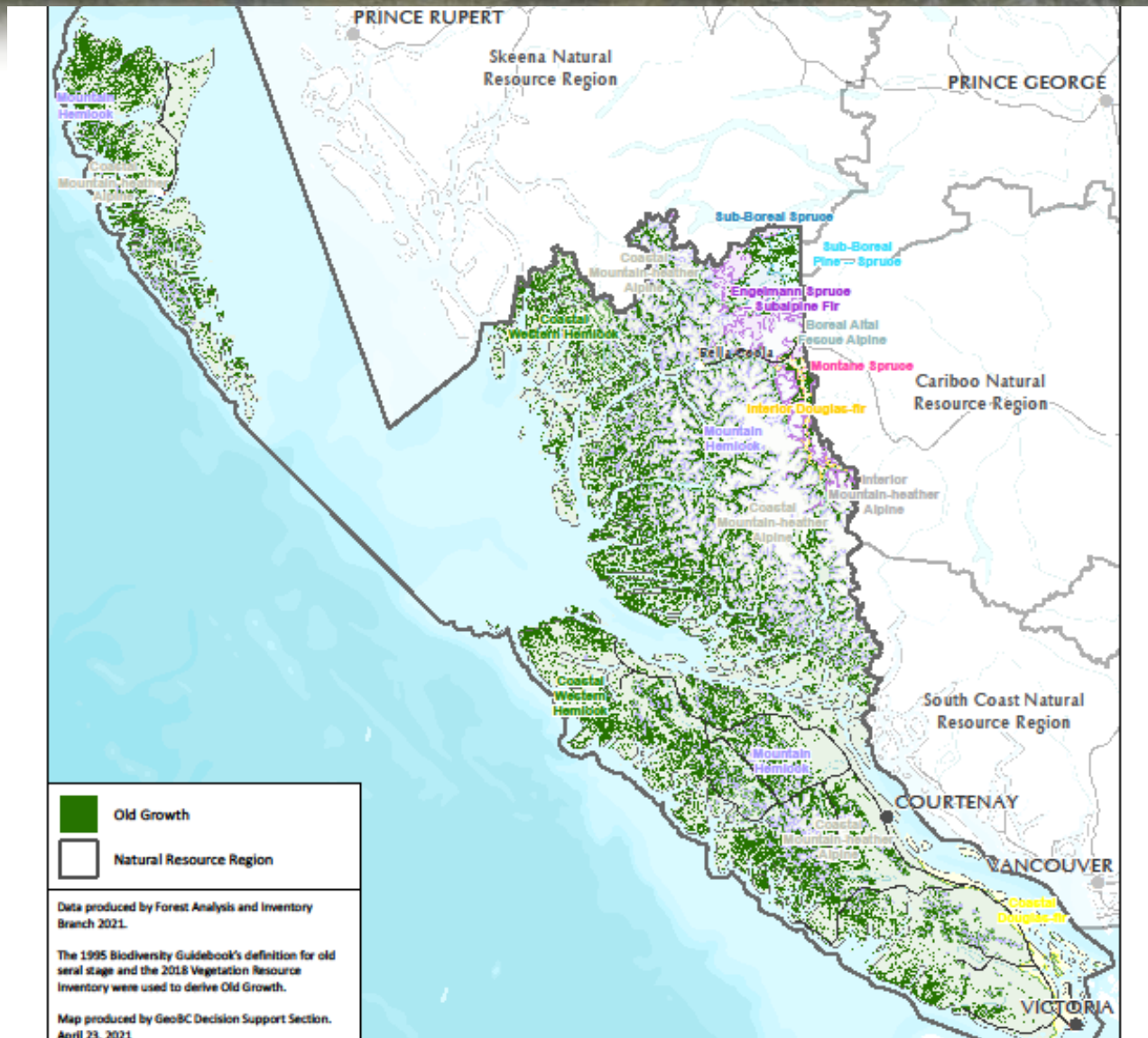
# Old Growth Harvest



**>95% of BC's forestry is  
certified sustainable**



# Coastal/Island Old Growth





# Old Growth Protection

- Parks and Protected Areas
- OGMA – old growth management areas - >46,000 specific areas
- Wildlife Habitat Areas-thousands
- Big Tree harvest ban
- 50% old growth on coast is protected
- More work is underway



# Forestry Impacts-Numbers

- 100,000 well paid BC jobs in 140 towns
- 5300 First Nations workers including Pacheedaht
- 120 bands/FN companies with timber
- \$8 billion in wages and benefits
- \$4 billion to governments \$13 billion exports
- 1 in 25 jobs, 1 in 5 manufacturing
- 200,000 hectares annual harvest
- Harvest 68 million m<sup>3</sup> (1.7 million truckloads)





# Pacheedaht First Nation

## ❑ ***Children of the sea foam***

- ❑ 300 current members *100 live on reserve*
- ❑ 120 ha reserves
- ❑ Original historic village at mouth of Jordan River, now Port Renfrew
- ❑ Kinship with Dididaht and Makaw (US) tribes
- ❑ Nuu-chah-nulth linguistic group
- ❑ Economic Dev-forestry-tourism-sawmill
- ❑ Elected and hereditary leadership-  
Chief Jeff Jones and Frank Questo Jones





# Pacheedaht Territory





# Renfrew History

- Large number of aboriginal villages with extensive indigenous forest use
- Logging and clearing in 1900 for farming
- Tacoma based Malahat Logging Co on south side of valley in 1910's
- Hemmingsen and Cameron started railroad logging on north side in 1925 but burned out in 1939
- BC Forest Products buys both operations in 1946



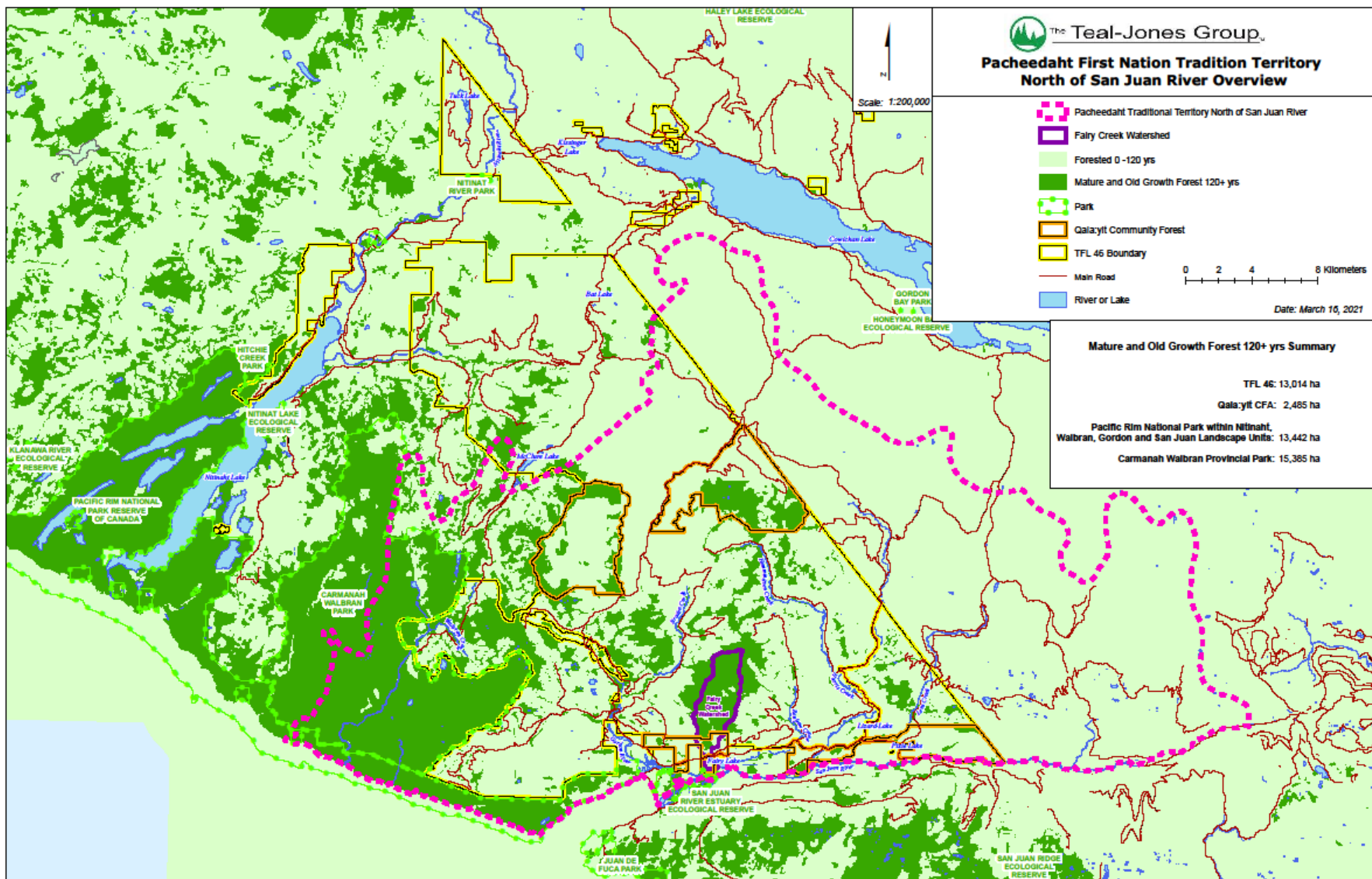
# Renfrew History

- TFL 22 granted to BCFP in 1955
- 1969 area deletion from TFL for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
- TFL 46 created in 1982 from 2 TFLs
- Carmanah Walbran Park area deletions from TFL in 1990's- *16,000 hectare park has some of Canada's oldest and largest trees*
- Teal Jones purchased TFL in 2000's





# TFL 46





The **Teal-Jones Group**™

A Family Of Fine Forest Products

- Private Jones family owned business based in Surrey - 3 Sawmills on Fraser River.
- Two are dependent on Old Growth timber
- Teal owns timber rights for 50% of its sawmill needs –buys rest from log market
- Teal Jones does not export logs from BC
- Their forestry operations voluntarily meet Canada's leading national standard for sustainable forest management

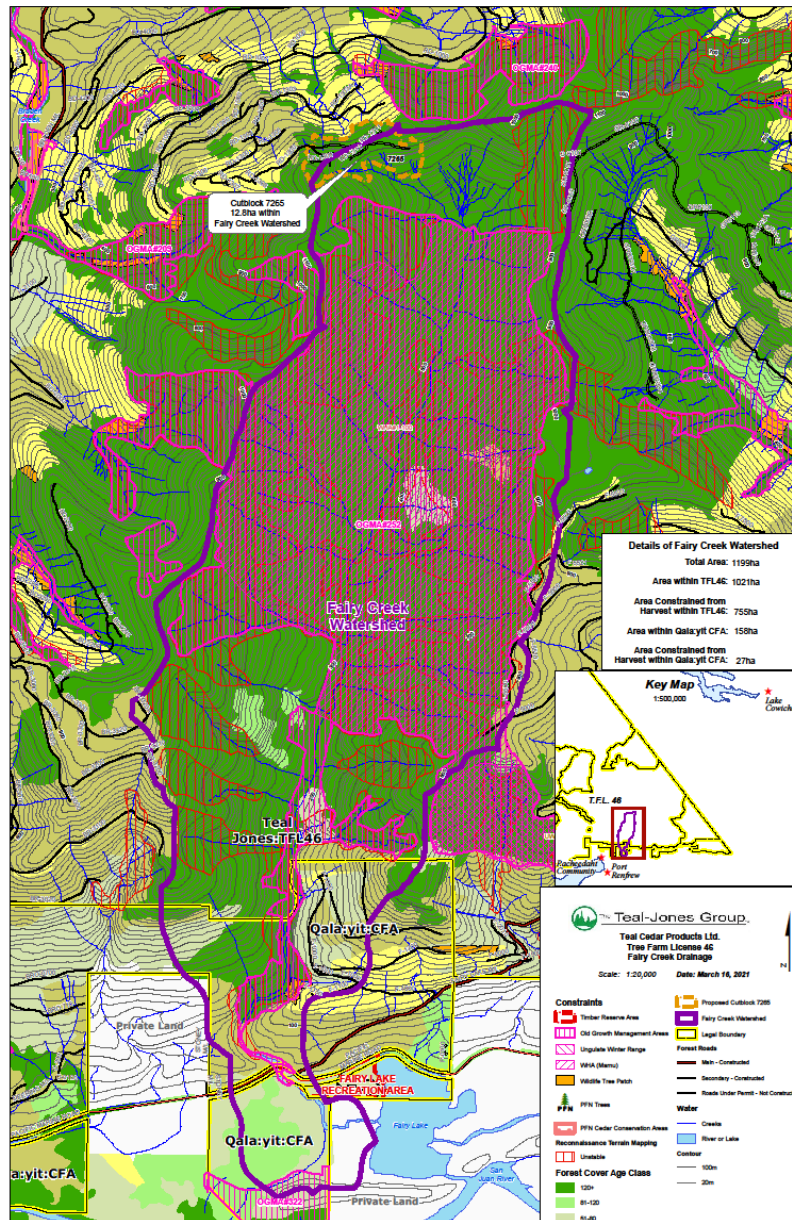


Supporting CSA Z809 - Canada's SFM Standard





# Fairy Creek > 80% Protected



- 1200 hectare valley
- Teal Jones and Pacheedaht licenses
- Not pristine
- 13 ha proposed for logging
- About 800 ha off limits for wildlife and OGMA reserves
- **Now no logging for 2 years at Pacheedaht request**





# Fairy Creek Protest Leadership



- 17 year old American **Joshua Wright**
- Self described “primitivist”- *belief in the superiority of nonindustrial society to that of the present*
- Very sophisticated organization backed up by millions \$ of fundraising, fake media, on line and legal specialists, many volunteers and celebrities as fodder for daily arrests.
- Remarkable success in generating and sustaining media coverage and support
- Unwilling to stand down after achieving initial demands and results, generally violent and goofy



# First Nations Conflict

- Promoting division and conflict in Pacheedaht community
- Colonial and racist actions against Pacheedaht who support logging
- Using token Pacheedaht support as OK to stay protesting
- Ignoring repeated Pacheedaht leadership requests to leave their territory
- Disrespecting principles of UNDRIP





# Fairy Creek Lawlessness

- Defying legal injunction-daily
- Equipment and safety sabotage
- Extensive littering and dumping
- Violence against RCMP
- Denying public access
- Illegal tree cutting
- Defacing road signs
- Nudity and vandalism
- Drug usage and overdose deaths
- Interfering in other legal forestry work



# Primary Protest Tactics

- Denigrate Pacheedaht supporting logging
- Daily impede loggers going to work
- Jeopardize protesters through crazy stuff
- Harass RCMP enforcing injunction
- Garner daily media support
- Demonize logging, loggers, forest professionals and Courts
- Attack Teal Jones in their markets
- Sting taxpayers to the maximum





# Fake Victimhood

- Removal and impoundment of their vehicles
- Police brutality claims
- False campaign poverty
- Flood of Fake complaints to RCMP watchdog
- Claims of indigenous support
- Claims of being treated as terrorists
- Claims of Loggers threats
- Claims of valuable losses

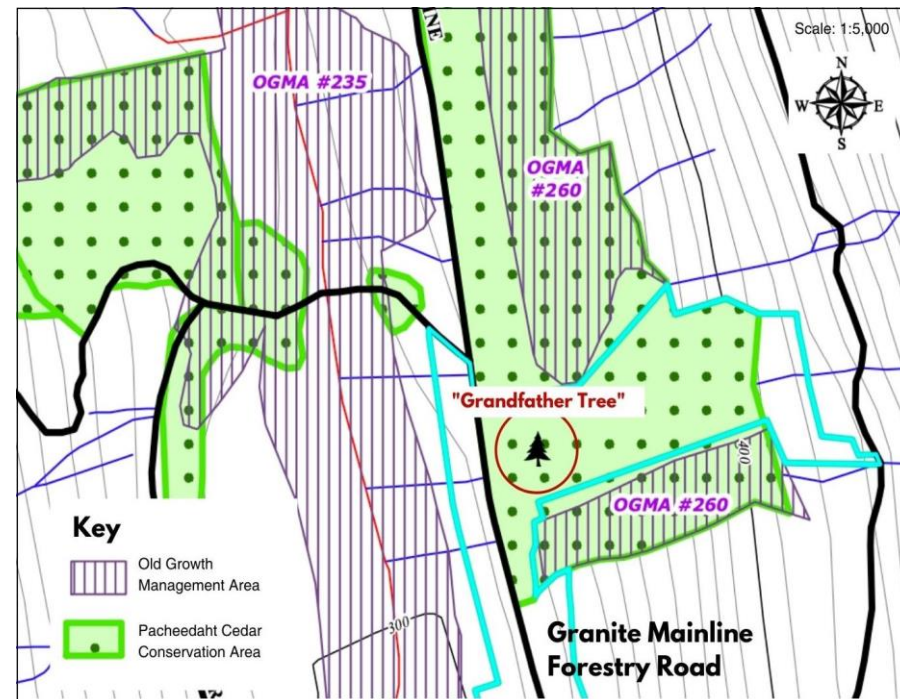


# Fairy Tales and Whoppers

***“Grandfather tree probably will be gone before end of week.”***

***Facebook Sept 2021***

Grandfather Tree is on the chopping block.



**Grandfather Tree is in *Pacheedaht Cedar Conservation Area* and will never be harvested**





# Fairy Tales and Whoppers

*“People are being arrested for attempting to stop preparations for logging in Fairy Creek- the **last intact ancient forest valley on southern Vancouver Island.**” Sonya Furstenau, BC Green Leader*

## Intact Watersheds near Fairy Creek

Top 10 intact watersheds on southern Vancouver Island (that aren't Fairy Creek)



Cullite Creek – 1,618 hectares  
Logan Creek – 1,505 hectares  
Adrenaline Creek – 609 hectares  
Kulaht Creek – 1,503 hectares  
August Creek – 1,098 hectares  
Carmanah Creek – 5,626 hectares  
4% logged  
Tsuquadra 1,009 hectares  
Tsusiat – 3,312 hectares

**Fairy Creek is 1200 hectares**



# Fairy Tales and Whoppers

**“Overall, everything has been beautifully managed,”  
according to protest spokesperson Carole Toothill**



Chief Superintendent John Brewer, RCMP Commander called the protesters' tactics "appalling- for people who claim to be stewards of the land, the protesters have created severe environmental damage to the grounds which will take great efforts to clean up."





# Fairy Tales and Whoppers



Statement to Nanaimo Court last month about Fairy Creek protesters from their Lawyer Elizabeth Strain:

***“these are regular people who have come down to protest. They include youth, teachers, retired scientists, doctors, lawyers and students with fears about climate change who want to protect the trees. They are being treated like terrorists”.***

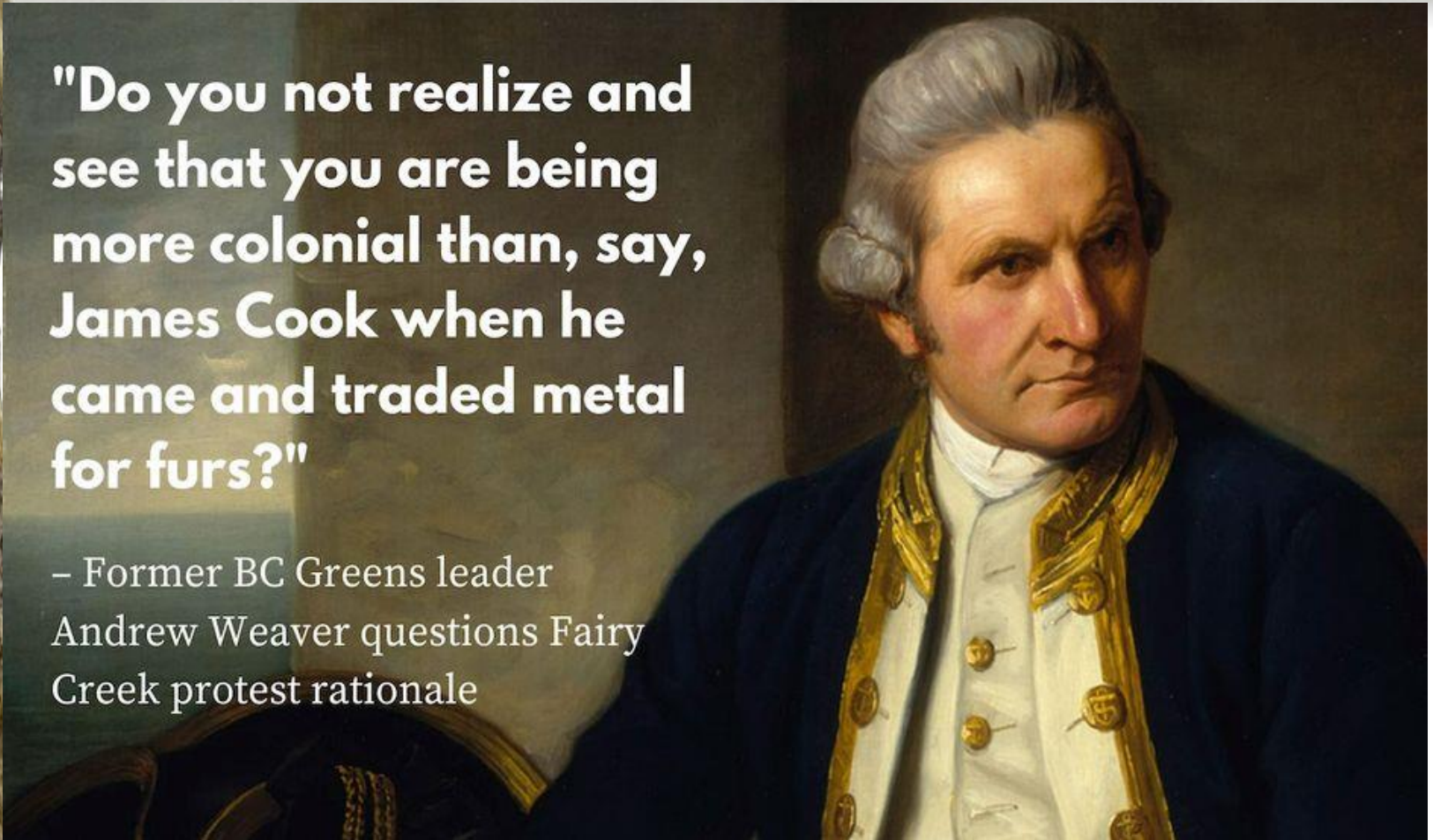




# Reality Check

**"Do you not realize and see that you are being more colonial than, say, James Cook when he came and traded metal for furs?"**

– Former BC Greens leader  
Andrew Weaver questions Fairy  
Creek protest rationale





# Summary

- Fairy Creek watershed is not and never was at risk
- The Old Growth report called for BC to consult with First Nations first, not issue a broad moratorium on logging old growth
- BC Old Growth is neither scarce or threatened
- Since 1990's forest management has advanced considerably with more Old Growth forest protected in OGMAs and reserves
- Future management of Old Growth will be determined by local FNs not activists
- BC has most sophisticated regulation to identify, monitor and manage for rare or endangered species and ecosystems



**Thanks for your attention!**  
**QUESTIONS?**

