

2006 Annual Report for the Province of British Columbia



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Overview

- Status – Continuing, Increasing
- Hot issues – Erosion, Reclamation
- New developments – Government Funded Research. Also Ministry of Forests established Hardwood Genetics Working Group a major step forward. New regulations for crown land

Policy and Legislation

- New vegetative deployment regulations
- Only varieties approved by Ministry of Forests are permitted in clonal blocks of 10 ha.

Statistics

- guesstimates of hybrid poplar plantations –
2000 ha SRIC 10000+ha of Extensive

Technical Information

- Selection and breeding Scott Paper Phase 2 trial of the PMGC and MB breeding in third growing season. BC Ministry of Forests *P. trichocarpa* trial in first and second growing season.
- Extensive work done on solid wood properties of several clones at UBC results are pending. Varieties include TD 50-184, DTAC 7, TD 52-226, NM 6 and NE 41
- TD 52-226 is the new standard in coastal areas
- Scott Paper having excellent results with fertilizing extensive plantations older than 2 years.

Industry

- Industry - Scott Paper, Catalyst Paper
- Consulting – Silviconsult, Sylvis

Events

- Several small scale agro-forestry demonstrations
- An informal working group of Pacific North West poplar management company and consultants had its first meeting.

Reports and Publications

- Sylvis has done major work in the area of reclamation using poplars.

Key People

- Mike Van Ham, Sylvis
- Case Van Oosten, Silviconsult
- Chang-Yi Xie, Ministry of Forests