



Public Briefing Paper for FSC forest management certification assessment of Muyezerskiy lespromhoz in Karelia Republic, Russia

Introduction – The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance is conducting FSC forest management and chain of custody certification assessment of Muyezerskiy lespromhoz located in Karelia Republic, Russia. This assessment will be carried out by NEPCon - a regional partner and the official representative of the SmartWood Program in Europe and Russia. The forest management certification assessment is scheduled to be carried out in February 28-March 5, 2011.

Scope of the assessment – The forest management certification assessment covers environmental, economic and social aspects of the forest management in the forest area supervised by group manager Muyezerskiy lespromhoz, specified in table at the end of the announcement. The assessment will cover a total area of 418 969 ha.

The assessment will be based upon the Russian National Forest Stewardship Council Standard. <FSC-STD-RUS-01 2008-11 Russian national standard ENG>, version 6.0. To get a copy of the standards, please download it from www.fsc.ru or contact NEPCon on the address given at the end of the announcement. The SmartWood Program is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the assessment process will be conducted in accordance with the FSC requirements and SmartWood certification procedures.

Assessment Team Composition - The assessment team will be led by Nikolai Tochilov (NEPCon/SmartWood lead auditor). Other the team member will be announced soon.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Assessment organization – The NEPCon/SmartWood team will assemble in Muyezerskiy on February 28, 2011.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Muyezerskiy lespromhoz from February 28, 2011 to March 5, 2011
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Muyezerskiy lespromhoz forest management in villages surrounding the forest area as well as in Petrozavodsk, a capital of Karelia Republic. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Public stakeholder meetings – A public stakeholder meeting will be held in Muyezerskiy a centrally located public meeting place for this assessment. Date, time, and location will be announced soon.

- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Muyezerkiy lespromhoz managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Muyezerkiy lespromhoz.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Muyezerkiy lespromhoz forest managers and other general stakeholder comments SmartWood will reach a certification decision.

Your input – As a part of forest management certification assessment we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Muyezerkiy lespromhoz forest management in relation to the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process. We would, however, appreciate receiving your comments as soon as possible so we can consider these during the assessment. You can submit your comments in one of the following ways:

1. Call and tell your comments to Nikolai Tochilov.
2. Send written comments by mail, fax or email to Nikolai Tochilov. Unless you specifically indicate so, your comments will remain confidential and shall only be used to evaluate forest management by the Muyezerkiy lespromhoz.
3. Meet NEPCon/SmartWood auditor team during the assessment.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and NEPCon/SmartWood staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access SmartWood's dispute resolution procedures at www.rainforest-alliance.org.

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	Concession agreement	Forest district	Forest compartments	Area, ha
Kostomukshskoye Central Forestry	№72-3 valid till 31.12.2028	Konets-Ostrovskoe	1-79,81-83,86-93,95-98	
		Konetsostrovskoe (Muyezerskoye)	1-14,16,20-28,31-40,45-73, 75-78.80-113	
		Konetsostrovskoe (Chirko-Kemskoye)	4-15,17-41,44-56,58-102	
		Rebolskoye	1-6,9-15,17-36.38-40,43-46, 55,62-64,66-68	
		Rebolskoye (Emelyanovskoye)	1-8,11-18.22-29,34-44,46-75	
	Subtotal for FMU			372364
	№73-3 valid till 31.12.2029	Konets-Ostrovskoe	80, 84, 85, 94	
		Konetsostrovskoe (Muyezerskoye)	15, 17-19, 29, 30, 41, 42	
		Konetsostrovskoe (Chirko-Kemskoye)	3-5	
		Rebolskoye	7, 8, 16, 41, 42, 48-50, 56, 59, 60, 65	
Rebolskoye (Emelyanovskoye)		9, 10, 19-21, 30-33		
Rugozerskoye		27-29, 35-37, 44-46		
Subtotal for FMU			46605	