

CSC Summer Workshop 2015 - Survey Results – Take Home Messages

Canvassed: 93

Replies: 47

#6 What overall take home message did you get from the workshop?

Replies (listed as received)

- Never give up.
- I was impressed with the passion that so many attendees expressed for good forest management in BC. Even more impressive was the fact that these feelings were expressed by people ranging from forest industry licensees to forestry consultants, and educational institutions to government.
- Research is providing answers to costly establishment problems and more research is needed.
- Salal dominated sites require regen strategies including site prep and fertilization.
- With the same information, we see things differently, and see different things.
- The forests are in good hands
- Science based information is critical to making informed decisions.
- Salal=bad (requires intensive intervention, perhaps not covered by normal allowances) off-site Fd=bad, fertilizing it is worse. Know your sites!
- Extension of silviculture, research and forest management information in field meetings is critical.
- Research data are crucial to good decision making.
- Climate is changing, so must our practices.
- Be passionate. Advocate for change. Think outside the box. Keep up to date with research.
- There is lots of good science and silviculture experience but little investment incentive, particularly on volume-based tenures. There is a big challenge to maintain local knowledge and expertise.
- A great opportunity to see ground experiments and examples to test different management regimes.
- Great unrealized silviculture opportunity.
- Full meal deal Cw (prep, plant gain%+, cage, fert) pays off, and drones will play a big role in the future of surveys.
- Plant alder at high densities and on mineral soil. To reduce Salal on Cedar Salal sites over the long term, management practices require early crown closure and fertilizer.
- Try different things - Get more "tools" in the "toolbox".
- Many opportunities exist to improve our silviculture practices.
- Large investments \$\$ can increase MAI considerably but is not practical.
- Wood lots are trying very innovative ideas. They are some of the best stewards with respect to forestry.
- Drones can change the way we do silviculture. Treatment / fertilization in hemlock stands is not worthwhile.
- Good info on Salal mgm't and interesting ideas to challenge the norm regarding cedar/alder on poor sites.
- Salal is a nightmare- get in early, fertilize where needed, plant sufficiently high densities.
- We definitely need long term research to help with the day to day reforestation and tree growth decisions!
- Growing cedar isn't so straight forward and there are lots of factors but lots of research is being done to help with the decision making process.
- Lots of options for tough sites - silviculture choices can make a difference.
- You need to fertilize on CH sites!!!
- Do not stop trying different ideas, methods, etc.
- Sometimes less intensive silviculture is the best approach; however site prep and aerial fert can help bring volume forward.
- Research (academia and from the industry) and industry have to work together to provide knowledge to produce better forestry methodology.
- The importance of innovation and adaptability; thinking of the future.
- Got me thinking about how to grow Cw in the best way possible. I enjoyed seeing the bad, the ugly and the good! - regarding Cedar management. You need to see that broad range to appreciate and consider your management options.
- Long term research is essential for forest management.
- Need more money for research in the province and we've come a long way!
- Really enjoyed the wood lot presentation!
- Fert is good, licensees should invest their own money into the land base not wait for the government to find the money because each day that passes is a lost opportunity to improve our land base.
- Trials and research are very valuable tools. They should be referenced when needed and supported by the industry.
- Innovation, research, and professional collaboration in review of past practices
- Plant at high densities in Salal areas!
- Don't plant Fdc out of its ecological niche and leave Hw alone.
- It is hard to regenerate cedar on those sites, unless you throw a lot of effort, time and \$ at it.