

CANADIAN BOREAL FOREST AGREEMENT – QUEBEC

The Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) and nine leading environmental organizations have signed an unprecedented agreement — the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement.

When fully implemented, the Agreement will settle long-standing conflicts over forest practices and result in large-scale conservation of Canada’s Boreal Forest, world-leading sustainable forest management, and a competitive market edge for participating companies. This historic agreement has significant implications for the Province of Quebec, which is home more than 200,000 forestry-related jobs and contains over 106 million hectares of the country’s Boreal Forest.

The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement in Quebec’s Boreal Forest:

In total, Quebec is home to 106,971,031.02 hectares of Boreal Forest.

- 16,252,491.16 hectares of the FPAC member tenure lands in Quebec fall under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement applies to 8,896,352.36 hectares of caribou range within the FPAC member tenure lands in Quebec
- Quebec has 29,719,892.92 hectares of commercial forest within its Boreal zone
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement commits to no harvesting or road-building in 8,474,603.56 hectares of caribou range in Quebec

The following FPAC member companies have put aside tenure lands in Quebec under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement:

- AbitibiBowater Inc.
- Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd.
- Kruger Inc.
- Tembec

Economic Landscape of Quebec’s Forest Industry:

Employment:

- 79,700 direct jobs
- 122,500 indirect jobs

Forest products establishments:

- Wood products facilities: 1,519
- Pulp and paper facilities: 297

Gross domestic product (GDP):

- \$6.2 billion (2.5% of the provincial total)

Exports:

- Total forest products exports: \$7.4 billion (12.7% of provincial total)
- Forest products positive trade balance: \$5.5 billion

Revenues from manufactured goods (2008):

- Logging activities: \$2.093 billion
- Wood products: \$6.593 billion
- Pulp and paper: \$9.761 billion
- Total: \$18.446 billion

**All data for 2009 unless stated otherwise*