



Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership (Westcoast), an Enbridge affiliate, is proposing the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), an expansion of the southern portion of its natural gas pipeline system, to meet the demand for natural gas — an affordable and reliable energy source used to heat homes and businesses, generate electricity and produce hundreds of products we use every day.

In keeping with our commitment to protect forests and old growth trees, and taking into account the Canada Energy Regulator’s (CER) Draft Condition 7, Westcoast has developed a Forest Management Plan (FMP) and an Old Growth Mitigation Plan (OGMP). These plans will help to protect old growth trees, preserving biodiversity and maintaining healthy forests during Project activities such as construction.

This information sheet summarizes the draft FMP and OGMP to support further engagement with Indigenous groups and local communities. The feedback received from this engagement will be used to help finalize the plans.

The draft FMP and OGMP were developed using feedback received from interested parties, findings from environmental field studies, guidance from federal and provincial authorities, and industry best practices.

Forest Management Plan

Westcoast has developed the FMP to help identify and manage any activities that could affect forests near the Project area. The plan includes a monitoring process to ensure healthy forest conditions, and mitigation measures to address any issues that may arise during and after construction.

The plan provides information on responsible forest management, which includes:

- A summary of forest health assessment findings and key areas of concern
- Strategies to address potential issues such as forest pests, diseases and other threats to forest health
- A proposed monitoring plan and timeline to track changes in forest conditions over time

We request your feedback

Please help shape the Forest Management Plan (FMP) and Old Growth Mitigation Plan (OGMP) by responding to the following questions:

Are there specific old growth forests within the Project area that could serve as candidate replacement sites, providing biodiversity value and supporting old forest function (e.g., cultural value, wildlife habitat, traditional use)?

Are there cultural indicators, traditional knowledge, or community-defined values that should be included when assessing old growth forests (beyond standard ecological metrics like patch size or forest health)?

In addition to technical monitoring, are there cultural monitoring practices that would be considered beneficial and could be integrated into the OGMP?

- Measures to mitigate adverse effects on forest health
- Steps to review and adjust mitigation measures, as needed, to ensure their effectiveness

The FMP ensures measures comply with regulatory requirements and align with provincial policies, industry standards, and best practices for forest health.

Old Growth Mitigation Plan

Westcoast has drafted the OGMP to identify and address potential Project-related effects on provincially designated Old Growth Management Areas (permanently protected zones for old growth trees) and Old Growth Deferral Areas (areas where logging or development are temporarily paused to protect old growth trees). The plan describes mitigation, monitoring, and replacement measures.

The key components of the OGMP include:

- A summary of field assessment data on old growth areas that may interact with the Project
- A mitigation plan for both permanently and temporarily protected old growth areas, which:
 - Prioritizes actions using a mitigation hierarchy – avoid, minimize, mitigate, and offset – with clear reasoning for advancing at each stage
 - Identifies and quantifies anticipated residual effects, including potential time lags between any disturbance, implementation of mitigation measures, and effectiveness of mitigation measures

- Outlines proposed offset and replacement measures, including timelines and criteria for selecting replacement areas that meet provincial standards
- Describes proposed post-construction monitoring to track outcomes and adjust measures as needed
- Proposes a process for adaptive management, which involves monitoring actions taken and their effectiveness and adjusting the measures as needed, while documenting how measures were implemented and evaluated

Next steps

Plan development timeline:



To finalize the FMP and OGMP, Westcoast is requesting and compiling further input from Indigenous groups, local communities and other stakeholders. Feedback is required by the end of 2025.

Multiple ways to submit your feedback:

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Are you aware of any community-based forest monitoring programs that could complement Project monitoring, and if so, how would you see them integrated?

Are there particular areas that should be prioritized in forest health monitoring related to the Project footprint?

Would you like to receive a copy of the FMP and OGMP? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how would you like to receive the plans?

Mail ☐ Email ☐ Online shared site ☐ Other (please describe): _____
