

# FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

Welcome to the Summer 2019 issue of *Truck LoggerBC*. In this issue we explore several issues that our membership has raised over the past few months and endeavoured to answer their questions.

Many members have shared that they are experiencing an increase in the number of penalties that have been issued by WorkSafeBC prevention officers, and are wondering if there has been a change in their policies. The article “Understanding Administrative Penalties: What, Why, When and How Much” submitted by a WorkSafeBC investigations legal officer provides clarity around the criteria for imposing an administrative penalty.

Other members who are Bill 13 contractors have questions concerning retiring and their obligations to licensees. The article “Considerations for Retirement: Navigating the Assignment of Replaceable or Market Contracts” provides an overview of their available options.

The pending Caribou Recovery Agreements between British Columbia and Canada are another great concern to contractors in the Interior. In the “Forest Community: Mackenzie” article, Mayor Atkinson shares what the Agreement would mean for the District and how they’ve been affected by mill closures in the past. The “Could Collaborating with the Forestry

Industry Help Save Caribou?” article provides the Northern Interior’s perspective on potential solutions to address the Agreement.

In the wake of recent mill closures in the Interior, the TLA’s perspective in the article “What is in Store for the BC Interior Industry?” provides an overview of Jim Girvan’s forecast for BC Interior lumber production over the next decade and further mill closures to come.

One of the TLA’s strategic priorities is to support relationships with First Nations, which will in turn support local communities and help attract First Nations youths to the industry. We explore the barriers that Aboriginals experience to gain employment in the industry; the article, “Overcoming the Barrier of a Driver’s Licence for Aboriginal Workers” shares how Lucy Sager is forging a path to help First Nations communities across the province solve the problem of not being able to drive.

As always, I trust you will find this issue insightful and informative. If you have any feedback or comments, please contact our director of communications, Jennifer Kramer, at 604-684-4291 (extension 2) or by email at [jennifer@tla.ca](mailto:jennifer@tla.ca).



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