



## **Lake Babine Nation**

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### **Lake Babine Nation Announces Plans to Significantly Increase its Role in Forestry:**

**Tuesday March 8, 2016:** On March 7, 2016, Lake Babine Nation (LBN) hosted a meeting with representatives of the main forestry companies operating in its Territory to communicate LBN's plan to become a significant participant in the forestry sector.

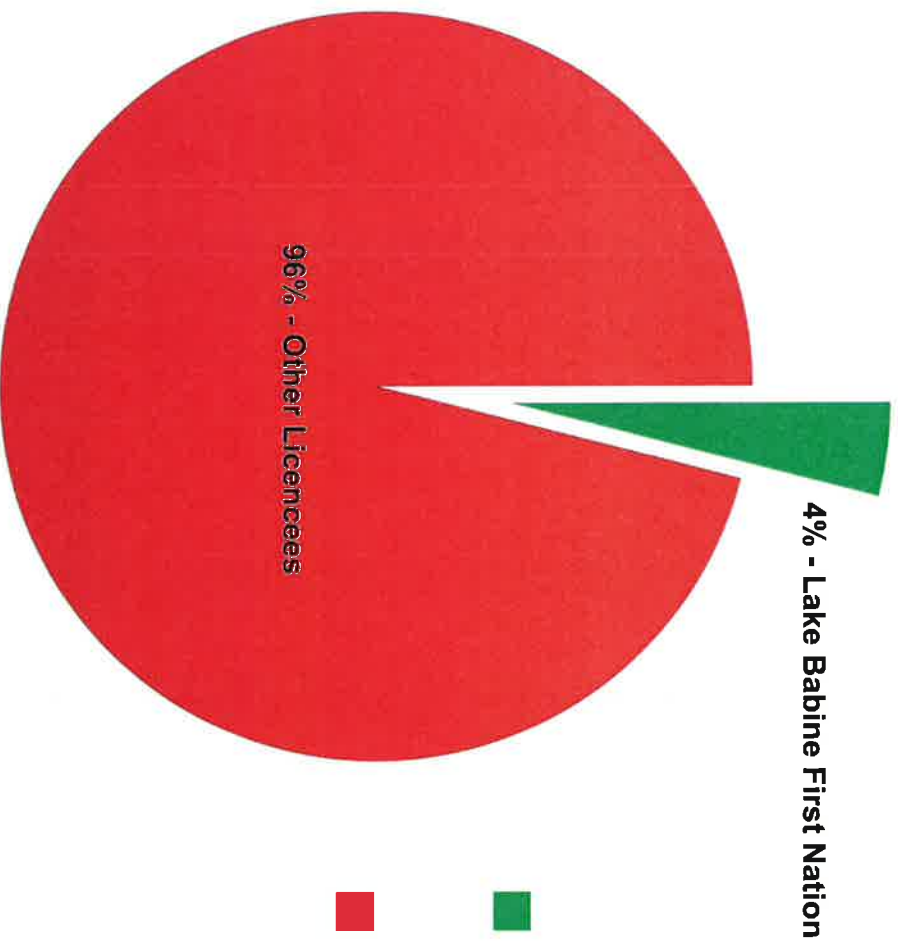
LBN Chief Wilf Adam explained to the representatives of the major forestry licensees and BC Timber Sales that although forestry drives the regional economy, LBN holds only 4% of the harvesting rights in its Territory, and that this needs to change. Chief Adam states: "I have spent my life watching logging truck after logging truck drive the logs and profits out of our Territory, for the benefit of others. This is simply unacceptable. We hold Aboriginal title to our Territory, and we are entitled to participate meaningfully in the most important economic activity that takes place on our lands."

The entire LBN Council urged industry representatives to work collaboratively with their Nation to increase LBN's share of the harvesting activity and build successful business partnership with LBN. The Council stressed that a willingness by the major forestry licensees to help achieve this change will ensure a smoother transition and more certainty for the industry's stakeholders, and that a collaborative approach is much preferable to the alternative of litigation. The LBN Council also stressed LBN's commitment to supporting the local mills and fostering the long term success of forestry.

Industry representatives were generally receptive to LBN's message, and have agreed to begin exploring options for increasing LBN's harvesting opportunities and other forestry activities. LBN looks forward to making progress on these matters and developing strong working relationships with BC Timber Sales and the licensees over the coming months.

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## Lake Babine First Nation Territory AAC Allocation




■ AAC-LBN Tenure 85,000m<sup>3</sup>

■ AAC-LBN Territory 2,064,767 m<sup>3</sup>



# Lake Babine Nation


## Traditional Territory

 Lake Babine Nation

## Constrained Areas

 Parks

## Operating Areas

 Lake Babine Nation Tenure

 Other Tenure



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Kilometers

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**LBN Tenure**

Babine Lake

Burns Lake

