

**Rationale Statement for Mid Coast Forest District Landscape Units (please refer to map)
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2	Labouchere	50803			Eastern boundary follows the height of land which excludes drainage into Nieumiamus Creek and follows height of land west to White Cliff Point. Height of land encompassing Nusash Creek watershed to the north and associated tributaries which flow into Dean Channel. Bound by water on three sides (Dean Channel, Labouchere Channel, Burke Channel and North Bentinck Arm).	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains.	-height of land encompassing entire watershed -ecosystem remains intact -northeastern boundary established along large waterbody	Nusash Creek, Nooseseck Creek, and several unnamed streams and waterbodies.	CWHms2 CWHvm3 MHmm1 ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 and 1.5 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. The original Landscape unit was promoted by the Bella Coola Local Resource Use Plan Committee (BCLRUP). Units 2A, 2B and 2C were considered one unit. This landscape unit was an anomaly to the Provincial and Regional Landscape Unit Delineation Guidelines, which in this draft has been altered to conform to this policy. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundary..
34	Twin	37649			The western and southern boundary follow the height of land separating drainage into Minerva Creek and Oak Beck Creek and the height of land between Wolverine Creek and Kwatna Bay. The western boundary is the height of land encompassing Thorwald Creek watershed to the height of land which excludes Hotsprings Creek. Bound by water on two sides (Burke Channel and South Bentinck Arm).	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains.	-height of land encompassing entire watershed -ecosystem remains intact -northern and eastern boundaries established along large waterbodies	Twin Creek, Wolverine Creek, Minerva Creek, Glacier Creek, Thorwald Creek, and several unnamed streams and waterbodies	CWHms2 CWHvm1 CWHvm2 CWHvm3 MHmm1 ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 and 1.5 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. The original Landscape unit was promoted by the Bella Coola Local Resource Use Plan Committee (BCLRUP). Units 2A, 2B and 2C were considered one unit. This landscape unit was an anomaly to the Provincial and Regional Landscape Unit Delineation Guidelines, which in this draft has been altered to conform to this policy. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundary..
6	Clayton	28304			Height of land encompassing Clayton Falls Creek watershed and numerous unnamed streams which flow into the east side of South Bentinck Arm from Larso Bay to the Noeick River. Bound by water on two sides (North Bentinck Arm and South Bentinck Arm)..	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains.	-height of land encompassing entire watershed -ecosystem remains intact -northern and eastern boundaries established along large waterbodies	Clayton Falls Creek, -several unnamed streams and waterbodies	CWHms2 CWHvm3 CWHws2 MHmm2 MHmm1 ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 and 1.5 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. The original Landscape unit was promoted by the Bella Coola Local Resource Use Plan Committee (BCLRUP). Units 2A, 2B and 2C were considered one unit. This landscape unit was an anomaly to the Provincial and Regional Landscape Unit Delineation Guidelines, which in this draft has been altered to conform to this policy. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundary..

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3	Saloompt	69049			Height of land encompassing watersheds flowing into Saloompt River, Noosgulch River, Necleetsconnay River and Nieumiamus Creek.	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains	-height of land encompassing entire watersheds, excluding those portions within Landscape Unit #5 (Bella Coola) -ecosystem remains intact	Saloompt River, Noosgulch River, Tseapseahoolz Creek, Talcheazoone Lakes, Necleetsconnay River, Nieumiamus Creek, Christenson Creek	CWHds2 CWHms2 CWHws2 MHmm2 MHmm2e ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundry..
6	South Bentinck West	43238		53578	Height of land encompassing Hotsprings Creek and Ickna Creek watersheds which flow into the west side of South Bentinck Arm.	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains	-height of land encompassing entire watersheds -ecosystem remains intact	Hotsprings Creek, Ickna Creek, Unnamed Creek	CWHms2 CWHws2 MHmm2 ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. The original Landscape unit was promoted by the Bella Coola Local Resource Use Plan Committee (BCLRUP). Units 6A, and 6B were considered one unit. This landscape unit was an anomaly to the Provincial and Regional Landscape Unit Delineation Guidelines, which in this draft has been altered to conform to this policy. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundry..
7	Nusatsum	47911			Height of land encompassing the Nusatsum River Thorsen Creek, Tastsquan Creek, Nooklikonnik Creek, and Snootli Creek, watershed.	-within recommended target size range for complex coastal mountains	-height of land encompassing entire watersheds -ecosystem remains intact	Nusatsum River, Thorsen Creek, Tastsquan Creek, Snootli Creek, Nooklikonnik Creek	CWHds2 CWHms2 CWHws2 MHmm2 ATc	Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments. Refer to Section 1.3 of the opening rationale statement for additional comments, and changes from the BCLRUP boundry..

	Mountain	Islands	Total
LU Size Guidelines			
Mean LU Size Target (ha)	40-60000	30-40000	
Lower LU Size Range (ha)	30000	20000	
Upper LU Size Range (ha)	80000	60000	
LU Actual Values			
Mean LU Size (ha)	52404	35839	49833
Minimum LU Size (ha)	18859	20267	18859
Maximum LU Size (ha)	117852	56802	117852
TOTAL (ha)	2567781	322548	2890329
# of Landscape Units	49	9	58

BEC = Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification

LU = Landscape Unit