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## ***TALKS WITH WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS PAUSE—USW COMMITTEE REMAINS PATIENT***

Bargaining has not resulted in a lot of progress and as a result, the USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee is asking their membership be patient. The USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee is committed to achieving a progressive collective agreement; however, it appears that it will take longer than anticipated.

The USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee and Western Forest Products have traded positions on a number of issues over eight days of bargaining and even though the talks have been slow-going at times, a foundation of understanding has been established to better assist the parties with building an agreement that meets our members' needs.

Meanwhile, Western Forest Products is still hanging onto a number of items which the union is adamantly opposed—two-tier wages schemes and reductions in severance pay options are a couple of the more divisive elements that reside in the Western Forest Products bargaining proposal. In opposition, the union remains patient and optimistic that the company will eventually recognize the expressed solidarity in the union's position and allow these provocative "takeaway" issues to fall off the table.

Collective bargaining will pause next week at the request of Western Forest Products. Talks are scheduled to reconvene on Monday, June 28th in Nanaimo and with plans for additional bargaining on June 29th and June 30th.

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