

BC COAST USW WOOD COUNCIL 2010



BARGAINING BULLETIN #8

September 20, 2010

STEELWORKERS AND FIR CONNECT ON TENTATIVE DEAL

The USW BC Coast Bargaining Committee has reached a tentative agreement with Forest Industrial Relations and the USW Bargaining Committee will be recommending that the membership accept this agreement in ratification votes which will be held in the coming days.

Using the earlier ratified Western Forest Products agreement as the pattern, the United Steelworkers and Forest Industrial Relations hammered out a deal that they feel makes sense to both Forest Industrial Relations member companies—now mostly coast logging contractors—and USW members that they employ in the somewhat cyclical coast logging sector.

At a glance, the 4-year agreement enhances job security and provides improvements in severance language which includes new provisions protecting members in the event of permanent partial closures. The deal greatly improves the Health and Welfare benefits, and stabilizes the Long Term Disability Plan. In addition to signing bonus provisions and wage increases in the 3rd and 4th years, trades rates have received a significant adjustment.

Details of the agreement will be provided to members in Locals 1-1937, Local 1-85, and Local 2009 local union meeting the upcoming days.

FOR BARGAINING NEWS... WWW.DEALWITHSTEEL.CA



If you would like to receive information via e-mail,
please send a quick message to
iwacouncil@usw.ca