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BC INTERIOR BARGAINING COMMITTEE PRESSES IFLRA ON USW PATTERN

The BC Interior Bargaining Committee met with the Interior Forest Labour Relations Associations (IFLRA) again in Kelowna.

While the USW Committee is pressing the IFLRA on adopting the pattern determined in previous industry bargaining in the Northern Interior, the IFLRA is turning their backs on the union's effort to present a level playing field agreement that will provide fair wages and working conditions. It is clear to the BC Interior Bargaining Committee that the IFLRA is in no hurry to conclude a reasonable and progressive Southern Interior Master Agreement.

The BC Interior Bargaining Committee believes the forest industry will turn around and is seeking a contract that gives our members the ability to share in that recovery.

Bargaining with the IFLRA is scheduled to continue in Kelowna next month.

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