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USW BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHOOSES C.O.N.I.F.E.R.

After a great deal of research and debate your Bargaining Committee unanimously agreed that Council of Northern Interior Forest Employment Relations (C.O.N.I.F.E.R) represented the best option to conclude a collective agreement.

C.O.N.I.F.E.R represents; West Fraser (Williams Lake planer), Conifex, Lakelands Mills, Winton Global, Tolko (3 sites in Williams Lake & 1 in Quesnel), Dunkley Lumber, Ainsworth (100 mile), Hampton Group and Abitibi.

On July 14th, 15th and 16th the Bargaining Committee met with representative of C.O.N.I.F.E.R in Prince George. The companies presented your Bargaining Committee with a lengthy proposal.

The Bargaining Committee did not respond to the company proposals due to time constraints and costing being forthcoming. The companies have agreed to provide the committee with the requested costing at our next meeting.

The Committee will be meeting with C.O.N.I.F.E.R. in Prince George again on July 21st and 22nd to further discuss contract proposals from both parties and begin the daunting task of renewing the collective agreement.

Your Bargaining Committee



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