



## **Top B.C. Coastal Logging Contractors**

With a revitalized coastal B.C. logging scene, Logging and Sawmilling Journal is pleased to present its list of the top B.C. Coastal and Vancouver Island logging contractors by volume.

As is typical within Canadian logging, some see overwhelming challenges and others see opportunity on the B.C. Coast. Like many other areas of the forest industry, there seems to be a trend of younger individuals willing to take a chance on making a good living in logging.

With new markets developing for Canadian wood products, particularly in Asia, as well as greater industry involvement in the bio-economy, the overall picture over the medium to long term looks bright for the industry. This should also be reflected in prosperity within the logging community.

Logging and Sawmilling Journal made its best effort to contact the leading loggers working on the B.C. Coast and Vancouver Island based on volume. Participation by logging companies was voluntary.

We thank all those who took the time to respond and for those who might have been inadvertently missed, let us know so that you can be included next time.

### **1. Antler Creek Logging/Coast Forest Industries**

Owners: John Mergatroyd and John Prachnau  
Head Office: Port McNeill  
Area of operations: Port McNeill/Northwest Bay  
Falling and processing softwood  
Annual volume: 1.4 million cubic metres

### **2. Island Pacific Logging Ltd.**

Owner: Lyle Newton  
Head Office: Chemainus  
Area of operations: Vancouver Island east coast to west coast and South Island  
Harvesting softwood  
Stump-to-dump contractor  
Annual volume: 1.2 million cubic metres

### **3. Island Fibre Ltd.**

Owners: Trevor White and Don Bahen  
Head Office: Duncan  
Area of operations: South Island  
Harvesting primarily tree length softwood  
Annual volume: 600,000 cubic metres



#### **4. Mount Sicker Lumber Company Ltd.**

Owners: Craig Fredrickson, Ian Batty, Richard Holman, Gerry Gammie, and Ray Smith

Head Office: Duncan

Area of operations: South Vancouver Island

Harvesting tree length and cut-to-length softwood

Annual volume: 400,000 cubic metres

#### **5. Harrison Logging Ltd.**

Owner: Mike Soukup

Head Office: Chemainus

Area of operations: Nanaimo Lakes area

Harvesting cut-to-length hardwood and softwood

Annual volume: 220,000 cubic metres

#### **6. Mike Hamilton Logging**

Owner: Mike Hamilton

Head Office: Courtenay

Area of operations: Vancouver Island

Harvesting tree length and cut-to-length hardwood and softwood

Annual volume: 220,000 cubic metres

#### **7. Tsibass Construction Ltd.**

Owner: Keith Olsen

Head Office: Campbell River

Area of operations: Coastal B.C.

Harvesting both softwood and hardwood

Stump-to-dump contractor

Annual volume: 200,000 cubic metres

#### **8. Kaatza Logging Ltd.**

Owner: Shawn Nicholson

Head Office: Lake Cowichan

Area of operations: Southern Vancouver Island

Harvesting both softwood and hardwood, cut-to-length

Annual volume: 138,000 cubic metres

#### **9. Tranquil Timber Ltd.**

Owner: David Lornie and Keith Jenkins

Head Office: Courtenay

Area of operations: Port Alberni

Harvesting cut-to-length softwood and hardwood

Annual volume: 130,000 cubic metres



**10. Greyback Logging Ltd.**

Owner: Mike Soukup

Head Office: Vegreville, Alberta

Area of operations: Sooke/Gold River

Harvesting cut-to-length hardwood and softwood

Annual volume: 80,000 cubic metres