



Notice of Public Consultation – FSC® Certification

Issued May 8, 2026

Audited organization: Chantiers Chibougamau - Scierie Béarn

Territory in scope of audit: FMUs 08151, 08152 and 08251

Audit dates: July 7 to 10, 2026

Introduction

Preferred by Nature, a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) accredited certification body, will conduct an FSC reassessment (re-certification) audit of Chantiers Chibougamau – Scierie Béarn's forest management and chain of custody activities located in Béarn, Quebec, Canada for FMUs 08151, 08152 and 08251. This audit will take place during the week of July 6, 2026. A map of the forest management units in the audit scope is provided on the following pages.

The audit will be led by Yves Bouthillier, Biol. M.Sc., accompanied by Jordan Thibault, ing.f., and Samir Chaib Draa, M.Sc.A.

We invite stakeholders and Indigenous communities to provide feedback on forest management practices on the territory within the scope of the audit. **We welcome any comments, whether public or confidential. The source of the information provided will be kept confidential.** Comments may be forwarded to the Audit Team Leader, Yves Bouthillier (yb@pbn.org).

Audit Scope

The FSC reassessment audit of forest management activities will include the verification of environmental, silvicultural and socio-economic aspects using the FSC Canadian Standard for Forest Management (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 V1): <https://ca.fsc.org/ca-en/forest-management>

Information about this FSC certificate holder, including public summaries of audit reports, is available on the FSC Search website at: <https://search.fsc.org/fr/certificate/a0240000005sT7uAAE/>

Conduct of the audit

The audit team will begin its consultation with stakeholders and Indigenous communities immediately. During the week of July 6, 2026, the audit team will conduct a field visit to recent or ongoing forestry operations in the territory concerned. It will also conduct consultations with stakeholders and Indigenous communities, including private interviews, discussions and, if necessary, public meetings. Prior to their departure, the auditors will hold a closing meeting with the audited Organization to present the preliminary results. Approximately one month after the closing meeting, a confidential preliminary report will be sent to the certificate holder for comment. Preferred by Nature will then make a certification decision, considering the comments received and the review process, by October 6, 2026. A public summary of the audit report will be published on the FSC Search website: <https://search.fsc.org/fr/>

Other information

- Preferred by Nature's dispute resolution process is available to stakeholders and Indigenous communities at: <https://www.preferredbynature.org/library/document/preferred-nature-dispute-resolution-procedure>
- About Preferred by Nature: <https://www.preferredbynature.org/about-us>

Map of FMUs 08151, 08152 and 08251 in audit scope

Source: https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/forets/documents/planification/Abitibi-Temiscamingue/plans/DS_Territoire_PAFIT_R08_MRNF.pdf

