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Organization audited: Les Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée

Territory in scope of audit: UAs 02661, 02262, 02663, 02664, 02665, 02666

Audit dates: November 30 to December 4, 2026

Introduction

Preferred by Nature, a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) accredited certification body, will conduct an annual scope change FSC audit of forest management activities and chain of custody of Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée located in Chibougamau, Quebec, Canada for management units (UAs) 02661, 02662, 02663, 02664, 02665 and 02666 in Nord-du-Québec. Of these UAs, 02661, 02662 and 02664 are already certified, while UAs 02663, 02665 and 02666 will be evaluated for addition to the scope of the certificate. This audit will take place during the week of November 30, 2026. A map of the territory in the scope of the audit is provided in the following pages.

The audit will be led by Samir Chaib Draa, M.Sc., accompanied by Jordan Thibault, ing.f.

We invite stakeholders and Indigenous communities to provide us with their comments 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 remain confidential.** Comments can be shared with the audit team leader Samir Chaib Draa (schaib@smartcert.ca) or the certificate management manager at Preferred by Nature, Yves Bouthillier (yb@pbn.org)

Audit Scope

The annual FSC Scope Change Audit of Forest Management Activities will include verification of environmental, silvicultural and socio-economic aspects using the FSC Canadian Forest Management Standard (FSC-STD-CAN-01-2018 V1): <https://ca.fsc.org/ca-fr/amenagement-forestier>

Information on this FSC certificate holder, including public summaries of audit reports, is available on the FSC Search website at: <https://search.fsc.org/fr/certificate/a0240000005sUZjAAM/>

Conduct of the audit

The audit team will begin its consultation with Indigenous stakeholders and communities immediately. During the week of November 30, 2026, the audit team will conduct a field visit to recent or ongoing forestry operations in the affected territory. 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 February 4, 2027. A public summary of the audit report will be published on the FSC Search website: <https://search.fsc.org/fr/certificate/a0240000005sUZjAAM/>

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/fr/about-us>

Map of the territory in the scope of the audit

Forest management plans available here: <https://www.quebec.ca/agriculture-environnement-et-ressources-naturelles/forets/planification-forestiere/plans-regionaux-consultations/nord-du-quebec#c139122>

