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## **Public notification**

**FSC® Forest Management Certification Annual Audit**

**Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc.**

**in**

**St-Faustin-Lac-Carré, Québec, Canada**

### **Introduction**

NEPCon is conducting a FSC® forest management and chain of custody annual audit of Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. located in St-Faustin-Lac-Carré, Québec, Canada. The evaluation will be conducted during the week of May 4th, 2020.

### **Scope of Evaluation**

The FSC® surveillance audit will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forest management unit(s) (FMU) 06471 (area of the FMU 06152) managed by Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc., using the the FSC® National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada. To obtain a copy, please visit: <https://ca.fsc.org/en-ca/standards/new-national-forest-management-standard>

Informations on this FSC certificate holder are available on FSC's website: <https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a024000009ED7XAAW&type=certificate>

NEPCon is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® and this evaluation must follow procedures which have been approved.

### **Team Composition**

Mylène Rimbault, ing.f., will lead the audit team.

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## Steps and Schedule

Following is a short description of the evaluation process and a tentative agenda:

- Desk audit – The audit team will complete a desk audit of Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. during the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Field visits – Later in 2020, the audit team will conduct field visits of recent and active forest management operations on the certified area.
- Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding the forest management activities of Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. in communities surrounding the forest area. This can include private interviews and discussions as well as public meetings.
- Final evaluation briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with the Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- Draft report production – The audit team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to the Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc.. This should occur within one month after completion of the evaluation.
- Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from the Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. forest managers, and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by Fall 2020.

## Your Comments Sought

As a part of the audit process we invite stakeholders to offer comments on the Groupe Crête division St-Faustin inc. forest management activities in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. **We welcome input, either public or confidential.** Your input will be valuable at any stage of the process, but we would prefer to receive your comments before the end of the on-site audit so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision. Your options for communicating your comments are as follows:

1. Meet with a NEPCon audit team member before or during the audit.
2. Send comments to the NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this audit (see contact info below) or

**Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential,** available only to FSC and NEPCon staff.

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