

# *A presentation to the Alaska Board of Forestry Meeting*

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# Phytosanitary Inspections for Timber Exports

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2020 Program Overview





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# Who we are...

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- Douglas Warner  
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- Chris Secary  
Natural Resource Specialist II
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# Phytosanitary Export Program Overview



- The Alaska Division of Agriculture (AK-DOA) in cooperation with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), facilitates the export of agricultural plants and plant products for international markets via phytosanitary (plant health) inspection and certification.
- The intent is to certify that the agricultural commodities for export meet the plant health requirements of the country of destination.
- Depending upon the importing country, import requirements may vary.
- Contact an **Authorized Certification Official (ACO)** to determine current import requirements and schedule an inspection.
- ***Neither USDA-APHIS-PPQ nor AK-DOA require certification of any exports, rather provides the certification of plants and plant products as a service to exporters.***

# Phytosanitary Export Program Overview

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Allocation based on Commodities  
Certified and Percentage of Fees  
Collected in 2020





# Phytosanitary Export Program Overview (Continued)

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- In addition to log exports, the Division of Agriculture certifies other plant commodities for export such as cut flowers (Peony) and other non-commercial shipments of unprocessed plant material (e.g. seeds, Rhodiola, Chaga, research material, etc.).
- In 2020, log exports comprised 95% of the certifications based on certificate fees collected by the Division.
- Peony cut flower exports occur during late June through early August.

# Phytosanitary Export Certification Process

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- The first step is to contact the ACO. The ACO will determine the plant health import requirements of the destination country and assist you in the process for Phytosanitary Certification.
- If the importing country requires a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (FPC) and an Import Permit (IP), you will need to request an IP from the importing country's Plant Protection Organization in advance.
- If an FPC is ***not required*** for the destination country, you will still need to ensure that the shipment can meet all other requirements of the importing country.
- Prior to the export, you will need to apply for phytosanitary inspection and certification in the **Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)**. Once you have a PCIT account for your organization, you will be able to deposit funds into your account to cover the certificate fees and apply for certification.
  - <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/>
- **Please submit applications (PPQ Form 572) two weeks in advance of your intended inspection date if possible.**
- **Notify the ACO accordingly (two weeks advance) that you intend to export and approximate dates of vessel ETA for loading.**



# Phytosanitary Export Certification Process (continued)

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- **Inspections:** The ACO will coordinate with the exporter on arrangements for the inspection. The exporter will need to ensure **safe access** to the commodity for inspection and be present or have a representative present to answer questions.
- If during the inspection a pest is found, the inspector may need to collect specimens for further determination to be sent to an approved identifier.
- Per import country requirements, Samples may also be required to be collected and sent to an approved lab for testing. **This may delay certification.**
- If the inspection results in meeting the requirements of the importing country, the Phytosanitary Certificate can be issued by the ACO.
- **Time Limits:** USDA-APHIS-PPQ policy provides that FPC's must be issued within 30 days of phytosanitary inspection, unless the importing country requirements on time limits are more restrictive, which would take precedence.



# Certificate Fees



## Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (FPC) State of Alaska Fees:

- \$64.00 – Alaska non-commercial shipment valued at less than \$1,250
- \$119.00 – Alaska commercial shipment value equal to or greater than \$1,250
- \$19.00 – Alaska replacement certificate
- Fees are automatically deducted from the industry users PCIT account when the document is issued.
- Recommended for exporters to obtain **Original Certificate Print Authorization (OCPA)** with USDA. ACO's with signature images on file in the PCIT system can issue certificates for exporters to print electronically on their end. **This saves time mailing documents!**
- NOTE: USDA collects a fee of \$6.00 per certificate or replacement certificate issued. You will need to have enough funds to cover both Alaska and USDA fees in the PCIT system.

# Country Requirements for Timber Exports (2/22/2021)

- **China (Alaska Logs)**

- **Phytosanitary certificate (PC) is required.**
- **Additional Declaration:**

*The logs in this shipment will be fumigated for wood borers upon arrival in the Putian, Taicang, Changxingdao, Caofeidian, Lanshan, or Dafeng Port of China.*

**AND**

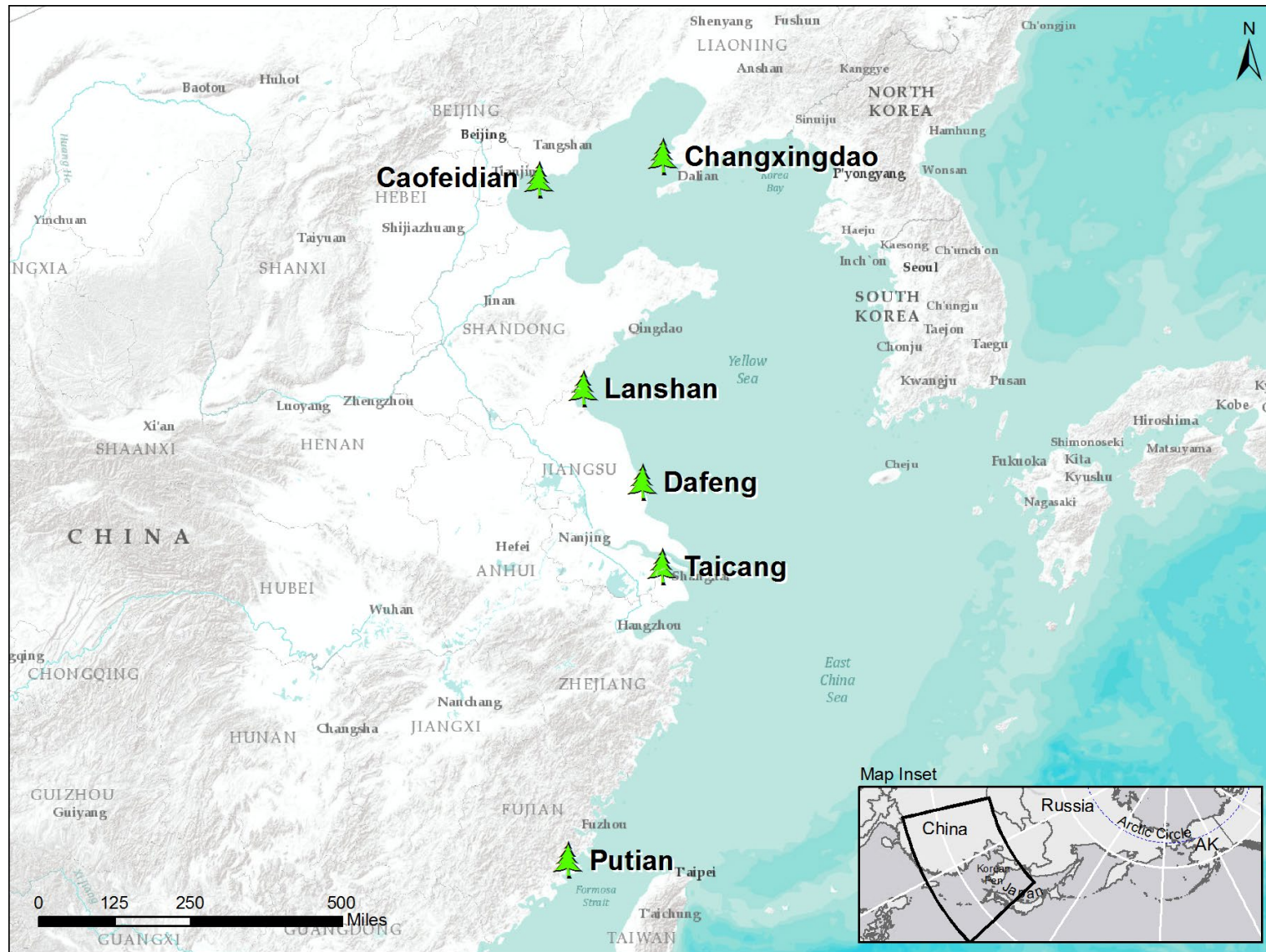
*The shipment has been tested and found free of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*. (Pinewood Nematode)*

- **All shipments must meet the requirements in the Protocol for AK Logs to China**



# China Ports with Fumigation upon Arrival

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Map courtesy Forestry GIS

# Fumigations in Korea

- There were no treatments certified in South Korea in 2020 due to market challenges and Covid19 travel restrictions.
- The Division established travel protocols and worked with the Department of Health and Social Services to get an option to travel to South Korea.
- With industry support the Division was able to obtain a travel exemption from the Korean government but was never executed.



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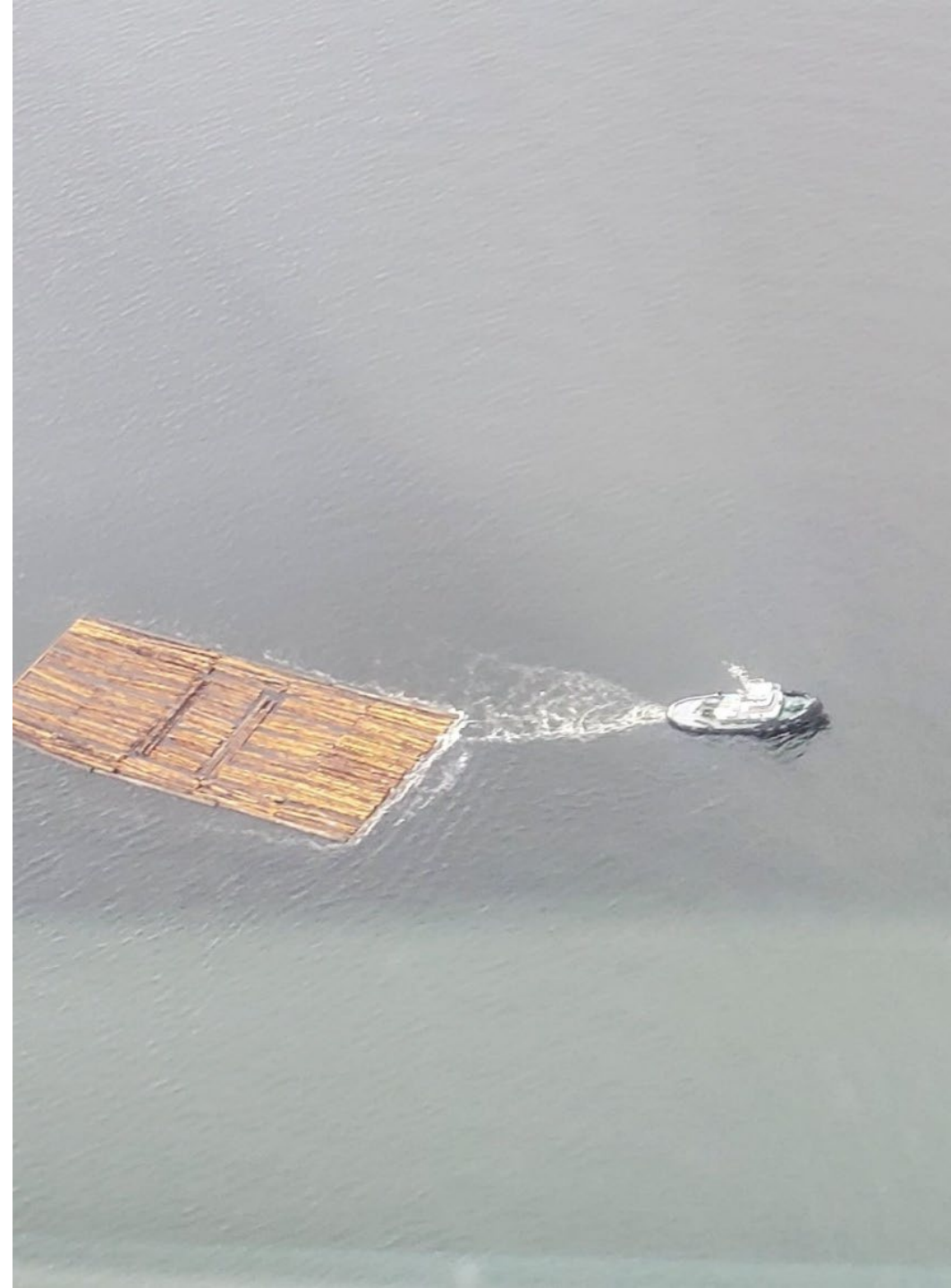
- **Canada**

- **Phytosanitary certificate (PC)** is required for *Tsuga* logs (Western Hemlock).

- **Additional Declaration:**

*The material described herein was produced/harvested in a county where the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*) is not known to occur, based on official surveys.*

- Certificates must be issued within 14 days prior to the date of arrival in Canada.
- **No Pinewood Nematode testing**



# 2020 Certification Program: Log Export Stats

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**Destination Countries:** Primarily, logs exported from Alaska are certified for China.

- There are six ports in China that are designated to receive and fumigate Alaska logs. Of the six ports:
- 34% of the log volume (MBF) certified for export have been to Lanshan,
- 34% to Taicang,
- 21% to Caofeidian,
- 5% to Putian,
- and 3% to Changxingdao.
- No certificates have been issued for logs destined to Defeng port.
- 3% to British Columbia, Canada, have been certified.

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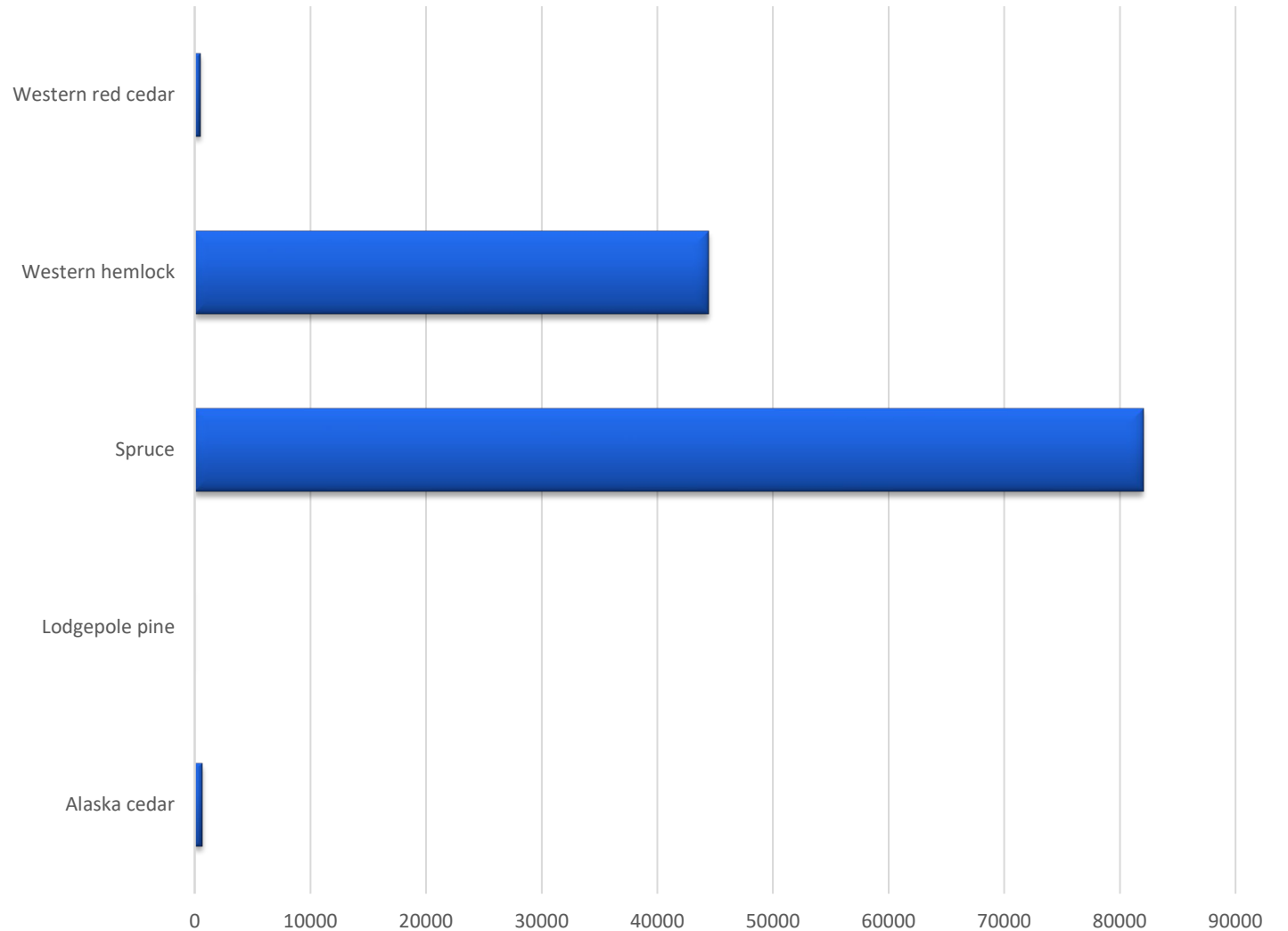
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- **Total vessels and Inspections:** To date, cargo for 28 vessels have been certified for export by Division staff who conducted 20 inspections throughout the state.
- **Total Phytosanitary Certificates issued:** 90 for log exports (95 certificates total issued for all commodities)
- **Total Certificate Fees Collected (All commodities):** \$11,320
- **Total Volume Certified for Export:** 127,498.89 Thousand Board Feet (MBF)
- **Est. Market Value:** \$124.3 Million Dollars



# 2020 Certification Program: Log Export Stats (Continued)

Total Log Volume (MBF) by Species Certified for Export, 2020



# 2020 Certification Program: Log Export Stats (Continued)



# Comments & Questions

