

2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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Bargaining Update #28

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Provincial Forestry Bargaining on Hold Pending USW Local 1-2017 Ratification Process

As most are aware USW Local 1-2017 has signed off on a tentative agreement with CONIFER and has been conducting ratification votes at several operations.

Most are also aware the 1-2017/Conifer agreement was rejected by the provincial bargaining committee as a provincial pattern.

Although very little communication has been shared, we have heard, indirectly, that the site by site ratification process has had mixed results.

At this point additional bargaining dates have not been scheduled with the IFLRA, likely due to the Employers closely watching what happens in Local 1-2017. Regardless what is agreed to or rejected in Local 1-2017, your bargaining committee will return to the IFLRA table with our last proposal tabled with the IFLRA.

We have been informed that USW Locals 1-1937 and 1-2009 intend to commence coastal bargaining April 15, 2019.

We will continue to update our members when more is known.

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