

bc coast log exports: the private land perspective



STEP 4

ADDITIONAL COSTS

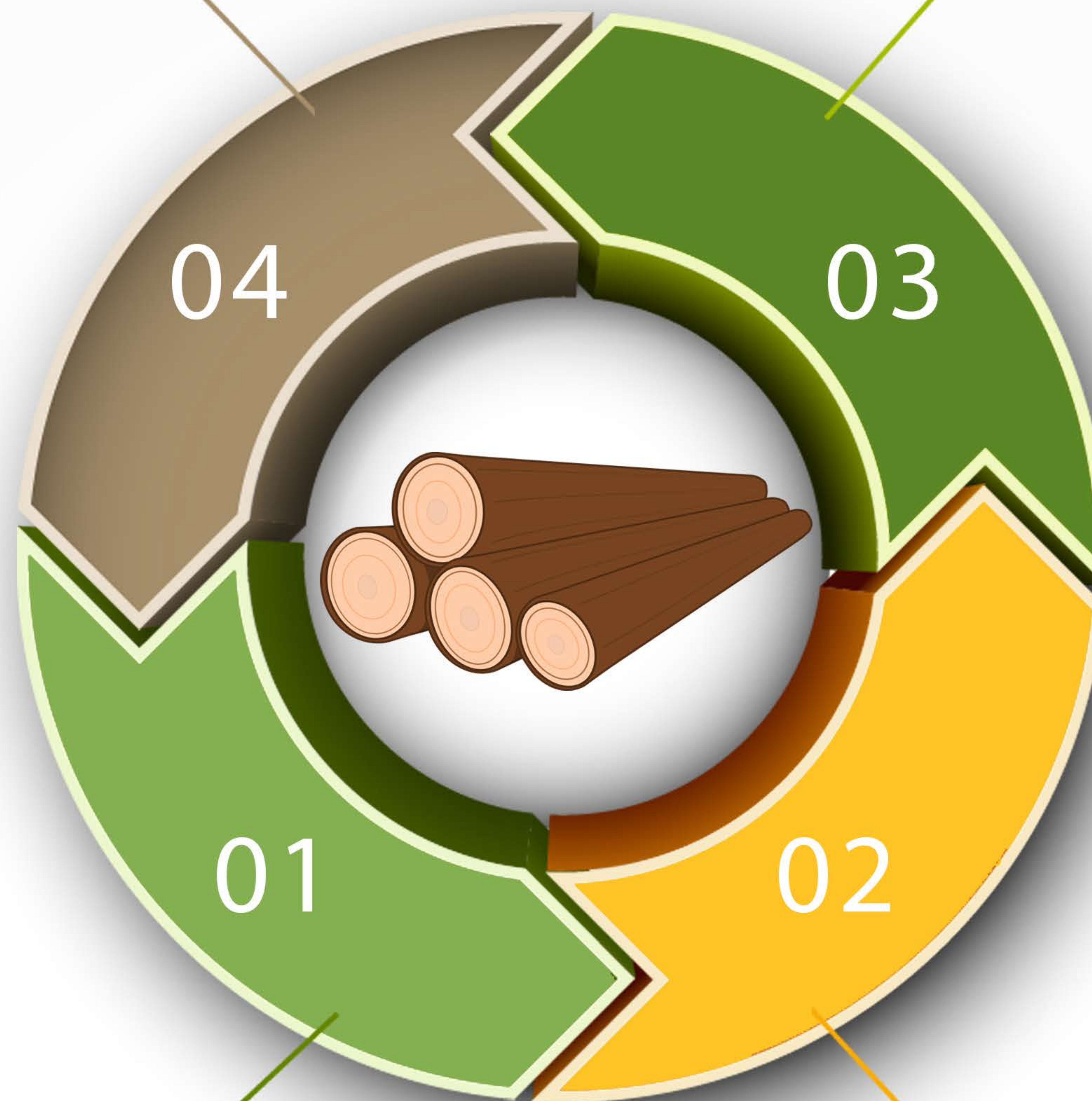
Fourth: in addition to the costs of applying for a federal log export permit, private forest land owners face a number of additional expenses related to resorting, time delays, and uncertainty around obtaining export permits. The province also imposes additional prohibitions on the export of certain species (like western redcedar).



STEP 3

SURPLUS TEST

Third: offer logs for sale to local mills in order to pass the 'surplus test'. If no offer is received, advertised timber is considered surplus and can be exported. If an offer is received from a local buyer, regardless of whether the offer is accepted or not, the applicant is refused an export permit.



STEP 1

PRICE COMPARISON

First: determine the market for your product. Logs consistently sell for substantially less on the domestic market than the foreign market. In 2018, the average price of logs sold domestically on the Vancouver Log Market was [50 per cent] of the export price.



STEP 2

EXPORT PERMIT

Second: apply for a permit from federal or provincial authorities and in some cases, both. Exports from private forest lands require a federal export permit that takes up to two months to obtain. These permits are issued only if the logs to be exported are surplus to the needs of domestic mills.

Federal restrictions on log exports apply only to BC timber — no other province. Meanwhile, mills in BC import logs freely from other provinces and the US.

LOCAL JOBS

Log exports support local jobs in the forest. How? Access to foreign markets increases the demand and **value** of logs, which increases employment in forestry.

INVESTMENT

BC's private forest land owners invest heavily in responsible forest management. A fair return on that investment is part of what makes it **sustainable**.

COMMUNITIES

Coastal communities broadly **support** log exports because they know it gives local mills access to timber they would not otherwise have.

bc log exports: part of the solution