

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Dear Permit Holder;

Starting August 1, 2015 the DNR will discontinue the practice of using an average load weight to estimate the volume of wood on unscaled loads, specifically when dealing with permits where state timber and/or biomass is being chipped prior to consumer scaling. Each load on a consumer-scaled permit must be individually weighed at the mill or scale site to ensure fair and consistent permit supervision. Consumer scaled permits must only be weigh scaled at sites that are listed on your Consumer Scale Agreement. Please review this agreement with your Forester at each pre-sale meeting to ensure your timber destinations are listed.

DNR encourages the use of biomass from state permits and we will make every effort to find methods to ensure we have an accurate scale for any biomass sold as consumer scaled. Currently we have consumer scale agreements with most of the major consumers of biomass around the state. We can set up temporary consumer scale agreements with local scales to weigh biomass as needed. The use of an alternate landing is also acceptable as long as the wood remains separate from other permits/ownerships. Simply put, biomass must be scaled to the same standards as roundwood timber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Tillma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Tillma  
Timber Sales Program Supervisor  
MN DNR – Division of Forestry

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