

# Terms of Reference



## ABCFP Tenure Reform Task Force

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### 1.0 Preamble

The ABCFP 2008 Strategic Plan states that one of the priority areas is to provide excellence in forest policy leadership. This is accompanied by the following outcome: "British Columbia forest professionals provide leadership in forest policy promoting excellence in forest stewardship and delivering economic, environmental and social values to the people of BC." The objectives to enable this outcome are: Ensure the tenure system accomplishes the following:

- a) Provides viable secure opportunities for all varieties of licence holders and forest communities (economic);
- b) Addresses social values (social e.g. cultural, recreational values);
- c) Provides long-term investment in stewardship (environment).

The key initiatives planned for 2008 are:

- a) Review history and past research into the tenure system in the province.
- b) Establish a special sub-committee of the Stewardship Advisory Committee, consisting of knowledgeable forest industry individuals, which will formulate a plan for the association.

The plan for 2009 and 2010 is to work in relationships with other resource associations and work with government officials to encourage a plan to discuss tenure reform.

### 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the task force is to bring forward to the Chief Executive Office (CEO), a plan recommending how the ABCFP should proceed with the strategic plan objectives on tenure reform. This plan will be presented to the CEO in early December, 2008. This plan will outline general issues that the ABCFP will provide advice on, with respect to BC forest tenure reform. In 2009, the task force will provide more detail around the tenure reform issues (including recommendations) identified in 2008 and will develop a plan on how the ABCFP will work with other resource associations and government to encourage and discuss tenure reform.

### 3.0 Relationships & Accountability

The task force is appointed by and reports to the ABCFP CEO.

## **4.0 Composition & Term**

The task force shall be comprised of:

Seven to 10 members, each bringing varied background and experience.

All appointments terminate when the CEO determines the task force's purpose is completed. The task force's purpose is expected to be complete by the end of 2009.

## **5.0 Report Timing & Approval**

The task force shall table a preliminary report in early December, 2008 that outlines general tenure reform issues that the ABCFP will be addressing in the next two years. The task force will table a report detailing these tenure reform issues by the summer of 2009 as well as a plan on how the ABCFP will work with other resource associations and government to encourage and discuss tenure reform.

## **6.0 Meetings, Decision-Making & Support**

Meetings shall be at the call of the chair and in 2008 there will be one conference call meeting plus a two day face to face meeting. In 2009 there will mainly be conference call meetings.

It is expected that decision-making will be consensual. In the event it is not, the chair may resolve the issue by calling a vote in which a simple majority shall prevail. In the event consensus is not achieved, the position of the minority shall be noted in the report. The chair may put a question to the CEO for interim guidance if necessary.

A meeting quorum will consist of at least four task force members.

## **7.0 Communications & Accountability**

Members of the task force may communicate and consult with their constituencies regarding the matters being considered by the task force but must do so in a constructive, transparent, good faith manner. The task force as a whole may not undertake any public communications except through the ABCFP CEO.

## **8.0 Budget & Expenses**

Sufficient funding shall be provided by the association to cover task force meeting and consultant expenses. Coverage of task force related travel and accommodation will be covered by the ABCFP if task force members' employers cannot cover these expenses.