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Preface

The Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals first developed the Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide (Reference Guide or Guide) in 1993 to complement the ABCFP Policy Review Seminar and to be a convenient reference source for those writing the registration exam. Over the years, it has proven to be extremely popular and is in demand by forest professionals and others who value it as a handy reference for general forest legislation and policy applicable to BC.

It is essential that forest professionals and others remain current in the legislation and policy relating to their work, and accordingly, the Reference Guide is published annually to help accomplish this goal. With the assistance of over 60 volunteers, the Guide has been updated to June 30, 2009, and where applicable, provides some indications where further changes can be expected in the near future.

The Guide provides the basic concepts in an overview of the legislation and related policy that apply to forest management practices in BC today. It does not cover all forest management legislation and policy topics and should be used in conjunction with other reference material, including that listed in this Guide. There is a close relationship between the Guide and the annual ABCFP Policy Review Seminar. The Guide is designed in part so that the seminar topics and panel discussion can easily refer to relevant chapters, but does not explicitly follow the presentation material.

Most chapters include a context overview of the legislation with highlights of the objectives and outcomes that forest professionals should be aware of. Some chapters include issues and/or questions at the end in the "Apply the Knowledge" section. These questions are intended to stimulate thought and encourage readers to consider policy implications in context as a forest professional. It is important to note that these questions were not developed by the ABCFP Board of Examiners, or anyone else with knowledge of the content of the registration exams scheduled for October 2009. The questions should however, stimulate thought and discussion and assist the reader in reviewing the material in preparation for the exam.

The authors bring considerable expertise in the various fields of forest resource management to write and/or update this Guide. Reference to the FPC legislation is minimized but still appears where applicable. While updating current forest legislation and policy is the prime focus, effort is made to include material on non-legislated practices and "topics of interest" that are increasingly important in the broad sense of a forest professional's practice. Although every effort was made to standardize format, some variations to presentation exist. Even though the material has been peer reviewed to ensure it is correct or accurate, the ABCFP cannot assume responsibility for any errors or omissions. Readers must refer to original source material for exact wording and accuracy.

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We hope that the Reference Guide assists you in having a better understanding of the legislation and policy governing the work of forest professionals in BC.

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