

Practice Reminder #2: Potential Issues with MapView and RESULTS

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The ABCFP has been made aware of an error that can easily be made when using the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations tools, MapView and RESULTS. This error is simple to make and can have severe consequences.

The official ministry policy is to only support the Internet Explorer browser. Other popular browsers such as Firefox, Google Chrome and Safari are not supported. The preferred versions of Internet Explorer are 7 and 8. While this is a technical issue, we are bringing it up due to implications for member practice. Members should remember [Bylaw 11.4.1](#) (*To inspire confidence in the profession by maintaining high standards in conduct and daily work*) that requires you to be aware of issue like this one and take steps to avoid errors.

MapView

Using MapView with an unsupported browser may result in you not being able to see layers of information. These layers may include (but are not restricted to) location of Old Growth Management Areas, trapper identification information and more. It is important to note that you can still view maps with non-supported browsers but you may not be seeing all the information available to you as a result, you may not have the information you need before beginning operations in a particular area.

This issue came to our attention after a member used MapView to set harvesting boundaries and inadvertently ended up harvesting in an Old-Growth Management Area.

Recommendation

Use your professional diligence with online mapping tools such as MapView. Such tools may be adequate for information gathering but inadequate for mapping and submission of final boundaries or other critical features. In addition, ensure that the datasets you refer to are current to the date of your submission. This approach aligns with the ABCFP's [Standards of Professional Practice: Guidelines for Interpretation](#) (January 2010).

RESULTS

When using a browser other than Internet Explorer, you may notice that certain features seem to be inactive (greyed out). This situation may lead you to assume that the function is not available; however, it is available when viewed with Internet Explorer. You may be inadvertently submitting incomplete information as a result of using a non-supported browser.

Recommendation

Be sure to use Internet Explorer versions 7 or 8 to access RESULTS.