



Sustainable Forest Management Certification

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION IS A COMPLEX TOPIC AND EVERYONE HAS AN opinion. This is especially true in British Columbia, where three main forest certification programs operate.

In this issue, we have articles about all three BC certification programs: Canadian Standards Association, Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative. These articles come from a variety of sources including: forest certification auditors, forest professionals working within the programs and certification program employees. We have tried to provide you with enough different perspectives so that every ABCFP member will be able to find something useful in this issue.

I'd like to particularly draw your attention to the article by Michel de Bellefeuille, RPF, "So You Think You Want to Get Certified? Choosing an SFM Standard." Michel does an excellent job of objectively reviewing all three programs and outlining their pros and cons. Jason Zimmerman, RPF, wrote another article of note about chain of custody, an aspect of forest management certification not mentioned in the other articles.

This issue of **BC Forest Professional** also includes the registration form for the annual conference. *Everything to Everyone: The Art of Forestry* is shaping up to be a spectacular professional development event. It will be a sleeves-rolled-up conference where interactive sessions draw on the wisdom of leading practitioners to illuminate the challenges that seem to be beyond scientific resolution or legislative solution. Come learn and network in the heart of Victoria. 🌲