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Dear ABCFP Member:

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### 1. **Upcoming Professional Reliance Activities**

The ABCFP is working on a number of professional reliance activities that may be of interest to members.

- The Professional Reliance Working Group continues to develop professional reliance scenarios, resolve issues and revise the consensus professional reliance document.
- By request, the ABCFP will facilitate customized workshops or the resolution of professional reliance issues in any location.
- The Task Force for Professional Practice in Appraisals and Cruising held its inaugural meeting on October 22. The objective of this task force is: to identify professional practice issues of concern in the appraisal and cruising fields of practice; to offer members advice on how to resolve appraisal and cruising professional practice issues using the current appraisal system; and finally, to provide recommendations to advocate for change, if appropriate.

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### 2. **Planning Utopia Session to be Held at ExpoFor**

The stewardship advisory committee is currently reviewing the Planning Utopia project results with the consultant hired to explore the concept of an ideal forest planning world.

The project looked at three aspects of forest planning – vision, barriers and opportunities. The first aspect, vision, included reflections from stakeholders in the planning community. The stakeholders also discussed the barriers to achieving an ideal planning world and the opportunities they see that will help move BC towards this ideal planning environment. The results of this project will be presented to members in a session at ExpoFor 2008 to be held in Penticton on February 20 to 22.

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### **3. ABCFP Examines Stocking Standards**

The stewardship advisory committee (SAC) is reviewing and analyzing the effects of current stocking standards policy on forest stewardship in BC. While the focus is on policy, the SAC recognizes that stocking standards are the direct link between current forest growth and long-term yield forecasts, future timber supply and forest values in general. Technical issues such as stratification and competition assessment are under review relative to their relationship to stewardship, the regulatory framework and management risk. Members can expect to see a discussion paper on stocking standards by early March 2008.

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### **4. Meetings with External Stakeholders are Productive**

President Paul Knowles, RPF, and executive director Sharon Glover met with the Forest Practices Board (FPB) on December 5. The two groups discussed what the ABCFP was doing in the area of professional reliance. The ABCFP told the FPB that it decided to work with the College of Applied Biologists on a joint communiqué to all members about professional reliance. The communiqué will focus on the importance of members working in their own areas of expertise and working with other professionals in different disciplines when necessary. They also discussed high-retention harvesting on the coast and the fact that the association is planning to develop guidance to its members with respect to developing appropriate silviculture prescriptions for high-retention stands.

Paul Knowles, RPF, Mike Larock, RPF and ABCFP director of professional practice and forest stewardship, and Sharon Glover met with Rod Bealing of the Private Forest Landowners Association. They discussed some private land concerns that members have raised with the ABCFP during member meetings. The issues discussed included, taking land out of the managed forest lands program, keeping water quality high, rate of cut, and visuals. Rod brought the ABCFP up to speed on the legislation and regulations the private landowners adhere to and how they approached good forest stewardship.

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### **5. Questions or Comments?**

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