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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. **ABCFP LOOKS AT NEW POLICY ORGANIZATION**

A resolution was presented at ExpoFor that encouraged the ABCFP to look into a new strategic forest policy organization. ABCFP council members and staff meet with Doug Konkin, deputy minister, Ministry of Forests and Range, on this matter. At the meeting, the ABCFP agreed to look at other models which exist for policy structures to see if some different options could be considered.

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2. **CHANGES TO BC WORKSAFE REGULATIONS**

The ABCFP has been responding to proposed changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. The ABCFP submitted a formal response to the proposed changes earlier this month. The ABCFP's suggestions included making professional reliance part of the regulations and keeping the regulations from being overly prescriptive.

Visit the Advocacy page of the website to see the amendments proposed.

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3. JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS

As reported in the last issue of the **Advocacy Increment**, a letter was sent to Minister Coleman about the Junior Forest Wardens program. ABCFP council and staff had the opportunity to meet with Doug Konkin, deputy minister, about this issue. The ABCFP requested that the Ministry of Forests and Range support the initiative by providing one person to work full time on the Junior Forest Wardens program. The deputy agreed to look into this possibility, so stay tuned.

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4. RECRUITMENT INTO THE FORESTRY SECTOR

In response to the ageing population and the expected level of retirements in the coming years, the ABCFP commissioned a paper called *Recruitment Strategies for the BC Forest Sector* to drive a collective recruitment initiative for the province. It is expected that this initiative will work with the national recruitment strategy.

The report has numerous recommendations which will help put recruitment into the forest sector back on track. The next step will be to organize a meeting of all stakeholders to support this collective recruitment initiative.

The report will be released to members and the public this fall.

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5. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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