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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published up to twice a month for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

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**1. ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND AVOID REMOVAL**

**If you have not renewed your membership by TODAY, March 31, 2009, you will be removed from ABCFP membership and will not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.**

Members who haven't renewed their memberships were sent a letter via registered mail in early March notifying them of the deficiency. If you have any uncertainty about your membership renewal, please log in to the ABCFP website and go to Membership Renewal. It will tell you if your membership has renewed or what is missing.

**How Do I Renew My Membership?**

**Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs), transferring professional foresters, special permit holders and limited licence holders** must complete three steps to renew their memberships:

**Step 1:** Submit your 2008 Self-Assessment Declaration or a Declaration of Non-Practise.

**Step 2:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 3:** Pay your fees.

**Enrolled members (FITs and TFTs), forestry pupils, retired members and visiting professional foresters** only need to complete two steps to renew their memberships because they are not required to submit a Self-Assessment Declaration.

**Step 1:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 2:** Pay your fees.

If you haven't completed these steps by **March 31, 2009**, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership

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**2. DOWNLOAD AND PRINT YOUR RECEIPT AND MEMBERSHIP CARD**

In order to use your membership fees efficiently and because many members require the receipt quickly so they can be reimbursed by their employers, the ABCFP is no longer mailing receipts to members. You can get your receipt and membership card by printing them directly from the website. Please note that the ABCFP has discontinued the use of the annual decals. If necessary, your membership card can be used to prove current membership in the ABCFP.

Logon to the Members Only section of the website and click on the Receipts Listing option on the right side menu to download and print your receipt and membership card.

Please note that your membership card will not be available until you complete all steps of the membership renewal process and your payment has been processed.

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### **3. SPECIES AT RISK PAPER READY FOR MEMBER COMMENT**

Last week all members should have received an e-mail with a link to the new Species at Risk paper put together by the ABCFP and the College of Applied Biology. Members can comment on the paper until Monday April 6, 2009. Please take a moment to read and comment on the paper.

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### **4. NEW GUIDELINES ADDED TO ABCFP WEBSITE**

The ABCFP has published a new guideline on professional quality fieldwork on the website. Click on the link below to read this important document.

Another new document *Guidelines for Managing Non-Statutory Expectations in Forest Practice* will be available in the Policies and Guidelines section of the website later this week.

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### **5. UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN NOW ONLINE**

Council created a comprehensive strategic plan in 2008 to guide the ABCFP through 2010. The plan was updated earlier this year to reflect the work that was achieved in 2008 and to highlights the goals for 2009. The plan is now available on the website.

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### **6. SPRING SERIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED**

The Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop has been revised, shortened to a day and a half, and will be offered in various locations in 2009. The half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible and Professional Reliance workshops have been revised and updated. All three workshops will be offered as a series this spring (see below) and will also be made available online. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

#### **The Spring Series Workshops:**

##### **Kamloops**

April 14 1:00 to April 15 4:30 Professional Ethics and Professional Obligations

April 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

**Campbell River**

April 28 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
April 28 1:00 to April 29 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
April 30 am Professional Reliance

**Prince George**

May 4 1:00 to May 5 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 6 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
May 6 pm Professional Reliance

**Williams Lake**

May 11 1:00 to May 12 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 13 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

**Quesnel**

May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 27 pm Professional Reliance

**Smithers**

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 16 1:00 to June 17 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 18 am Professional Reliance

**Dawson Creek (updated)**

June 23 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 23 1:00 to June 24 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 25 am Professional Reliance

**Nelson (NEW!)**

September 1 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
September 1 1:00 to September 2 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
September 3 am Professional Reliance

Information on the Spring Series Workshops is available on the Workshops page of the website. Registration is now available online or by fax.

[Workshops](#)  
[Online Registration](#)

You can also mark your calendar with these tentative dates for the Policy Review Seminars. Members who take two or three Spring Series workshops will receive a 15% or 20% (respectively) discount on their choice of the policy review seminars.

- Prince George: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Kamloops: September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nanaimo: September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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## 7. UPCOMING MEMBER MEETINGS

The following are dates for the upcoming member meetings. Members in each community will receive an e-mail invitation to the meeting; however, any member is

welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings will be held in the early evening. More details will be released closer to the meeting dates.

Kamloops – April 15  
Campbell River – April 28  
Prince George – May 5  
Williams Lake – May 12  
Quesnel – May 26  
Smithers – June 16  
Dawson Creek – June 23  
Nelson – September 1

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## **8. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS**

Members who plan to write the registration exam this year or next year are encouraged to form or join a local study group. Information on how to form a study group and a listing of current groups are on the Study Groups page of the website.

Study group members are encouraged to post questions and information on the ABCFP Discussion Forum and communicate with other study groups to share information. Study groups should meet regularly and consider the following ideas:

- Develop a list of appropriate study topics
- Assign study topics to study group members
- Distribute summaries of study topics to study group members
- Discuss study topics
- Develop questions to ask on the Discussion Forum or other study groups

Study information has recently been posted on the ABCFP Discussion Forum. Study groups are welcome to contact Brian Robinson, RPF, to arrange local study sessions during his travels.

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## **9. LABOUR MOBILITY INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL 1**

In order to be in compliance with provincial and federal regulations, the ABCFP will have information on how forest professionals from other jurisdictions can apply for

membership in the ABCFP on the website by April 1, 2009. Please check the Homepage for all labour mobility information beginning on Wednesday.

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## 10. UPCOMING FORESTRY EDUCATION EVENTS

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector are part of the professional reliance model envisioned under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The guidelines represent a team approach for developing a terrain management model. This seminar will provide an overview of the guidelines, specifically, the roles and responsibilities that members of both associations have when carrying out work in the management of terrain stability. Information will be given on when and where a TSA should be carried out and whether or not a TSA has been carried out. Participants will learn forest development strategies that are consistent with the risks and how to interpret the guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in practising due diligence which will include considerations around when to engage other professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with managing terrain stability will benefit from this seminar.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at:

[http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating\\_the\\_profession/policies\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp)

ABCFP members can now register online.

[Online Registration](#)

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The “Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings” sets standards for members of the ABCFP and APEGBC involved in forest crossing planning and design. The guidelines were recently revised to address matters related to engineered culverts. This seminar will provide an overview of the guidelines, specifically the roles and responsibilities that members of both association have when carrying out work on Forest Crossings. Information will be given on how professionals are to interact with regards to the planning and design of crossings, as well as their limitations. Participants will learn how to interpret the results-based guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in practising due diligence, by ensuring that they know the appropriate levels at which to involve different professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with forest crossings will benefit from this seminar. **This course is available as a live workshop or via webcast.**

Please note that while the seminar content will be relevant to all members, this is not intended to be a “how to” course on bridge design.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at:

[http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating\\_the\\_profession/policies\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp)

ABCFP members can now register online.

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- **Silviculture II**

**Location: Malcolm Knapp Research Forest: April 26-May 3, 2009**

**Instructors: Dr. Gordon Weetman, Dr. John Barker**

Silviculture II deals with the stand tending silviculture practices from free growing through to final harvest of a stand. These include thinning, fertilization, pruning, and silviculture systems and their relationship to timber quality, structural biodiversity, habitat and stand growth and yield and allowable cuts at the forest level. Decision making in crop planning, stand dynamics, operational problems and relevant history policy and regulatory issues and underlining science theory are also covered.

The cost of this course is \$1,150. Accommodation is additional and is payable directly to [Malcolm Knapp Research Forest](#). Amount TBA

#### PREREQUISITES

##### Required:

- Dendrology
- Forest Ecology
- Forest Silvics
- Forest Mensuration
- Silviculture 1

##### Recommended:

- Forest Biometrics
- Forest Economics
- Forest Entomology
- Forest Pathology
- Forest Soils

This course is intended for Forestry Pupils and Foresters-in Training (FITs) enrolled with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. Silviculture II is also open to non-ABCFP members who wish to learn more about silviculture and have the prerequisite courses. Those who feel they qualify for the course, but do not have all the prerequisites must have instructor approval before registering. Please note that Selkirk Management Services is no longer offering this course. Suntrana Enterprises is the new organization putting it on.

**For more information and registration please contact:**

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## 11. IMPORTANT REGISTRATION EXAM DATES

Exam eligibility notices will be sent out via e-mail in early May. Exam application packages will be made available online in early May and the 2009 exam resource libraries will be made available online in mid-May. Keep reading **The Increment** for more information.

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## 12. STUDY AND MENTORSHIP GROUP FOR ABORIGINAL MEMBERS

The ABCFP, a few Aboriginal RPFs/RFTs, and other forestry mentors (the "Group Mentors") are forming an ancillary study group for Aboriginal ABCFP members who will be writing the registration exam this year or next. The Group Mentors will provide direction and support to Aboriginal ABCFP members who are preparing for the registration exams. The study group will utilize the ABCFP Discussion Forum to network with other study groups around the province to the benefit of all study groups. If you want to join this study group as an FIT or a TFT, please contact Brian Robinson, RPF. The study group will meet by conference call and the Group Mentors and ABCFP will provide study topics, scenarios and mock exam questions to help exam writers.

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## 13. SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsoring RFTs and RPFs are needed to mentor enrolled members. You must be willing to meet regularly with your enrolled member, review his or her practice diary and ensure your enrolled member is ready for the registration exam. More information is available on the Sponsor a New Member page of the website.

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## 14. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2008 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2009. To date, the evaluation forms of over 275 enrolled members (FITs, ASFITs, FPs, TFTs, ASTFTs) have yet to be submitted by their respective sponsors. Unless these evaluations are submitted to the ABCFP, these members will not receive credit for work experience gained in 2008 or be eligible to write the 2009 registration exams.

If you missed the original deadline, you can still submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2009.

Send to:  
Registration Department  
Association of BC Forest Professionals  
330 – 321 Water St  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website.

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## 15. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – SPEAK WITH STUDENTS OR THE MEDIA

The ABCFP compiling lists of members who are willing to visit schools and give presentations about careers in forestry as well as members who have special expertise in certain areas and who are willing to speak with the media. The ABCFP often gets calls from high schools looking for someone to make presentations to the students on careers in forestry. Typically these presentations last about an hour and usually the students have lots of questions for our members. If you are interested in speaking to groups of students, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

We frequently get calls from the news media looking for experts on certain forestry topics (such as fire, log exports, bio-energy to name a few). If you have expertise in any particular area of forestry and you would be willing to educate the news media about your interest area, please e-mail Amanda Brittain. Basic media training will be provided to everyone who volunteers before you are asked to speak to the media.

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## 16. GOVERNMENT SEEKS INPUT ON SILVICULTURE PAPER

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Forests and Range Minister Pat Bell released a discussion paper, *Growing Opportunities: A New Vision for Silviculture in British Columbia*. The intent is to solicit input on a new vision to guide silviculture investments on public land. Comments will be accepted until September 30, 2009.

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## 17. FOREST PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO GREEN ENERGY CONFERENCE

This one day dialogue in Vancouver brings members of the public together with opinion leaders, decision makers, leading academics, and journalists for a rigorous, frank and engaging dialogue on building a low carbon green economy in British Columbia. Participants will discuss the promise and challenges facing new green energy developments – run of river, siting windfarms, and scaling up other technologies, as well as economic policy – carbon tax, cap and trade and clean tech manufacturing.

Date: April 7, 2009  
Time: 8:30 am – 7:00 pm  
Location: 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver

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## 18. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently two career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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## 19. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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