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Dear ABCFP Member:

The Increment: Advocacy Update e-newsletter will be published monthly for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains information about the ABCFP's advocacy efforts. Back issues of this newsletter will be available on the association's website.

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1. WELCOME TO THE INCREMENT: ADVOCACY UPDATE

This is the first of a new series of The Increment e-newsletters. It is dedicated to telling you, our members, about the ABCFP's advocacy efforts. We will endeavour to send this e-newsletter out once a month.

Please let us know what you think about the advocacy version of The Increment.

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2. FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT

On Wednesday, June 20th, the ABCFP will hold its first-ever news conference. At the conference, Paul Knowles, ABCFP president, will discuss the benefits of good fuel

management. We don't want to give out too much information before the conference; however the ABCFP has been in contact with the Ministry of Forests and Range and several communities on the topic of forest fires.

Members can check the News Release page of the website on Wednesday to get a copy of the fuel management news release.

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3. FOREST INVENTORIES

The ABCFP released a report on the perceived problems with BC's forest inventory in November 2006. Council endorsed the report and the 18 recommendations it contained. Since the report was issued, council and staff have met with the Minister of Forests and Range and senior government officials to discuss the recommendations.

The ABCFP is happy to report that some changes have been made both as a result of our efforts as well as an internal forest inventory review undertaken by the ministry. We have also received a formal response to our report from the Chief Forester and are analyzing that response.

Go to the Papers & Reports page of the website to read the original report.

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4. CHANGES TO BC WORKSAFE REGULATIONS

The ABCFP has been responding to proposed changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. The first round of discussions with WorkSafeBC yielded some significant changes to the regulations that ensured compliance with the *Foresters Act* and the practice rights of our members. The ABCFP also met with the Auditor General's office to assist them in their audit of safety issues in the forest sector.

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

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The second round of discussions with WorkSafeBC is currently underway. The ABCFP will continue to work with WorkSafeBC to encourage an approach to safety issues that relies upon professional judgment and is results based.

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5. JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS

Recognizing that the Junior Forest Warden (JFW) program is an excellent way to introduce young people to the idea of careers in forestry, the ABCFP lobbied the

government to fund a full-time position with the JFW. The incumbent of this position would be given the task of rejuvenating the program.

Read our letter to Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing on the Advocacy page of the website.

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6. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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