



# *Role of the ABCFP in Professional Reliance*

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# Presentation Points



- **The legislative structure in place.**
- **How does Professional Reliance fit in?**
- **What is the ABCFP role?**

# ***Foresters Act (2003)***



**Creates**

- 1. the practice of professional forestry**
- 2. the forest professionals**
- 3. the ABCFP**

**Charges the ABCFP with serving and protecting the public interest**

# ***Foresters Act (2003)***

## **Practice of Professional Forestry has four parts**



- 1. Verbs: advising, performing, directing services**
- 2. Scope and implications respecting forests**
- 3. Require the specialized education, knowledge and experience of a registered member**
- 4. Non inclusive list of examples**

# ***Forest and Range Practices Act***



## **Definition**

***“forest practice”* means a prescribed activity that is carried out by**

- a) the government**
- b) tenure holder**

## ***Framework***



**Tenure holder is steward of the forest in partnership with the government**

**Utilize professional service founded on principles of stewardship**

# How does Professional Reliance fit in?



*“the practice of accepting and relying upon the decisions and advice of professionals who accept responsibility and can be held accountable for the decisions they make and the advice they give.”*

*(Guideline: Definition of Professional Reliance. September 2004)*

# Professional Reliance to me means ....



- 1. PR = Accountability = Discipline***
- 2. Free at Last.***
- 3. Change prescriptive to Results***
- 4. Changing the steward***
- 5. Knowledge***
- 6. Denial***

# How do we hold each other Accountable?



- 1. Informal questions***
- 2. Verbal Incorporation***
- 3. Written Incorporation***
- 4. An independent opinion***
- 5. Peer Review***
- 6. An arbiter***
- 7. ABCFP Complaint Process***

# What is the ABCFP Role?



- ***Regulate the practice of professional forestry***
- ***Uphold principles of stewardship***
- ***Govern members***

# What is the ABCFP Role?

*Teamwork approach to forestry*



## Tools of the profession

- Bylaws
- Resolutions
- Guidance
- Demand side legislation
- Knowledge transfer
- Complaints, Discipline, Accountability

## *How can we get there?*



***The onus is on the employers to understand the practice of professional forestry and use professional service.***

***The onus is on the ABCFP to enforce competence and conduct; to confirm and report on good professional work.***

***The onus is on the professional to undertake their practice consistent with the Foresters Act, ABCFP bylaws and other legislation.***



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