

## INTERIOR OIF SILVICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### **Vision:**

Sustainable stewardship of forest land within the Interior of British Columbia driven by innovative practices that strive to balance objectives and values across the landbase.

#### **Purpose:**

The Interior OIF Silviculture Subcommittee is a group of forest industry and government staff that will support the OIF on silviculture-related technical and policy issues, by:

- Striving for continual improvement of silviculture practices in the Interior of British Columbia
- Seeking to align investment in silviculture with due consideration for the impact on timber supply and other forest values.

#### **Scope:**

Technical and policy issues assigned by either, or both of, the Northern or Southern Operational Issues Forums (OIFs) regarding matters related to Silviculture, Growth and Yield, and Timber Supply.

#### ***Link to the Operational Issues Forum***

This working committee will be assigned silviculture-related issues and topics that the Northern and/or Southern Operational Issues Forums require technical level advice on. The committee will report back to the respective OIF with their advice and recommendations to support OIF decisions.

In addition, this committee will elevate silviculture technical or policy-related issues that are identified at the operational level by describing the issue, impact, options and subsequent recommendations to the North and South OIFs.

#### **General Objectives**

On topics assigned by the OIF:

- Facilitates the efficient and consistent understanding of professionally sound silviculture practices within the Interior of BC.
- Explores innovation, new approaches and current scientific information
- Fosters common understanding of rational and equitable thought processes involved in professional decisions.
- Provides advice on methods or practices to improve the implementation of FRPA.
- Provides recommendations for the Northern and Southern OIF's to consider.

- At the direction of the OIF, communicates issues and solutions to respective sector peers and TSA Silviculture working groups
- Provide a forum for technical and policy related issues to be brought forward for technical review and understanding of the impacts across the interior of British Columbia and to develop recommendations that facilitate improving Silviculture practices.
- Promotes the concept of professional reliance as it relates to silviculture practices.

## Operating principles:

- Members commit to convening as required to provide timely response to OIF identified actions. On more complex topics, this may require the development of a schedule and participation between meetings.
- Members contribute to an effective and timely process that responds to silviculture related issues and topics that impact the Interior of BC
- The most knowledgeable and appropriate representatives are selected for the committee by the member group, and accountability is placed accordingly.
- Opportunities for innovation in forest resource management approaches within the Interior of BC are encouraged.
- Alternates to the committee members are fully briefed and prepared to speak on behalf of the person they are replacing.
- Individuals with specific expertise may be drawn upon to deal with issues that are not within the area of expertise of the Silviculture Sub Committee.

## Structure:

### *Chairperson(s) and Secretary.*

Representatives from both industry and government shall each nominate one person to act as a Co-Chair and a Secretary shall also be selected by the Committee members, all for a term of not less than two years

The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for developing the meeting agenda and ensuring issues are raised and addressed in a timely manner. The Secretary shall take all official minutes and distribute all written materials as necessary.

### *Membership*

Representatives from industry and government, striving for balanced geographical representation, will be endorsed by the respective associated members of the North and South OIFs.

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| FLNR(4): | Four District or Region representatives (2 each from the North and South Areas). |
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- Industry (4): Four representatives of the Interior forest industry (2 each from the North and South Areas).
- BCTS (2): Two representatives of BCTS (1 from the North and 1 from the South Area)
- Resource Practices Branch (1): One provincial FLNR representative.

Alternate representation at these meetings will be the responsibility of the committee member not able to attend the meeting. Alternates should be included in regular committee correspondence.

Term of each member shall be for two years periods and is renewable.

Observers (up to a total of 5 at one time) will be welcome to attend at the discretion of the subcommittee.