

COAST REGION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
Silviculture Working Group
TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Scope

This working group will be focussed on technical issues assigned by the Coast Region Implementation Team (CRIT) regarding matters related to silviculture.

General Objectives

Where directed by CRIT:

1. To develop a discussion paper on an aspect of silviculture that:
 - Facilitates the efficient and consistent understanding of professionally sound practices within the Coast Forest Region (CFR).
 - Explores innovation and new approaches.
 - Creates an understanding of reasonable thought processes that result in professional decisions.
 - Provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and initiatives meant to improve the implementation of FRPA.
 - Provides recommendations for CRIT to consider where appropriate.
2. To carry out monitoring of forest practices related to the issues identified and described within discussion papers.
3. To determine if the discussion papers are having an affect on changing forest practices in relations to the issues identified.
4. To report findings to the professionals involved, licensee being assessed, district manager and a prepare a summary for CRIT.
5. To identify areas where training would improve results in the field.
6. To resolve technical issues identified by the team or as assigned by CRIT.
7. To review discussion papers on a periodic basis to ensure still relevant and update where necessary.
8. To improve the practice of silviculture by providing professional advice when requested.
9. To work with the ABCFP to promote the concept of professional reliance as it relates to silviculture practices.

Membership

Ensure an equal representation between industry and government and strive for geographical representation.

Chair, to be appointed by the group: Currently the MFR Regional Silviculturalist
MOF District/Region Three representatives for the eight districts within the region as
well as the Regional research silviculturalist

Industry Five representatives from the Coast Forest Industry including
BCTS

Responsibilities of Members

- The Chair will develop the agenda and facilitate meetings.
- The Chair will assign the task of note taking and distributing minutes as necessary.
- All members will present issues they wish to have on the agenda within the scope of the TOR, accurately representing the issue and providing sufficient information for members to understand the issue.
- Members will conduct themselves in a professional and fair manner by showing respect and listening to other points of view ensuring that all members have equal opportunity to fully participate in all discussions.
- Members will actively participate in the development of products and field based monitoring.
- Members will complete assigned tasks by timelines established by the group and documented as action items within meeting minutes.
- Members are responsible for their own travel costs unless otherwise determined by the Chair for unusual expenses.

Operating Principle

- Terms of reference will be reviewed periodically.
- Workloads will be shared amongst members.
- Team will hold conference calls or meet on an as needed basis with at a minimum one face to face meeting per year.
- Options to reduce workload on members will always be considered including the use of consultants where funding is identified.
- Monitoring may be required as directed by CRIT.
- Meeting minutes will briefly summarize and record discussion and include points of agreement or disagreement and action items.
- The team will strive for consensus on all matters deliberated. The Chair will be accountable to determine when an acceptable number of members support a decision, action or recommendation. Where further approval is required by CRIT, the Chair will note any dissenting votes and their positions.
- For field monitoring the prescribing forester and /or licensee representative will be invited to attend.

Budget

- The Chair, in consultation with members, will develop and propose a budget annually to CRIT.