



File #21-04

Respondent: Registered Professional Biologist

Complaint Submitted: April 22, 2021

Date of Decision: November 3, 2021

Complaint Summary:

A complaint was submitted against a member of the College alleging unethical conduct. In particular, the allegations were that the subject member breached the following Principles of the Code of Ethics:

Principle 1 - Provide objective, science-based, unfettered, forthright and intellectually honest opinion, advice and reports in applied biology.

Principle 2 - Undertake assignments and offer opinions only in areas in where training and ability make the registrant professionally competent.

Principle 3 - Ensure they meet a professional standard of care by practicing applied biology with attention, caution, prudence, and due diligence.

Principle 9 - Recognize the duty to address poor conduct and/or practice of another professional under the Professional Governance Act in order to protect the public interest, the profession, and the reputation of the College as a regulator.

The complaint alleges the respondent did not a) properly perform an adequate assessment of the breeding status of avian species and as such the respondents recommendations led to the waiving of permit conditions and b) provide an adequate monitoring plan for the species.

Decision:

The Investigations Committee (the Committee) reviewed detailed submissions from both the complainants and the respondent. The Committee determined the response provide by the respondent soundly addressed the allegations and there were no breaches of professional ethics or conduct. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9-8(e), the Investigations Committee has dismissed the complaint and the file is closed.