

File 21-05

Respondent: Christopher Maundrell, Registered Professional Biologist #1351

Complaint Submitted: Self-reported April 9, 2021

Date of Decision: February 6, 2023

Complaint Summary:

A complaint was self-reported by Christopher Maundrell, Registered Professional Biologist regarding potential unethical conduct. The complaint alleged the respondent conducted stream classification work for a woodlot licensee who was subsequently investigated for and determined to be in contravention of the BC Forest and Range Practices Act, as a result of work undertaken in relation to the misclassification of a stream. An investigation completed by the Compliance and Enforcement Branch of FLNRO resulted in the District Manager of the Peace and Natural Resource District, determining the respondent did not satisfy due diligence when completing stream analysis for the presence/absence of fish.

On August 10, 2021 the Investigation Committee deferred the compliant action(s) as per 9 – 11 (1) of the College Bylaws until another investigation, which was underway at the time, regarding a potential non-compliance pertaining to the FLNRO determination was completed to avoid duplicating efforts by the College and the other party's investigation.

Decision:

Upon completion of the above noted investigation process, the Investigation Committee (the Committee) reviewed the final investigation report pursuant to 10-4 of the College Bylaws and detailed submissions from respondent including the reports and determination from FLNRO. Pursuant to sections 9-8(2) and 9 -16 of the College Bylaws the Committee on February 6, 2023 proposed Reprimand or Remedial Action by Consent (RRAC). The respondent agreed to the RRAC and it was subsequently signed by the College Registrar and the Respondent on March 13, 2023. The RRAC requires the respondent to submit two stream classification reports to the College for review to ensure they are in compliance. If there is a failure by the respondent to comply with the terms of the RRAC the College is at liberty to continue with the discipline process pursuant to section 9-16(5) of the College Bylaws.