

CONSENT ORDER

Made pursuant to s. 73(2) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED BIOLOGISTS

and

DAVID MARTIN, FORMER ABT #4146

Background

1. In July 2025, the College of Applied Biologists (the “College”) received a complaint that David Martin had falsified fish sampling data.
2. Mr. Martin and two colleagues were involved in a Kokanee Fry Outmigration Sampling Program in 2024. The project involved sampling fish at various locations around a mine site, trapping the fish and collecting data 12 times over the course of a night shift. On four night-shifts between May 5-21 and June 1-21, 2024, the crew did not catch many fish in the last few hours of the night, so the crew members did not set the final two traps for the night and instead entered data that was not observed and ended their shift early.
3. Mr. Martin resigned from the College on July 3, 2025, for reasons unrelated to this matter.
4. The Investigation Committee and Mr. Martin have agreed to the terms of this Consent Order pursuant to s. 73(2) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47 (the “*Act*”) and s. 9-16 of the *College Bylaws*.

Disposition

1. Mr. Martin admits:
 - a. He did not meet the standard of care required by the College’s Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct by failing to ensure that the facts used to support advice are accurate and are represented accurately.
 - b. The above conduct constitutes professional misconduct.
2. Mr. Martin consents to a reprimand.
3. Mr. Martin agrees to pay a \$2000 fine.

4. Mr. Martin agrees that if he applies for registration with the College, he must successfully re-take the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct course offered by the College as a condition of registration.
5. Mr. Martin agrees that if he applies and is accepted for registration with the College, the following conditions shall be imposed on his registration for 4 years:
 - a) Any fieldwork or data entry Mr. Martin performs must be supervised by another registrant of the College who is in good standing.
 - b) Mr. Martin may not act in the role of crew lead or field supervisor (train, supervise or lead data collection or data entry).
6. Mr. Martin acknowledges that the College is required by Section 82(1) of *Act* to make this Consent Order publicly available on the College's website.
7. Mr. Martin agrees that the College has recommended that he receive independent legal advice regarding this Consent Order and that the College has given him the opportunity to obtain independent legal advice.

DATED at Prince George, in the Province of British Columbia, this 05 day of 05 2026.

[Redacted Signature]

David Martin

[Redacted Name]

Name of Witness

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

The Investigation Committee of the
College of Applied Biologists

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Per: Alexandra de Jong Westman, Chair