

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

BRANDON SEMESOCK, FORMER RP BIO #4030

Background

1. In July 2025, Brandon Semesock disclosed to the College of Applied Biologists (the “College”) that, on a project where he was the crew lead, his team had falsified fish sampling data. Subsequently, his former employer also reported this matter.
2. Mr. Semesock 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. Semesock resigned from the College on December 16, 2025, for reasons unrelated to this matter.
4. The Investigation Committee and Mr. Semesock 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. Semesock 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. Semesock consents to a reprimand.
3. Mr. Semesock agrees to pay a \$2000 fine, payable as set out in Appendix A.

4. Mr. Semesock 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. Semesock 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. Semesock performs must be supervised by another registrant of the College who is in good standing.
 - b) Mr. Semesock may not act in the role of crew lead or field supervisor (train, supervise or lead data collection or data entry).
6. Mr. Semesock 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. Semesock 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.

This Consent Order is approved and accepted by Mr. Semesock and the Investigation Committee this 1 day of June 2026.



 Brandon Semesock



 Name of Witness



 Witness Signature

The Investigation Committee of the
 College of Applied Biologists



 Per: Alexandra de Jong Westman, Chair

Appendix A

Payment to be made according to the following schedule:

\$100 per month for 20 months, payable on the 1st of the month, with the first payment due July 1, 2026.