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## Memorandum of Understanding

Between:

the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals  
And  
the College of Applied Biology of British Columbia

Whereas both parties represent professions of equal merit whose close cooperation is required to achieve the public interest in respect to the stewardship and management of public resources and the environment, and overlaps exist in the practice definitions of professional forestry and applied biology, it is therefore agreed that:

1. Each organization will be solely responsible for the certification, competence, and conduct of their respective members.
2. Each organization is responsible for interpreting their respective definition and scope of practice consistent with their enabling legislation. Practice issue questions and concerns will be referred for resolution to the Joint Committee as described in paragraph 4.
3. Each organization will promote the use of competent, qualified, accountable resource professionals acting within their definitions of practice, regardless of their professional affiliation. Each organization will promote an atmosphere of mutual support, respect, and collaboration between the organizations and between the respective memberships.
4. A Joint Committee shall be formed to promote dialogue and cooperation between the two organizations, propose solutions to issues between the organizations that may arise from time to time, and pursue joint initiatives of common interest.
  - a) This committee will be advisory to the respective councils and shall consist of up to 4 members from each organization. At least 2 members from each organization will be sitting council members, preferably including one lay councillor from each organization.
  - b) As deemed appropriate, the committee may invite other experts or staff to participate in committee deliberations or provide advice to the committee.
  - c) The committee will establish their operating procedures consistent with this Memorandum of Understanding.
  - d) The committee will produce or enable the production of, and/or review of joint practice advisories, standards of practice, or other joint member guidance



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- materials as requested or approved by both councils. Such joint documents must be approved by both councils upon completion.
- e) Either council may refer matters to the committee for deliberation, advice or to propose solutions.
  - f) The committee shall meet, in person, by teleconference, or by other means it deems appropriate, at least twice a year or as deemed necessary.
  - g) Each organization will assume responsibility for all travel and related costs of their respective committee members. All meeting costs will be shared.
5. The Joint Committee shall remain in place as long as this Memorandum of Understanding remains in effect.
6. The MOU may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other, or may be amended with the written consent of both parties. This MOU will be reviewed by both councils within five years of the date of signing.

Agreed to the 22 of February, 2007.

On behalf of the Council of the  
College of Applied Biology of BC

(original signed)

J. Douglas Steventon, R.P.Bio  
President

On behalf of the Council of the Association  
of BC Forest Professionals

(original signed)

Bob Craven, RPF  
President