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A career in the public service gave Bob Bishop extensive opportunity to contribute to the progressive and scientific management of the forests of New Brunswick. From experience in the field actively participating in all aspects of forestry to his tenure as Deputy Minister of Natural Resources he was recognized for his leadership and positive influence on sound forest practices.

In his early years as head of the Department he participated in an expansion of responsibilities including the addition of a Parks Branch and Water Authority. In effect all the natural resources came under his administration. These additions coupled with a major expansion in the pulp and paper industry leading to increased utilization of hardwood were a challenge to his talents- a challenge which he met successfully.

The advice and counsel of a dedicated civil servant are in great demand in shaping governmental policy. These attributes were the hallmark of Bob Bishop as he served successive ministers through expansion and re-organization of the Department of Natural Resources. The support of his staff and their dedication to his example of integrity and vision is yet another indication of the character of the man.

He furthered the cause of good forest management by providing reliable information, logical thought and practical implementation to policy makers- and when the policy was made he provided the leadership in getting the job done.