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CODE OF ETHICS

for the

ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK FORESTRY PROFESSIONALS

PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The CODE OF ETHICS provides a general guide about appropriate ethical and professional conduct principles for members and licensees practicing professional forestry in New Brunswick. Members and Licensees are bound by the Laws, Acts, and Regulations of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick and the By-Laws of the Association of New Brunswick Forestry Professionals (ANBFP). This CODE OF ETHICS is prescribed in the ANBFP By-Laws.
- 1.2 The CODE OF ETHICS defines the required conduct of ANBFP members and licensees in their relations with the public, employers, employees, clients, stakeholders and other members and licensees. The CODE OF ETHICS promotes honest, fair, respectful, and honorable human relationships. Members and Licensees are expected to treat others as they would want to be treated.
- 1.3 The CODE OF ETHICS requires members and licensees to be competent in their practice of professional forestry.
- 1.4 The CODE OF ETHICS requires members and licensees to regard stewardship of the forest ecosystem as their primary responsibility. This entails managing forest land and associated forest resources, while protecting aquatic ecosystems; to meet the objectives of the owner without compromising the opportunity for present and future generations, and the utility and value of the forest to society.
- 1.5 The CODE OF ETHICS requires members and licensees to respect aboriginal rights.

ARTICLES:

A Member/Licensee...

- 2.1 Shall be honest, fair, respectful, and honorable in all their intentions and actions.
- 2.2 Shall provide factual and accurate information to the best of their knowledge.
- 2.3 Shall express opinions on forestry matters only based upon knowledge, skill, experience, and honest conviction. He/she should refute untrue or exaggerated statements.
- 2.4 Shall not distort or withhold information for the purpose of supporting their opinions.
- 2.5 Shall not claim credit for facts or opinions which are not their own.
- 2.6 Shall sign or seal only those plans, reports, prescriptions, maps, and specifications, prepared personally or produced under their direction, supervision, or review.
- 2.7 Shall give credit for assistance, methods, facts, or opinions provided by others.
- 2.8 Shall state clearly on whose behalf they are giving opinions or making statements.
- 2.9 Shall only undertake work and provide advice that they are competent to perform by virtue of training and experience.
- 2.10 Shall recommend that other experts/specialists be consulted on problems beyond their own competence and shall cooperate with such experts/specialists when necessary.
- 2.11 Shall strive to maintain and improve their own competencies.
- 2.12 Shall strive to improve the practice and associated outcomes of professional forestry.
- 2.13 Shall respect and adhere to all regulations and legal standards.
- 2.14 Shall not engage in any activity likely to result in an unfavorable reflection on the profession.
- 2.15 Shall not support the admission to the profession or licensing of persons they believe are incompetent, inadequately qualified, or unworthy.
- 2.16 Shall have proper regard in all their work for the safety, health and welfare of all people and the public at large.
- 2.17 Shall have proper regard in all their work for responsible and sustainable forest ecosystem management and environmental stewardship.

- 2.18 Shall understand the nature of the problem before offering advice or committing to providing services.
- 2.19 Shall respect confidentiality, except as may be required by law.
- 2.20 Shall regard the business of their employer as confidential unless released from this obligation.
- 2.21 Shall advise their employer or client of any course of action and its potential consequences that, in their professional opinion, is not based on sound forestry practice.
- 2.22 Shall declare any conflict of interest that might be created or perceived resulting from his/her actions.
- 2.23 Shall inform any employer or client of any business connections, interests or circumstances that may be deemed a conflict of interest or may influence their judgment or the quality of their services.
- 2.24 Shall not accept compensation in any form for a particular service from more than one source without the knowledge and consent of all interested parties.
- 2.25 Shall not distort or withhold explanatory contexts or statements for the purpose of supporting his/her own opinions.
- 2.26 Shall refrain from maligning the work, reputation, or business of another forestry professional. Unresolved concerns about forestry incompetence or malpractice should be confidentially referred to the Association for investigation and possible discipline.
- 2.27 Shall confidentially report any unresolved instances or concerns about professional forestry incompetence or malpractice to the Association for investigation and possible discipline.
- 2.28 Shall support and provide opportunities for the professional development of other members/licensees in their employ or under their supervision.