



ABCFP – CAB COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

The Association of BC Forest Professionals and College of Applied Biology are establishing a Collaboration Agreement.

Whereas:

1. Section 22 (1) of the *Professional Governance Act (PGA)* states:

It is the general duty of a regulatory body at all times to serve and protect the public interest with respect to the exercise of a profession, professional governance and the conduct of registrants' regulates practice, and exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities in the public interest..

2. Section 22 (2) of the *Professional Governance (PGA)* states:

The regulatory body has the following responsibilities:

- (a) to superintend the regulated practice
 - (e) to establish the conditions or requirements for registration of a person as a registrant of the regulatory body
 - (f) to establish, monitor and enforce standards of practice to enhance the quality of practice
3. The regulatory bodies are each individually required to establish standards of practice and competency for registrants.
4. The practice of applied biology does not include the provision of advice or services within the reserved practice of a registrant of the ABCFP.
5. Section 22(2)(k) of the *Professional Governance Act* requires the regulatory bodies to engage in collaborative relations and collaborative practice;
6. The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) and the College of Applied Biology (CAB) have a collaborative, effective relationship among registrants in professional practice, and between the professional regulatory bodies.

It is therefore agreed:

1. The regulated practice of professional forestry in the *PGA Forest Professionals Regulation* and the regulated practice of applied biology in the *PGA Applied Biologists Regulation* are essential to the proper protection of the safety, health, and welfare of the public and the environment and the promotion of health and safety in the workplace;
2. The ABCFP and the CAB agree that the respective regulated practices are related in the application of the sciences and allied in the governance of the professions.
3. The Applied Biology and Forestry Environment Practice Panel (EPP) shall be established by and be accountable to Chief Executive Officers of both organizations to bring forward recommendations regarding the following matters specific to the related application of both sciences:
 - a. Changes to this Collaboration Agreement;
 - b. Creation of Terms of Reference for the EPP consistent with this Collaboration Agreement;

- c. Identification of relatedness of the sciences, such as, specific and direct overlap, alignment or intersecting practice.
 - d. Clarification of the following,
 - i. the degree of relatedness of regulated practices in natural resources,
 - ii. the roles of registrants engaged in regulated practice under the *Professional Governance Act*,
 - iii. the competency standards for specific aspects of related practice
 - e. Identification and prioritization of joint registrant guidance relative to the related areas of the professional practices;
 - f. Identification, prioritization and promotion of continuing education and professional development needs in the related areas of professional practices;
 - g. Identification and prioritization of collaborative communications in the related areas of professional practices;
4. Where a need for registrant guidance has been identified either by the councils or the CEOs regarding matters listed in section 8 d), the EPP may develop guidance documents for approval by each the CEO's.
 5. The EPP may liaise with other regulators in matters concerning the related professional practices and at the approval of the CEOs.
 6. The Directors of Professional Practice shall appoint an equal number of registrants to the EPP.
 7. The CEO's may refer matters to the EPP for attention.
 8. When developing guidance products for registrants, the EPP shall invite the respective practice committees to appoint individuals to serve on any task force established to develop that guidance product. The EPP may also consult with and/or appoint to task forces other specialists or interested parties it deems appropriate.
 9. The CEOs of the two organizations shall ensure that the EPP has appropriate staff and budgetary support.
 10. Both organizations will, individually and jointly, promote the appropriate utilization of their registrants in relation to professional practice and activities within the respective sciences.
 11. Both organizations will promote the appropriate use of professional titles as prescribed in the *Professional Governance Act*, Regulations, and bylaws of the respective organizations.
 12. This Collaboration Agreement shall be reviewed by both Directors of Practice within five years from the date of signature below.
 13. The EPP shall stand as long as this Collaboration Agreement remains in effect.

This agreement dated for reference the 20th day of April, 2021 between The Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals and the College of Applied Biology of BC.

On behalf of the Association of BC Forest Professionals:



Chief Executive Officer
Association of BC Forest Professionals

On behalf of the College of Applied Biology BC:



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College of Applied Biology BC