

# Managed Forest Program Newsletter

## Winter 2011

### Introduction

This newsletter highlights items of interest to MF owners in the coming year. Firstly a notable metric: the MF program has grown from 195 owners in 2005 to 250 owners in 2011, a 28% increase. Details on the activities & accomplishments of the MF Program are described in our 2009 -10 Annual Report which is posted on our website. Our 3-Year Strategic Plan is also on the website.

### Council

As a result of the government reorganization of the BC resource ministries in 2010, the Council now reports to the Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands. Minister Pat Bell is familiar with the MF Program.

At the end of March 2011 there will be a vacancy on Council as the term for Rod Davis, a government appointed council member, expires. Rod has served on Council for 6 years as vice-chair and our thanks go to him for all the hard work and time he has contributed to the operation of Council. Anyone interested in being appointed to Council can learn more about the opportunity posted on the Board Resourcing and Development Office website: [www.fin.gov.bc.ca/brdo/](http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/brdo/)

### 2011 Annual Administration Fee

You will note that the amount of the annual fee invoice for 2011 has decreased on average 5% compared to the 2010 invoice. This is due to a projected operating surplus for fiscal 2010, although the 2011 operating budget has increased slightly (4.5%).

*Note: anyone who has a RBC account can pay the 2011 invoice directly through an inter account transfer to Council's RBC account.*

### 2010 Annual Declaration

**Declarations are due by May 1, 2011.** *A reminder that NIL returns may be phoned into our office or submitted by email.*

The annual declaration form has been redesigned for 2010 and an Instruction for Completing the Annual Declaration has been added to the back of the form. Please read the Reforestation declaration requirements carefully.

### Reforestation Reporting

Are you aware of the reforestation obligations and reporting requirements? This is a two-stage process; following logging all areas must be restocked either by planting or natural regeneration within 5 years and successfully regenerated (ie, free of brush competition) within 15 years. Both the restocking and successful regeneration milestones must be declared to Council.

Some owners have not been reporting restocking even though reforestation has been completed. Others are relying on natural regeneration to restock within 5 years but may not be monitoring the success rate sufficiently and consequently run the risk of failing to meet the restocking requirement. This year to assist owners in assessing their MF reforestation status, owners who have declared harvesting or destroyed timber of 1 hectare or greater in any of the past 6 years will receive a summary of the harvested areas, destroyed timber areas, and reforested areas as generated from the Council's database.

### MF Inspections

In 2010 our inspectors met with owners and inspected 36 MFs throughout the province. The inspections revealed that owners are practicing responsible forest stewardship and in so doing are enhancing the productivity and value of their forest assets. During the 2011 field season we plan to inspect a further 48 MFs. This means that we will complete our 5 year inspection cycle as well as inspect 10 MFs that entered the MF Program in 2010 and 2011.

### Summer Workshops - 2011

Our workshops last summer at Comox Lake and Vernon were well attended and generated a lot of interest. This summer we are intending to hold workshops at Duncan (on Vancouver Island) and in the Salmo/ Fruitvale area. We will be determining interest and preferred dates by April.

We encourage you to contact our office at any time if you have questions concerning the MF program.

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