

CONSENT ORDER

This order is issued by a panel of the discipline committee, pursuant to Section 27(4) of the *Foresters Act* and following acceptance of a proposal tendered by a member under ABCFP Bylaw 13.41.

Between

Association of BC Forest Professionals ("ABCFP")

and

Craig CRICHTON RPF #3169 ("CRICHTON")

Background

1. CRICHTON has been licensed as a Registered Professional Forester ("**RPF**") since 1996;
2. CRICHTON is the owner of CNS Consulting Ltd., which was contracted to complete timber cruises for a forest licensee in the northern interior.
3. In 2013, the regional cruising specialist identified issues with respect to timber cruise effects on the 'cut to cruise' comparisons for the licensee. This work was supervised by CRICHTON;
4. In March 2014, the ABCFP received a complaint regarding CRICHTON's role in the cruising work;
5. Following an ABCFP investigation into the matter, in May, 2019 CRICHTON tendered a proposal to the registrar pursuant to ABCFP bylaw 13.41 conditionally admitting to some of the allegations against him.

Admissions

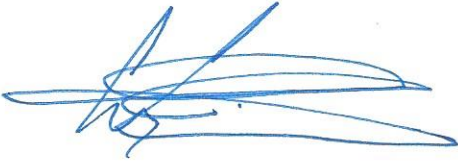
6. CRICHTON admits that as a result of work performed under his supervision, in the collection of cruise data, plots were not completed in a manner consistent with the provincial cruising manual and subjective tree class calls resulted in significant bias and unintended impacts on stumpage appraisal submissions. In doing so, CRICHTON admits that he:

- a) failed to maintain high standards in conduct and daily work, pursuant to bylaw 11.4.1; and,
- b) failed to ensure the work was complete, correct and clear, pursuant to bylaw 12.2.2; and,
- c) failed to exercise appropriate judgement and discretions with due care, pursuant to bylaw 12.2.3.

Disposition

7. CRICHTON will consent to a panel of the Discipline Committee in making the following orders under section 27(4) of the *Foresters Act*.
 - a) That CRICHTON will pay a fine of \$3,000 to the ABCFP;
 - b) That CRICHTON will take further professional development courses recommended by the ABCFP, focussing on:
 - i. balancing professional ethics and obligations,
 - ii. supervision, and
 - iii. current cruising practices; and
 - c) That it is a condition of CRICHTON's registration that he will ensure he is fully informed of the requirements of the cruising manual if he undertakes further cruising.
8. CRICHTON consents to the publication by the ABCFP on the ABCFP's website, newsletter and magazine of the facts in this case, including the full text or summary of a consent order.
9. CRICHTON agrees to have his name and the details of the settlement published in a discipline digest.
10. The ABCFP and CRICHTON each acknowledge that they have read this document and fully understood the terms of this settlement and voluntarily enter into this agreement for the purposes of making a full and final compromise and settlement of all claims and proceedings arising out of or related to the Complaint;
11. The ABCFP and CRICHTON understand that they each have the right to seek independent legal advice and have been encouraged to seek same before signing this agreement.

This order is approved and accepted by Mr. CRICHTON and the members of the discipline committee panel, effective this 13th day of November, 2019.



Craig Crichton, RPF #3169



Carolyn Stevens, RFT
Member, discipline panel



Bob Craven, RPF
Chair, discipline panel



Jim Crover, RPF (ret)
Member, discipline panel



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