

Discipline Case Digest



Case: 2014-07 (A, B, C and D)

Subject Member: Registered Professional Foresters

Referred to: Complaints Resolution Committee

Date of Decision: February 2015

Allegations

This case resulted from a complaint submitted in October 2014 by two ABCFP members, regarding the conduct of four RPFs. The allegations were that the subject members submitted appraisals with incorrect cruise data for cruise-based cutting authorities which resulted in an underestimation of the timber volume and incorrect stumpage rates. The allegations relate to a sub-set of cutting authorities that were timber-cruised by a particular cruising contractor.

Decision

The registrar consulted with the complaints resolution committee (CRC) on this case. The CRC reviewed the complaint allegations and the subject members' responses. The CRC found that the evidence presented did not indicate that the subject members knew that cut-to-cruise values from one particular contractor were skewed or that they had any intent to manipulate the resulting stumpage fees to the Crown.

Based on this review, the CRC recommended that the complaint not proceed further. The registrar concurred with the recommendation of the CRC and the complaint is now closed.