

# Public Notice



**Complaint Number:** 2021-04  
**Respondent:** Ron Adair, RPF (Ret.)  
**Date of Decision:** August 20, 2021  
**Type:** Remedial Action by Consent

## The Complaint

In March 2021, the ABCFP was informed that Mr. Ron Adair was using the restricted title “RPF” while providing professional services to clients. As a result of this information, the Investigation Committee authorized the registrar to investigate the concern.

Mr. Adair became a retired registrant in 2019. At that time, he was advised that he was not permitted to engage in the practice of professional forestry, nor permitted to use the designation “RPF” without the accompanying descriptor “retired” or (Ret), in accordance with then applicable restrictions for retired members under the ABCFP’s former bylaws under the *Foresters Act*. Similar restrictions continue under the *Professional Governance Act*.

Prior to the investigation, Mr. Adair was invited to provide a response to the complaint. In his response, Mr. Adair admitted he made a mistake with misusing his title in emails and other documents.

## Reprimand or Remedial Action by Consent (RRAC)

The Investigation Committee directed the registrar to initiate alternative complaint resolution to attempt to resolve the matter under section 74 of the *Professional Governance Act*. Following alternative complain resolution, Mr. Adair agreed to the following undertakings and consented to a reprimand under section 72(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*:

1. That as a retired registrant, he must identify as a Retired Professional Forester and include (Ret) following the use of “RPF”, or “R.P.F”;
2. That he will not misuse the protected “RPF” title again in the future; and
3. That he consent to a reprimand on his permanent record.

The matter is now closed.