

# Applied Biology and Forestry Environment Practice Panel (EPP) Member Profile

## Overview of Position & Duties and Responsibilities

The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABC FP) and the College of Applied Biologists (CAB) are committed to acting in the best interests of the public by ensuring that all registrants apply, represent, and maintain the highest ethical standards of professional conduct and competence.

As professional regulatory bodies under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA), the ABC FP and CAB have responsibilities to promote and enhance collaborative relations between professional regulatory bodies and inter-professional collaborative practice between their registrants.

Under the collaboration agreement between the ABC FP and the CAB, the **Applied Biology and Forestry Environment Practice Panel** (EPP) was established to provide recommendations to the ABC FP and CAB that identify alignment and intersections between the practices of forestry and applied biology; clarify roles between the professions; and identify guidance, continuing professional development, and communications to promote effective collaboration between the professions.

The EPP is accountable to the chief executive officers of both organizations to bring forward recommendations regarding matters such as changes to the collaboration agreement, roles of registrants, professional practice, and competency standards.

The panel will also provide recommendations that identify, prioritize, and promote continuing education and professional development, while providing guidance on other matters.

## Core duties and accountabilities

- Attend and constructively participate in EPP meetings.
- Chair EPP meetings, as required.
- Provide input for documents on the following topics:
  - alignment and intersections between practices of forestry and applied biology;
  - clarification of scopes, roles, and competency standards for practices;
  - professional practice guidance;
  - continuing education and professional development; and
  - communications on collaborative practice between professionals.

## Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills Requirements

- Must be a practicing registrant in good standing with the ABCFP and/or the CAB.
- Must have five years practice experience as an applied biology and/or forestry professional.
- Experience working in forest resource management in BC.
- Current knowledge of forest resource management in BC.
- Current knowledge of key legislation governing forest resource management in BC.
- Ability to meet timelines and complete tasks in a timely manner.

Members must be able to demonstrate competency in the following areas:

- **regulatory understanding** -- knowledge of regulations and regulatory organizations, including the purpose of regulation, gained from working with legislation, having experience being a part of a regulator, or working in a regulated industry;
- **professional applied biology and/or forestry experience** -- proficiency in the practice of applied biology and/or forestry;
- **independent** -- be able to analyze, obtain additional clarification and/or information, prepare results and make decisions confidently;
- **effective communication** -- be assertive, patient, have people skills, be able to elaborate points;
- **dependable** -- be trustworthy, decisive, discreet, and honest.

#### Personal Characteristics

- High ethical standards, professionalism and integrity.
- Ability to make difficult decisions.
- Sound judgement.
- Willingness to consider to alternative opinions.
- Strategic and tactical thinker.
- Commitment to serving the public interest.
- Patience and the ability to work with a team.
- Objectivity and independent perspective.
- Respected and respectful.
- Innovative and solutions oriented.

#### Commitment Required

Annual commitment time is approximately 20 hours per year:

- regular meetings of the EPP, approximately monthly or as required;
- reading documents in preparation for panel meetings;
- drafting and reviewing content for documents.