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ABCFP Awards Recognize Five for Contributions to Forestry in 2022

Vancouver — The **Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP)** is recognizing five forest professionals with awards for their outstanding service and contributions to bettering the practice of forestry across the province in **2022**.

“Peer recognition of a job well done or extended excellence over the course of a career is both humbling and meaningful to the forest professionals responsible for caring for one of BC’s most treasured resources,” says **Jamie Jeffreys**, RPF, ABCFP president.

“Through hard work, dedication, and working closely with local communities, these forest professionals are ensuring the sustainable management of BC’s forests for future generations.”

The ABCFP awards are based on nominations submitted by other forest professionals. The winners were honored at the ABCFP **75th annual forestry conference and AGM**, held in-person and virtually **February 8-10, 2023**.

The **Distinguished Forest Professional** award recognizes ABCFP registrants for outstanding contributions to the professional forestry over the course of their career.

This year, the ABCFP recognized two Distinguished Forest Professionals: **Michael Jull**, MSc, RPF, of **Prince George**; and **Alan Waters**, RPF(Ret), of **Quesnel**.

The **Professional Forester of the Year** award recognizes an RPF for outstanding recent service to the profession of forestry and contributions to the betterment of forestry.

This year’s winner is **Dan Macmaster**, MSFM, RPF, of **Grand Forks**.

Philip Smith, RPF, ATE, of **Vanderhoof**, is the winner of the **Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year**, while **Cynthia Lu**, MA, RPF, P.Ag., of **Campbell River**, earned the **BC Forest Professional Magazine Best Article** award for ***Overcoming Our Silence on Old Growth and Beyond***.

Jeremy Araki, P.Eng, of **Campbell River** earned the **Forest Engineering Award of Excellence**, a joint award from **ABCFP and Engineers and Geoscientists BC**.

Visit abcfp.ca for a full description of all the awards and to see past winners.

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The Association of BC Forest Professionals is responsible for registering and regulating the province's 5,300 professional foresters and forest technologists.

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