

The Role of the Forest Professional

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Presentation Overview

1. Association of BC Forest Professionals Overview
2. Why regulate people who manage the forest?
3. What are the key functions of the regulator?
4. How does the forest professional fit into the larger governance model for managing forests?

1. Association Overview

- To practice professional forestry in BC you must be a registered ABCFP member
- Practice of Professional Forestry:
 - forests, forest lands, forest resources and forest ecosystems
 - planning, providing advice, engaging in, directing, supervising, approving methods for, reporting on, auditing, evaluating
- 5,400 registered members (4,600 practicing)



2. Business Case for a Regulated Profession

Protect Public Interest, Safeguard forests for long term use & benefit



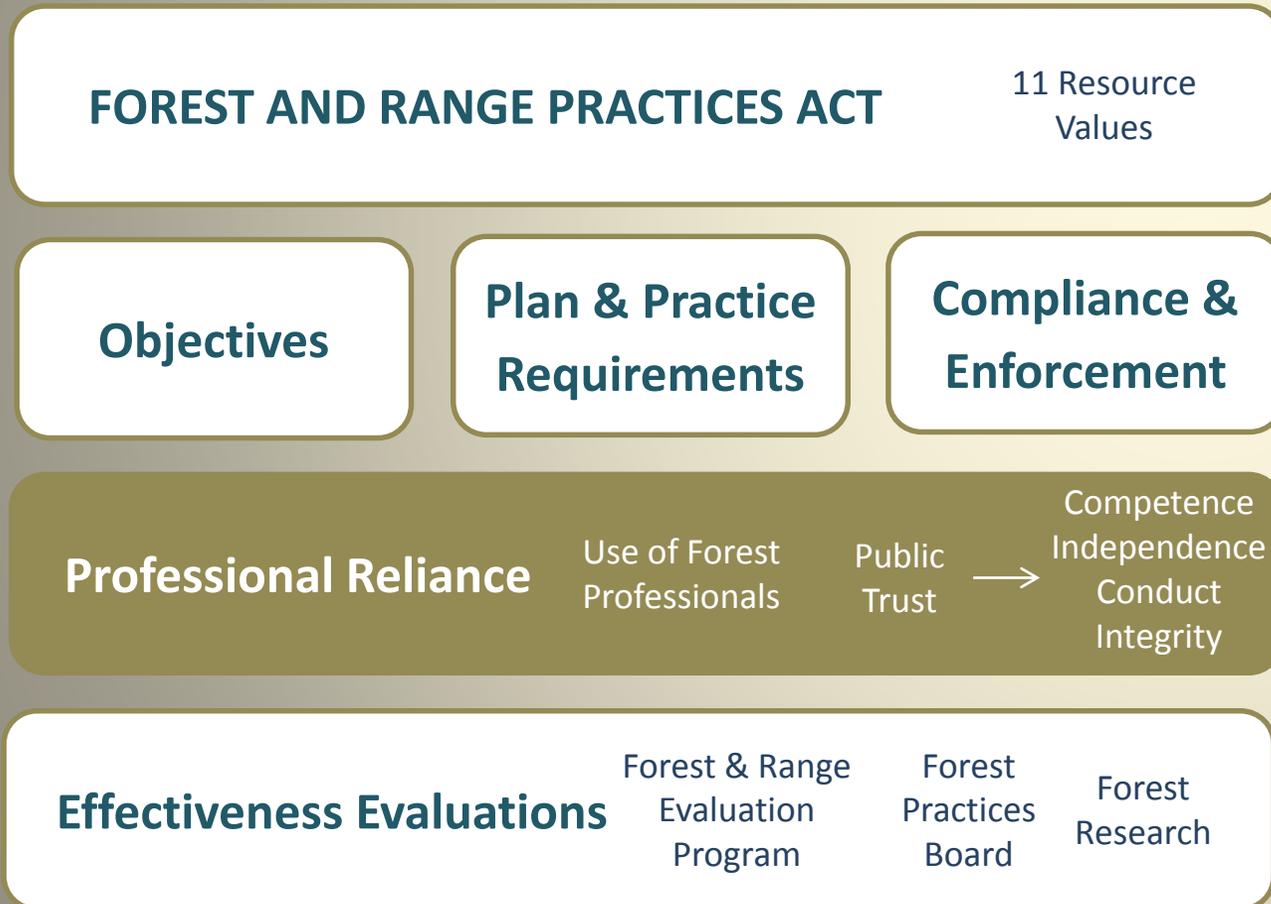
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3. What Does the Regulator (ABCFP) Provide & Do?



4. Forest professionals one part of a larger forest governance management model....

BC'S FOREST MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT FRAMEWORK



- Early 2000's government reduced the amount of detailed rules governing forest management
- Increased its reliance on the judgement and advice of professionals
- And raised the importance of monitoring, evaluation, research

Presentation Takeaways

1. BC forests are a publically owned resource
 - desire for multiple values and benefits makes management complex
2. Public's interest in the forest is better safeguarded by ensuring those who practice forestry:
 - have proper knowledge & expertise
 - have integrity in how they work
 - can be held to independent account
3. The forest professional is one key part of a larger forest management governance model.