

PRIVATE FOREST LAND - RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP, REGULATION, & THE PFLA BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE PFLA?

The Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) is a not-for-profit society of large and small landowners

from across BC promoting responsible forest stewardship on BC's private forest lands. The PFLA represents and supports private forest owners in their regulatory and Best Management Practices efforts to protect public values on almost 95 per cent of private Managed Forest land in BC.

PFLA members are committed to reforestation after harvest, and to protecting **key public environmental values: - fish habitat, water quality, soil conservation, reforestation & critical wildlife habitat.**

The PFLA works closely with PFLA members, non-PFLA members and government agencies in our ongoing support role, which includes monitoring of forestry practices to provide regulatory assistance and identification of training opportunities.

PFLA BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) PROGRAM

This education and training program is for private forest owners, managers and operators. For success, the program relies on landowner accountability, responsibility and a commitment to continual improvement in protecting key public environmental values.

Objectives

- Ensure *regulatory compliance* for program participants' operations;
- Support participants to continually improve environmental performance;
- Share innovative and cost effective solutions and enable landowners to make informed decisions;
- Initiate and develop opportunities for technology and information transfer.

For further information, and to obtain copies of the PFLA BMP Handbook, please contact:

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KEY ELEMENTS

1. The PFLA Best Management Practices Handbook

The result of close consultation with key Provincial and Federal Government Agencies and active PFLA members and crews, it is the cornerstone of the BMP program. It's an easy-to-use handbook and regulatory resource, taking the owner through logical steps from assessment and planning, through to implementation, monitoring and continual improvement.

The approach reflects regulatory requirements and our ongoing commitment to continual improvement, a fundamental part of PFLA membership and responsible forest stewardship.

An extensive appendix includes key environmental legislation such as the Private Managed Forest Land Act, key excerpts from the Federal Fisheries Act, and The Water Act Regulation 'Users Guide to Working in and Around Water', and 'Frequently Asked Questions' bulletins.

2. Training Workshops

A typical BMP Workshop includes a review of regulatory requirements, and promotes the importance of planning, assessment, risk management and due diligence. Workshop sessions feature:

- An approach tailored to satisfy local requirements and demand
- Flexible duration and content – from harvest planning to reforestation methods
- Agency involvement provides regulatory perspective

3. PFLA Forestry Manager / Peer site visits

A dedicated Forestry Manager is available as a staff resource to regular members. The goal is to visit active members onsite at least once annually.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Private landowners in British Columbia are responsible for ensuring that relevant federal and provincial legislation applicable to their land is observed. Key Acts and Regulations applying to private forest land in BC include, but are not limited to:

Public Environmental Value	Issues / Activities	Legislation / Regulation	Lead Agency
Fish & Fish Habitat	Stream Crossings Riparian Management Road Construction & Maintenance	Federal Fisheries Act	DFO
Water Quality		PMFL Act Water Act Fish Protection Act Drinking Water Prot'n Act	PMFLC MoE MoE MoE
Wildlife	Critical Wildlife Habitat Birds, Eggs & Nests	PMFL Act Wildlife Act	PMFLC MWLAP
Reforestation	Reforestation	PMFL Act	PMFLC
Soil Conservation	Road Construction	PLFPR	PMFLC

Contact these agencies or the PFLA for further information about the regulatory status of your land:

DFO – Department of Fisheries & Oceans
PMFLC – Private Managed Forest Land Council
MoE - Ministry of Environment
PMFL Act – Private Managed Forest Land Act