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This newsletter highlights items of interest to MF owners and interested parties for Spring/ Summer 2016

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Election Results

The Managed Forest (MF) Council issued a Call for Nominations in February this year for the coast region owner position on Council. Blair Robertson was re-elected by acclamation for a three-year term that begins July 1, 2016.

For more information on the election process and the current MF Council, see our blog post [here](#).



Blair Robertson

Current Activities

Upcoming June 2016 Kootenays Field Trip

Executive Director Phil O'Connor and Chair Rod Davis will visit the Kootenays in June to continue the MF Council's ongoing engagement with MF owners, local governments, and other stakeholders.

We welcome the opportunity to engage with all stakeholders and interested parties.

Reminders

Regulatory Requirements and Diligence around Protection of Water Quality & Fish Habitat

Protection of water quality and fish habitat are two of the forest management objectives identified in the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*.

The Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation (Council Regulation) provides clear requirements for owners, contractors, employees, and agents with respect to these objectives. The requirements focus on stream classification, practices related to protecting water quality for human consumption, and retention of streamside trees and vegetation to protect drinking water and fish habitat.



MF Owners and those who work for them are expected to meet the standards and outcomes described in the Council regulation by applying sound judgement and well-established work practices.

[Read our blog post](#) for information and resources on regulatory requirements and field practices.

What is the Difference between the MF Council & the Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA)?

In the past there has been some confusion between the two organizations that have been key to the Managed Forest Program in BC. We think this has lessened over the past few years. In case questions remain, here is a summary of the roles and mandates of the two organizations:

The **MF Council** is BC's independent agency responsible for administering the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and regulations. The MF Council mandate is to encourage and regulate forest management practices on private managed forest land in BC including the protection of key public environmental values.

See the **MF Council** website [here](#).

The **PFLA** is a non-profit organization that exists to promote the interests of private forest owners and promotes responsible stewardship on BC's private forest lands. The PFLA's primary activities are advocacy and education. Members join to receive the benefits associated with belonging to the group.

See the **PFLA** website [here](#).

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