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### **Changes to Private Forest Land Regulation Council Strengthens Enforcement Measures**

**Victoria, B.C.** – The Private Managed Forest Land Council (Council) has strengthened the enforcement provisions of the Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation, 2007 (Regulation) by expanding the definition of owner to include contractors, employees or agents working on behalf of the owner.

While the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* (Act) contains provisions to hold contractors, employees or agents responsible for their actions, the same could not be said for the Regulation.

“These changes provide a level of consistency between the Act and the Regulation” said Rod Davis, Chair of the Council. “It broadens Council ability to pursue individuals, other than the owner, whose actions may have impacted key resources such as soils, water, fish and wildlife habitat.” The amendment, which comes into force on July 01, 2014, provides Council with a consistent application of enforcement measures through both the Act and the Regulation.

A copy of the changes to the Regulation may be found on the Private Managed Forest Land Council website at: <http://www.pmflc.ca/>

The Private Managed Forest Land Council is an independent provincial agency established under the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* to administer the Managed Forest Program. The Council regulates key public environmental values on private Managed Forest land in British Columbia.

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