

Professional Standards in Prescribed Fire for Forest Professionals

BC Community Forest Association

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Why a Regulated Profession?

The public has a significant interest in BC's forests:

- Forests cover 2/3's of the land-base
- About 95% of forests are publicly owned

To protect the public's interest in forests government made it law that people who care for BC's forests must be registered with the **Forest Professionals BC** so they can be held accountable for their conduct and practice.

- ~5,000+ Registrants

Exclusive Practice Rights since 1947.



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Regulatory Responsibility

What we Regulate?

TITLE

PRACTICE

How?

CREDENTIALS

PRACTICE
STANDARDS

COMPLIANCE
& DISCIPLINE



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What is Professional Forestry?

The practice of professional forestry means **providing advice or services** in relation to trees, forests, forest lands, forest resources, forest transportation systems, or forest ecosystems.



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Wildland Fire Joint Panel



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Pathways to the Profession

Registered Professional Forester (RPF)

- FIT route for Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board (CFAB) accredited forestry programs
- ASFIT route for forestry or related programs not certified by CFAB

Registered Forest Technologist (RFT)

- TFT route for FPBC recognized forestry diploma programs
- ASTFT route for non-recognized forestry or allied diploma programs

Affiliated Forest Professional (AFP)

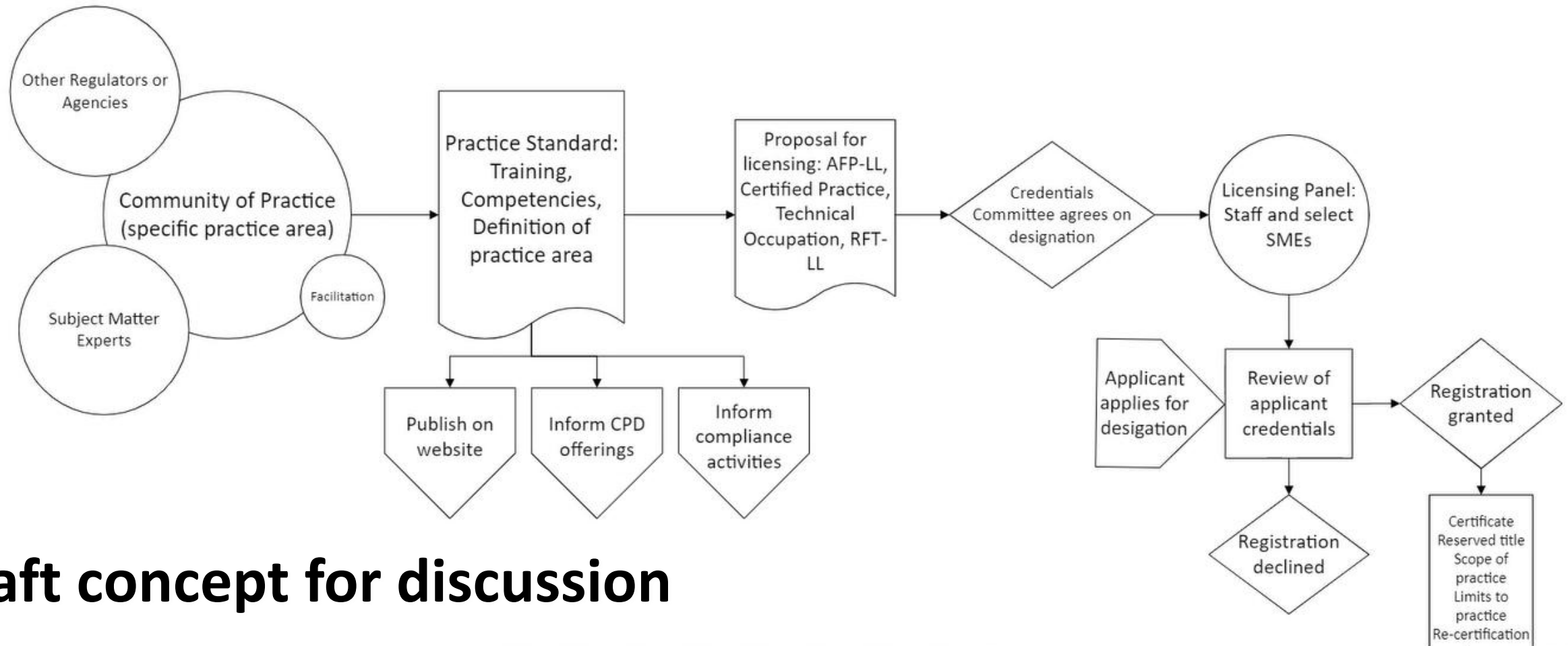
- Limited License opportunities to provide for defined scope of reserved practice for qualified and competent individuals (forthcoming)



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Community of Practice & Regulatory Swim Map



Draft concept for discussion



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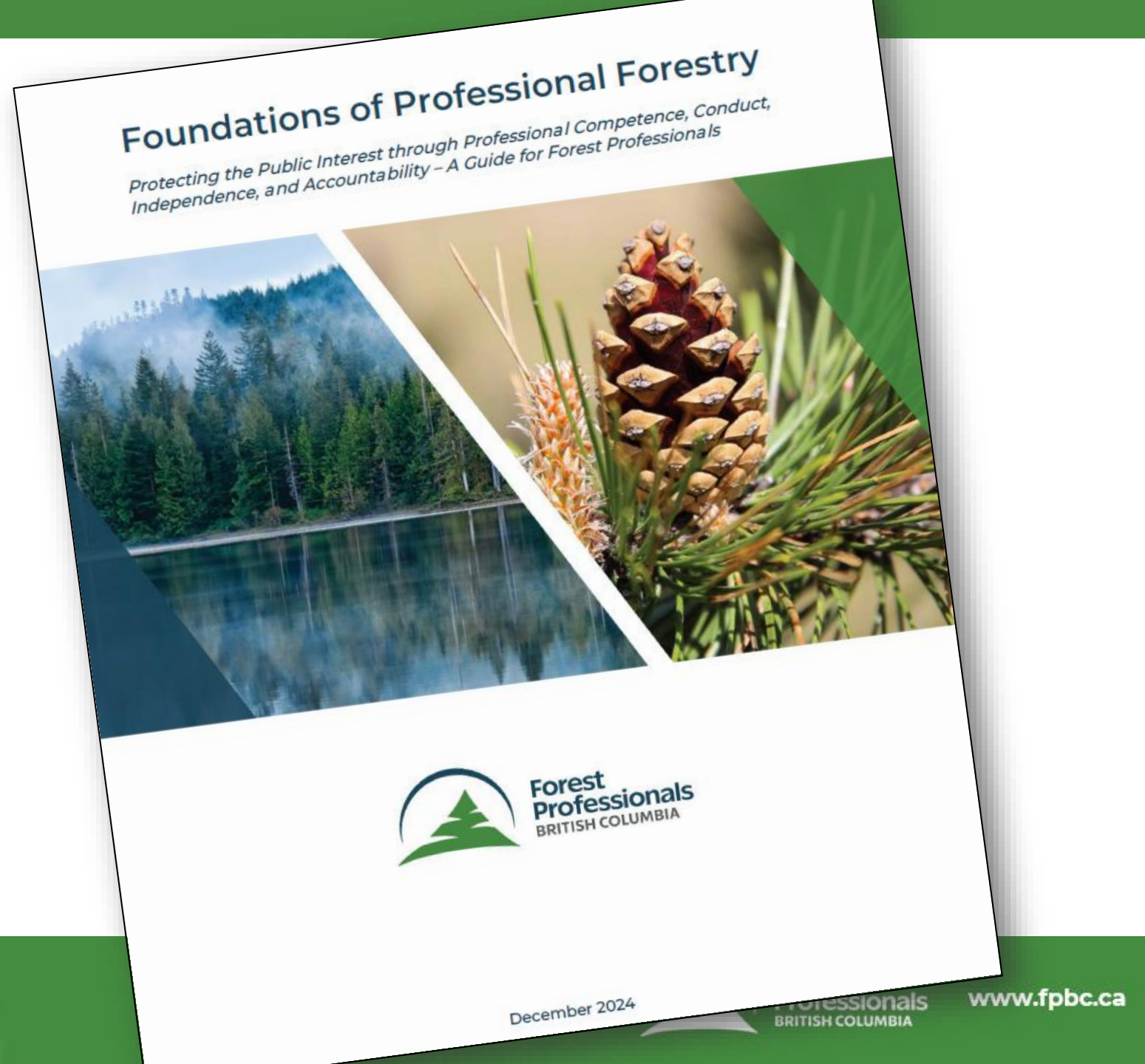


Past Learning

- Recorded Webinars

Future Learning

- Modules and scenarios
- Webinar June 4, 2025





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Thank you

