

Discipline Case Digest

Discipline Case: 2013-03

Subject Member: Registered Professional Forester

Referred to: Complaints Resolution Committee

Date of Decision: June 2013

Allegations

This case resulted from a complaint submitted on March 30, 2013 by a member of the public about the conduct of an ABCFP member. This is the second complaint lodged by this person concerning a report written by the subject member who was acting as an expert witness in a court proceeding. The previous complaint was number 2012-07. A complaint case digest for case 2012-07 has been posted to the ABCFP website.

Complaint 2013-03 was specifically in regards to the conclusions reached by the member's report with respect to windthrow for a forested buffer (leave strip) on private land. The allegations are that the subject member did not visit the land, take into consideration water flow or saturation, and disregarded the alleged fact the leave strip had been high-graded of marketable fir and cedar by the previous owner.

Decision

The complaints resolution committee reviewed this complaint on May 16, 2013 and was of the opinion that the complaint did not provide sufficient new information to warrant any action by the association. The registrar considered the further information provided with this complaint and the opinion of the CRC, and determined that this complaint does not meet the criteria of s. 22(1)(6)(b) of the *Foresters Act*. Accordingly, the association will be taking no further action with respect to this complaint.

This case is now closed.