

## **NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Re: A Member - Case 96-03

Members are encouraged to actively participate actively in discussion/debate of forestry issues of public concern. These activities are a vital component of the obligations of advocacy incumbent on members in the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters' Code of Ethics.

Members are reminded, however, that the manner in which they conduct themselves in such debates is governed by their status as professional foresters and the Code of Ethics.

Members who choose to speak out on forestry issues of public concern should state clearly on whose behalf they are speaking and whose views they are representing. Unless specifically authorized to do so the ABCPF, members must not infer that they are speaking for the Association or the profession as a whole. Members should limit their forestry related comments only to areas of competence, should be professional and courteous throughout, and must not permit themselves to be drawn into an unseemly dialogue with those who may not have the opportunity to be well informed or who appear to speak from ignorance.