

2004 ABCFP Professional Reliance Poll Results

1. Are you in agreement with the need for an increase in the level of professional reliance in forest management decisions? (1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strong agree)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	50	5%	5%
2	65	7%	7%
3	131	14%	14%
4	358	39%	39%
5	316	34%	34%
No Response	8	1%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.90, Standard Deviation: 1.12			

Valid Responses: 920 of 928 (99%)

2. To what extent do you consider yourself knowledgeable regarding the concept of professional reliance? (1 = not knowledgeable; 5 = very knowledgeable)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	14	2%	2%
2	55	6%	6%
3	260	28%	28%
4	452	49%	49%
5	143	15%	15%
No Response	4	0%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.71, Standard Deviation: 0.85			

Valid Responses: 924 of 928 (100%)

3.To what extent do you believe your peer professionals in the following employment sectors are knowledgeable about the concept of professional reliance? (1 = not knowledgeable; 5 = very knowledgeable)

Industry

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	12	1%	1%
2	82	9%	9%
3	294	32%	32%
4	457	49%	50%
5	64	7%	7%
No Response	19	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.53, Standard Deviation: 0.81			

Valid Responses: 909 of 928 (98%)

Government

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	35	4%	4%
2	161	17%	18%
3	367	40%	41%
4	289	31%	32%
5	52	6%	6%
No Response	24	3%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.18, Standard Deviation: 0.92			

Valid Responses: 904 of 928 (97%)

Consultants

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	16	2%	2%
2	111	12%	12%
3	337	36%	37%
4	368	40%	41%
5	72	8%	8%
No Response	24	3%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.41, Standard Deviation: 0.87			

Valid Responses: 904 of 928 (97%)

4. To what extent do you consider yourself prepared for the increase in professional reliance under the results-based FRPA regime? (1 = not prepared; 5 = very prepared)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	18	2%	2%
2	118	13%	13%
3	321	35%	35%
4	366	39%	40%
5	87	9%	10%
No Response	18	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Average: 3.42, Standard Deviation: 0.90

Valid Responses: 910 of 928 (98%)

5. To what extent do you believe your peer professionals in the following employment sectors are prepared for the increase in professional reliance under the results-based FRPA regime? (1 = not prepared; 5 = very prepared)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	23	2%	3%
2	165	18%	18%
3	346	37%	38%
4	338	36%	37%
5	40	4%	4%
No Response	16	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Average: 3.23, Standard Deviation: 0.88

Industry

Valid Responses: 912 of 928 (98%)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	75	8%	8%
2	243	26%	27%
3	360	39%	39%
4	213	23%	23%
5	21	2%	2%
No Response	16	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Average: 2.85, Standard Deviation: 0.95

Government

Valid Responses: 912 of 928 (98%)

Consultants

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	24	3%	3%
2	185	20%	20%
3	398	43%	44%
4	269	29%	30%
5	34	4%	4%
No Response	18	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.11, Standard Deviation: 0.86			

Valid Responses: 910 of 928 (98%)

6. Did you partake in the government's FRPA training modules? (If no, please skip to question 9.)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
Yes	666	72%	73%
No	241	26%	27%
No Response	21	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Valid Responses: 907 of 928 (98%)

7. Generally, how useful/adequate was the government's FRPA training? (1 = not useful; 5 = very useful)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	83	9%	12%
2	193	21%	29%
3	260	28%	39%
4	116	13%	17%
5	22	2%	3%
No Response	254	27%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 2.70, Standard Deviation: 1.00			

Valid Responses: 674 of 928 (73%)

8. In terms of preparing for the increase in professional reliance under the results-based FRPA regime, how useful/adequate was the government's FRPA training module on professional reliance? (1 = not useful; 5 = very useful)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	112	12%	17%
2	206	22%	31%
3	239	26%	36%
4	98	11%	15%
5	13	1%	2%
No Response	260	28%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 2.54, Standard Deviation: 1.00			

Valid Responses: 668 of 928 (72%)

9. In terms of preparing for the increase in professional reliance under the results-based FRPA regime, how useful/adequate have the ABCFP's programs and activities been? (1 = not useful; 5 = very useful)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	52	6%	6%
2	187	20%	21%
3	426	46%	48%
4	195	21%	22%
5	20	2%	2%
No Response	48	5%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 2.94, Standard Deviation: 0.87			

Valid Responses: 880 of 928 (95%)

10. How well do you feel the ABCFP is representing your interests in its pursuit of increased professional reliance? (1 = not well; 5 = very well)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	55	6%	6%
2	119	13%	13%
3	328	35%	36%
4	345	37%	38%
5	62	7%	7%
No Response	19	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Average: 3.26, Standard Deviation: 0.98

Valid Responses: 909 of 928 (98%)

11. To what extent do you believe there are divergent understandings and interpretations of the meaning of professional reliance that will lead to significant difficulties in future? (1 = not divergent; 5 = very divergent)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	53	6%	6%
2	275	30%	30%
3	300	32%	33%
4	220	24%	24%
5	56	6%	6%
No Response	24	3%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Average: 2.95, Standard Deviation: 1.01

Valid Responses: 904 of 928 (97%)

Within/Among Forest Companies

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	20	2%	2%
2	135	15%	15%
3	316	34%	35%
4	316	34%	35%
5	115	12%	13%
No Response	26	3%	0%

Within/Among Government Agencies

Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.41, Standard Deviation: 0.96			
Valid Responses: 902 of 928 (97%)			

Within/Among Consulting Firms

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	35	4%	4%
2	211	23%	24%
3	403	43%	45%
4	194	21%	22%
5	53	6%	6%
No Response	32	3%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.02, Standard Deviation: 0.92			
Valid Responses: 896 of 928 (97%)			

Between Government Agencies & Forest Companies

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	10	1%	1%
2	77	8%	9%
3	206	22%	23%
4	367	40%	41%
5	245	26%	27%
No Response	23	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 3.84, Standard Deviation: 0.96			
Valid Responses: 905 of 928 (98%)			

12.To what extent do you believe there is a need for industry, government and the ABCFP to agree upon a common definition/interpretation of professional reliance? (1 = disagree strongly; 5 = agree strongly)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	19	2%	2%
2	26	3%	3%
3	66	7%	7%
4	248	27%	27%
5	556	60%	61%
No Response	13	1%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 4.42, Standard Deviation: 0.90			

Valid Responses: 915 of 928 (99%)

13.To what extent do you agree there is a need for more to be done to convey that common understanding/interpretation of professional reliance to practicing resource professionals? (1 = disagree strongly; 5 = agree strongly)

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1	10	1%	1%
2	37	4%	4%
3	113	12%	12%
4	341	37%	37%
5	418	45%	45%
No Response	9	1%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%
Average: 4.22, Standard Deviation: 0.89			

Valid Responses: 919 of 928 (99%)

14. Please indicate which employment sector you work in.

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
Industry	354	38%	38%
Government	286	31%	31%
Consulting	211	23%	23%
Retired	21	2%	2%
Other	50	5%	5%
No Response	6	1%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Valid Responses: 922 of 928 (99%)

15. Please indicate which Ministry of Forest District of the province you live in:

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
100 Mile House Forest District	13	1%	1%
Arrow Boundary Forest District	26	3%	3%
Campbell River Forest District	53	6%	6%
Cascades Forest District	23	2%	3%
Central Cariboo Forest District	39	4%	4%
Chilcotin Forest District	5	1%	1%
Chilliwack Forest District	58	6%	7%
Columbia Forest District	13	1%	1%
Fort Nelson Forest District	15	2%	2%
Fort St. James Forest District	17	2%	2%
Headwaters Forest District	14	2%	2%
Kalum Forest District	17	2%	2%
Kamloops Forest District	53	6%	6%
Kootenay Lake Forest District	23	2%	3%
Mackenzie Forest District	19	2%	2%
Nadina Forest District	26	3%	3%
North Coast Forest District	10	1%	1%
North Island - Central Coast Forest District	41	4%	5%
Okanagan Shuswap Forest District	57	6%	6%
Peace Forest District	23	2%	3%
Prince George Forest District	88	9%	10%
Queen Charlotte Islands Forest District	11	1%	1%
Quesnel Forest District	19	2%	2%

Rocky Mountain Forest District	16	2%	2%
Skeena Stikine Forest District	25	3%	3%
South Island Forest District	105	11%	12%
Squamish Forest District	27	3%	3%
Sunshine Coast Forest District	18	2%	2%
Vanderhoof Forest District	26	3%	3%
No Response	48	5%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Valid Responses: 880 of 928 (95%)

16. Please indicate how many years of forestry experience you have:

Response	Frequency	Relative %	Valid %
1 - 4 years	29	3%	3%
5 - 9 years	153	16%	17%
10 - 19 years	320	34%	35%
20 - 29 years	260	28%	28%
30 years and over	151	16%	17%
No Response	15	2%	0%
Totals	928	100%	100%

Valid Responses: 913 of 928 (98%)