

Southern New Brunswick Forest Products Marketing Board

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#### SOUTHERN NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETING BOARD WORKING WOODLOT PROGRAM

Introduction: The Southern New Brunswick Forest Products Marketing Board is committed to the sustainable management of the Southern New Brunswick (SNB) Private Woodlot Forest Resources. SNBFPMB recognizes that the level of sustainability of the SNB region is dependent on the number of individual woodlots in the SNB area which are sustainably managed.

**Purpose of the SNBFPMB Working Woodlot Program (W.W.P.):** This is a voluntary program designed to recognize and assist owners who are committed to and practicing sustainable woodlot management; and thereby contributing to a better managed SNB region on an ongoing basis. "Sustainable Woodlot Management" is defined as the management of a woodlot to meet the owner's objectives and provide sustainable ecological, economic, employment, social and cultural opportunities for the benefit of the owner, society and future generations.

#### Who Decides How I Manage My Woodlot? You Do.

-You decide what your objectives are for your woodlot.

-You determine the management activities to be carried out and who will perform them.

-You decide where and to whom you market your products.

#### What are the Benefits of Joining the Working Woodlot Program?

-Technical and any financial assistance that is available for the preparation of a simple woodlot management plan for your woodlot, if you do not already have one.

-Annual technical visits to your woodlot by SNBFPMB Field Staff to provide technical assistance and update your plans and activities.

-Priority access to woodlot management assistance programs, activities and funding administered by SNBFPMB.

-Recognition as a sustainably managed woodlot to access markets for managed woodlot bonuses (based on the mill criteria).

-Priority access to markets to those companies wanting to buy wood from, managed or certified woodlots (bonus markets).

-Copies of the SNBFPMB Best Management Practices Manual and materials.

-Updates and information pertaining for the SNBFPMB Best Management Practices Manual

-Public recognition as a Working Woodlot Program member.

-Opportunities for direct input into the SNBFPMB Sustainable Management Planning process.

-Annual progress reports on the SNBFPMB Sustainable Management Planning process.

-Opportunity to participate in the Annual Working Woodlot Program Members Meeting to evaluate the program,

discuss improvements and make recommendations for changes.

-Working Woodlot Program updates in the SNBFPMB Newsletters.

-Priority access to available SNBFPMB Woodlot Management Education and Training programs.

-Assistance in keeping records about the management of your woodlot.

-A W.W.P. sign for your woodlot to acknowledge your participation, if you so desire.

#### How do I Get More Information or Apply to Join?

Call the SNBFPMB office or fill out and mail in the application form. An SNBFPMB Field Staff member will contact you to discuss the program and any questions you may have. They will review the eligibility criteria with you and assist you in preparing your application if you wish. Applications will be reviewed by the SNBFPMB Forest Management Committee for approval based upon meeting the eligibility criteria.



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### SNBFPMB WORKING WOODLOT PROGRAM **APPLICATION FORM**

Name:	Phone (h):
Address:	Phone (c):
	Email:
Postal Code:	
Woodlot Information:	
Location:	
County:	
PID #(s):	
	Applicant Signature:
Size (ha):	Date:
Review Report per Eligibility	
Criteria:	
Review Member:	Data
	Date:
Date Approved:	Approved By:



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## SNBFPMB WORKING WOODLOT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The woodlot must normally contain a minimum of 10 hectares of forest land.

2. If more than one woodlot, each must be registered separately by PID number. The owner need not register every woodlot owned. A portion of a woodlot can be registered if it is a complete and separate NBGIC parcel with a PID number.

3. The owner must provide a Statement of Commitment to Sustainable Forest Management which includes:

i) to have a simple management plan to provide guidance in the management of their woodlot.

ii) to contribute to the achievement of SNBFPMB's Vision Statement.

iii) to support SNBFPMB's role as stated in SNBFPMB's Mission Statement.

iv) to support SNBFPMB's Sustainable Forest Management Guiding Principles,

v) to conduct woodlot management activities as recommended in the SNBFPMB "Best Management Practices Manual" to the extent that is determined to be reasonably practical by the owners and SNBFPMB.

4. The owner must apply to SNBFPMB for membership to the Working Woodlot Program, providing the information requested on the "SNBFPMB Working Woodlot Program Membership Application Form".

5. Prior to approval of an application for membership by SNBFPMB, the owner must demonstrate that they have:

i) been implementing the recommendations their management plan for a period of at least six months, or ii) that they have a history of woodlot management activity for a period of at least: one year

6. Following approval of membership by SNBFPMB, the owner must continue the active management of their woodlot as per the recommendations of their management plan and the SNBFPMB "Best Management Practices Manual" with an appropriate degree of flexibility.

7. The owner shall ensure that forest products marketed for a bonus from a "managed woodlot" meets the eligibility criteria and specifications of the purchaser.



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8. Consistent with the SNBFPMB "Best Management Practices Manual", management activities shall be performed, in a manner which:

- i.) protects and encourages natural regeneration
- ii.) are environmentally sound
- iii.) utilizes forest products for their best end value to the owner
- iv.) protects immature stands for the future

9. The owner shall provide an opportunity for consultation with SNBFPMB Field Staff to review and update their management plan and activities at least annually.

10. Allow a Working Woodlot Program sign to be posted at a publicly visible location on the woodlot if available and desirable by the owner.

11. The owner can withdraw the woodlot from the Working Woodlot Program by notifying SNBFPMB by certified mail stating their desire to do so.

12. SNBFPMB can withdraw a woodlot from the Working Woodlot Program after a review of the circumstances by the SNBFPMB body responsible for eligibility and memberships, approval and notifying the owner by certified mail, clearly stating the reasons for the withdrawal.



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### WOODLOT OWNER STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

As a woodlot owner, I hereby state my commitment to the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Planning Process in the SNB Forest Products Marketing Board's (SNBFPMB) defined forest area by agreeing to:

1.) Having an up to date simple management plan to guide me in the management of my woodlot(s).

2.) Accept and contribute to the achievement of SNBFPMB's SFM Vision Statement.

3.) Accept and support the role of SNBFPMB as stated in SNBFPMB's SFM Mission Statement.

4.) Accept and agree to support SNBFPMB's SFM Guiding Principles as described in the NB Woodlot Owner's Code of Practice and any supplementary guiding principles which may be established.

5.) Agree to conduct woodlot management activities on my woodlot as recommended by SNBFPMB's "Best Management Practices Manual for Private Woodlots" to the extent that is determined to be reasonably practical by the owner(s) and SNBFPMB.

Woodlot Owner:

Date:

Witness:

Date:

Woodlot Pid #:



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# **SNBFPMB'S SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING VISION STATEMENT:**

"Woodlot owners managing individually and collectively to provide the maximum sustaibale, ecological, economic, employment, social and cultural opportunities for the benefit of themselves and future generations".

# **SNBFPMB's Mission Statement:**

"We are an organization which strives to provide the best possible services for private woodlot owners in order to help them realize the maximum sustainable value from their woodlot resources".

## **SNBFPMB's Sustainable Forest Management Guiding Principles:**

Guiding Principles are adopted and endorsed as stated in the "NEW BRUNSWICK WOODLOT OWNERS' CODE OF PRACTICE".