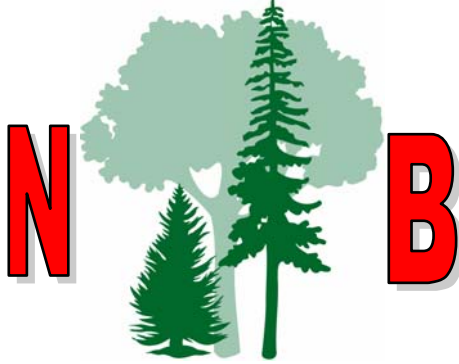


Propriétaires de lots boisés



Woodlot Owners

Federation News

Report on recent activities

June/July 2007

Meetings with Metsäliitto: On June 26 and 27, the Federation in conjunction with Carleton-Victoria hosted representatives from Finland's Metsäliitto group. Metsäliitto is the eighth largest forest industry group in the world. Its five business areas include wood supply; wood products; pulp; paper and board; and tissue and cooking paper. Its sales total 8.5 billion Euros. With 25,000 employees, the Metsäliitto Group operates in 30 countries. Metsäliitto Cooperative is a cooperative organisation for Finnish woodlot owners and has over 131,000 members. Representatives were in attendance from six New Brunswick boards as well as two Quebec boards and a Nova Scotia representative. The reason for the meeting was to discuss the opportunity of shipping underutilized birch and poplar pulpwood to Finland. Currently, in much of the province, there is no market for these species, so this represents an opportunity for woodlot owners. The discussions with the Metsäliitto group were very productive and we feel optimistic that an agreement will be reached for short and long-term contracts with this woodlot owner organization.

APEC Meeting: There was a co-hosted meeting by APEC and the NBFPA on

June 14 in Fredericton. The meeting was in response to a June 2007 APEC report entitled *Building Competitiveness in Atlantic Canada's Forest Industries*. The meeting was attended by Federation representatives, the Carleton Victoria Board manager and representatives and members of the NBFPA. APEC members present were interested in finding out what areas should be further explored to try and assist the ailing forest industry. In response to this meeting, the Federation sent a three-page document to APEC outlining woodlot owner concerns and stressing the need for a separate analysis to determine the economic benefits woodlots provide to the province and the negative impacts the significant decrease in wood sales has had over the past 3-4 years on the province and more specifically rural communities.

Forestry Roundtable: A Forestry Roundtable hosted by UNB and the Canadian Institute for Forest Policy and Communication was held on June 25. Federation representatives attended along with academics, DNR staff, NBFPA members, environmental groups and members of the manufacturing sector. The meeting was held to discuss the current plight of the forestry sector and to determine whether there is a need

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for a committee to be organized to try and find some solutions to the difficulties being experienced by all those affected by the industry. At the end of the meeting it was decided that there was merit in establishing a committee; however, the players must be ready to address the big issues such as land tenure and equitable marketing arrangements.

Networking Across Borders: Ken Hardie recently attended a Networking Across Borders meeting in Truro along with Janette Desharnais, executive director at INFOR. NAB is a group of extension representatives from Maine, Nova Scotia, PEI and New Brunswick. The agenda included a presentation by Bill Glenn from PEI on climate change and the possible effects on our forest type, with specific regards to species composition. The host group from Nova Scotia provided presentations on their Natural Resource Education Centre, a tree identification CD (that is just ready for release) and current work on natural resource strategic planning. The NAB group also reviewed collaborative work that has been done on softwood and hardwood tree species posters. The next meeting is planned for the fall in New Brunswick.

Framework for Equitable Market Treatment: Federation representatives met with DNR representatives on July 11. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation framework for the equitable market access plan proposed by the government. The framework outline has gone to Cabinet and it has advised to proceed on the basis that Crown land wood should not be used, either by volume or delivery schedule, to disadvantage private woodlot wood. In order for the plan to

proceed, there are major data management requirements. Boards already report to the Forest Product Commission. DNR will need to greatly improve the efficiency of its data reporting to enable accurate tracking of wood volumes. This was a key item the Federation has identified; without it, the system will not work. We have also indicated the enforcement will have to be timely and robust for a system to work. AAC determination is an integral component of this proposal. The Federation is awaiting a reply from the Department on issues related to establishing the AAC. The Federation representatives made it very clear that we do not want to participate in another committee process; the issues are clear. The Deputy Minister understood this and said the committee's goal is to "steer" the process, not debate the issues. The planned timeline (once details are agreed to) would be April 2008. There is still much to be done on this. The Federation will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Federation Website: Once again a reminder, the Federation website is <http://www.nbwoodlotowners.ca>. The site is intended for woodlot owners; we want to hear what you like about the site and what you would like to see.

Upcoming Events:

1. National Woodlot Forum, September 19-20, 2007, Quebec City.
2. INFOR, Celebrating our Forests/Maple Fest, October 1-3, 2007, Fredericton.
3. Acadian Forest Science Conference, October 10-13, 2007, Fredericton.

Contact the Federation for more information on these events or any other information in this newsletter.



Celebrating Our Forests / Maple Fest 2007

“Discovering the Value of Our Forests”

Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre
Fredericton, New Brunswick

October 1-3, 2007



Following the success of **Celebrating Our Forests (COF) 2005**, INFOR, along with its partners, is proud to host another edition of this three-day event consisting of conferences, field trips, exhibits, competitions, entertainment, and more for woodlot owners, Christmas tree growers and maple syrup producers. This year, we've decided to integrate “Maple Fest” with COF, resulting in more people, more fun and more sweet syrup products to enjoy!

We've lined up some very eager speakers, as well as some interesting field sites to visit. Don't miss the competitions, entertainment and activities! We are expecting over 200 attendees at the event, representing all three sectors and coming in from all regions of eastern Canada and northeastern United States. To accommodate all participants and speakers, simultaneous translation in French/English will be offered throughout.

Conference Presentations

October 1—Joint-session for all three sectors

The topics covered will include:

- Non-Traditional Forest Products: Valuing All Parts of the Forest
- Climate Change's Effects on our Forests
- Marketing: “From Passion to Success, Without any Setbacks... or Almost”
- Attracting and Retaining Local and Foreign Workers

October 2nd—Industry-specific sessions

Maple Producers' Session

- Effects of Air Injection on Syrup Chemistry, Quality and Flavour
- Maple Syrup Flavour Wheel and Syrup Tasting Session
- Study Looking at the Value of a Maple Stand as a Source of Wood vs. as a Source of Sap
- Sugar Bush Silviculture
- Comparing Tubing and Installation Methods in a Field Environment
- Value-Added Maple Product Packaging

Woodlot Owners' Session

- Bioenergy and Pellet Mills
- Seeing Your Woodlot as an Investment
- Ecological Goods and Services
- Managing for High Quality Products Through Individual Stem Management
- Community Forestry
- Small Sawmill Efficiencies and Value-Added Production

Christmas Tree Producers' Session

- Hybrids and Exotic Species as Christmas Trees (to be confirmed)
- Organic Fertilizers in Christmas Tree Plantations
- Yuletide Tree Gift Program
- Canadian Christmas Tree Exports and Certification
- Woolly Adelgid and Other Christmas Tree Pests (to be confirmed)
- Potential Developments in Christmas Tree Technologies

That evening, join us at a banquet for some music, storytelling and the distribution of awards and prizes.

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On October 3rd, choose one of three field trips:

Maple Syrup Tour
 Visit maple syrup operations in Bath and Mactaquac and possibly a third stop in Bath at one of the largest producers and one of the few organic operations in New Brunswick (awaiting confirmation).

Christmas Tree Industry Tour
 Visit a Christmas tree plantation, a seedling nursery, as well as a prince's pine garland production line in Woodstock. We may make a stop in Bristol to see the production of wreath rings and greenery products (awaiting confirmation).

Woodlot Tour
 Visit a species-diversified plantation and thinned woodlot, Chatham Biotec's ground hemlock plantations, and the Flexiway plant in Fredericton where they make and laser-engrave wood products (awaiting confirmation).

Maple Competitions

N Participate in our **maple-themed photo competition**

N Maple syrup producers, make sure to enter your products in one or all of the **10 categories to be judged by an official jury**

N Bring along an extra bottle of syrup to enter our **"People's Choice" competition**

N Watch for the **maple quiz** questions posted throughout the lobby during the conference

See our website for more information (www.infor.ca)



Celebrating Our Forest /Maple Fest 2007 Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal/Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax number: _____

Email: _____

☞ Please use a separate registration form for each attendee.

☞ No refunds will be issued after: Sept. 7th, 2007.

☞ Payment must accompany registration form

☞ All fees are quoted in Canadian dollars.

☞ Payments can be made by cheque, money order or cash.

☞ Receipts will be issued at registration during the event.

☞ Make cheque out to: "Celebrating Our Forests" and send to:

- Full Registration (includes banquet) \$235
- Oct. 1st —continental breakfast, presentations, lunch and evening activities \$100
- Oct. 2nd —presentations, lunch, and activities, excluding banquet \$100
- Oct. 2nd —banquet only (entertainment and prizes) \$35
- Oct. 3rd —field trip and lunch (please indicate which one of the three field trips you will be attending) \$75
- Christmas tree industry field trip
- Maple syrup industry field trip
- Woodlot field trip

I am interested in this conference as a:

Private woodlot owner

Christmas tree grower

Maple syrup producer

Other _____

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