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In this issue of WOODLOT ADVANCE, we are going to try to explain some of this to you as best we can at this time, as well as the progress to date

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (SFM) COMMITMENT PROCESS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The very first step in developing a Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan has been to develop S.N.B. Commitment Statements They are as follows:

Guiding Principles are adopted and endorsed as stated in the "NEW BRUNSWICK WOODLOT OWNERS' CODE OF PRACTICE" document. (This document was previously published in the WOODLOT ADVANCE.) A complete "SFM Commitment document is available by contacting the S.N.B. office

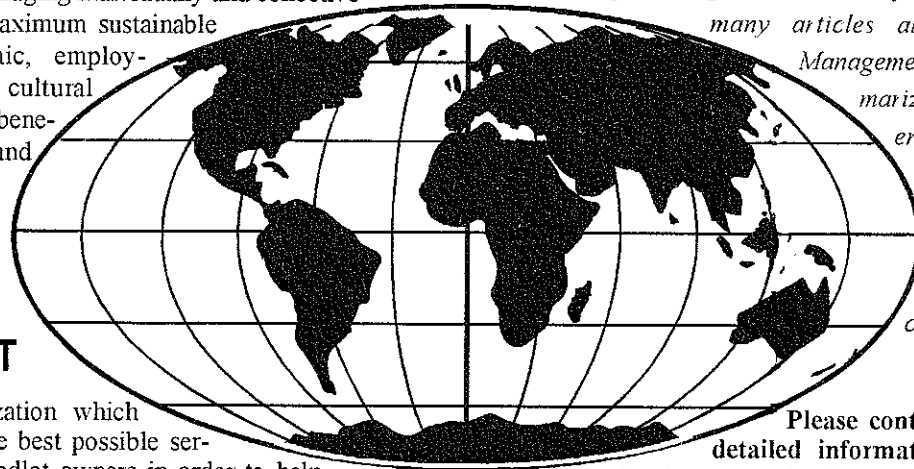
S.N.B.'S SFM VISION STATEMENT

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

Although, throughout this issue of the newsletter you will find many articles about Sustainable Forest Management, they only briefly summarize what is involved. We encourage you, as woodlot owners, to contact the office for further information and to bring forth your ideas, questions and concerns.

S.N.B.'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 "



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WOODLOT OWNER INFORMATION MEETINGS

Fall is now here and with it comes another round of information meetings to be held in November throughout the S.N.B. area. This is your opportunity as a woodlot owner, wood producer or other interested people to meet together and find out what is happening in your organization.

Agenda topics will include: a review of current markets, silviculture activity update and current projects being worked on by S.N.B. As indicated throughout this issue of WOODLOT ADVANCE, "Sustainable Forest Management" i.e. certification, is one of the larger projects undertaken this year, so for an update of where we are at --- attend the meeting in your area.

If you have any questions, comments, agenda topics, etc. that you would like discussed at these meetings, please contact your local representative or call the S.N.B. office. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, share your ideas and support your organization.

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

BROWNS FLAT, Fire Hall ZONE 1
Tuesday, Nov. 12th Brian Scovil - 468-2600

HAMPTON, Junior High Library ZONE 2
Wednesday, Nov. 13th James McEwen - 839-2968

HATFIELD POINT, Community Hall ZONE 3
Thursday, Nov. 14th Ken Hardie - 485-2293

CUMBERLAND BAY, Community Center ZONE 4
Monday, Nov. 18th Randy Fearn - 339-5485

PETITCODIAC, Kiwanis Building ZONE 5
Tuesday, Nov. 19th Brian Hicks - 534-2429

SUSSEX, S.N.B. Office ZONE 6
Wednesday, Nov. 20th David Benson - 433-2726

ALBERT, Lions Den ZONE 7
Thursday, Nov. 21st Robert Weir - 386-6176

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THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY ???

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S.N.B. is currently participating in this promotion by offering our employees payroll deductions, a 5% contribution towards the purchase of a system and offering in-house training for programs we have available. To our members, S.N.B. can provide payment deductions from the monies for forest products that you receive through our office.

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SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The "public" refers to everyone including woodlot owners, the general public, special interest groups and aboriginal groups who are affected by the management of private woodlots.

"Phase I" of the S.N.B. Public Participation Process was undertaken with the main objective of determining "what is important" to everyone before we began the planning process, so that we could try to design a plan with everyone's interests taken into account.

The actual process and decision making that went into this "Phase I" is fully described in a report available, upon request, from the S.N.B. office. A condensed version is as follows here:

The "general zone meeting" (public meeting) mechanism, which is part of S.N.B.'s organization structure, was felt to be the most logical, efficient and cost effective to solicit woodlot owner and general public input and participation in the SFM Planning Process.

As there were no known First Nations communities or other aboriginal forest users within S.N.B.'s DFA; it was decided to contact the First Nations communities nearest the perimeter of the S.N.B. area to see if they were interested in participating in the SNB/SFM Planning Process.

Addressing special interest groups, the Fundy Model Forest (FMF) Partnership was considered to be the prime target audience. The FMF Partners include industrial, environmental, economic, community, recreation, wildlife, research, etc., organizations. Newspaper advertisements promoting the Public Participation Process were used to attract input from other special interest groups.

All input received was recorded, and responded. The effort produced significantly increased awareness and support for the development of an SFM Plan for the S.N.B. area.

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SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PREPARATION PROCESS

S.N.B. is presently at this stage of their SFM Plan Development Process.

All of the public input has been summarized into a report. Each suggestion will be evaluated as part of the preparation process.

An Evaluation Committee of forest resources professionals have been assembled from the Fundy Model Forest Partnership to review all of the input received and help us to sort out what and how we might use it in our SFM Plan.

The results of this evaluation will be reported and distributed to all participants in the public input process.

We have set up the Best Management Practices Manual - Steering Committee to begin the development of this document, to be used to help woodlot owners practice good woodlot management. A small working committee has been named to begin discussions with Department of Natural Resources & Energy on the design of a Allowable Annual Cut Management System.

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE?

Once the "Preparation" step is completed, we must run computer simulations to come up with the best possible combinations of possible management programs and activities to satisfy "what is important to you". This must address not only wood supply and silviculture, but also wildlife, water and soil quality, recreation, aesthetics, economics, jobs, etc.

Practical and acceptable methods to achieve these plans will have to be figured out. Support to do so from other organizations will have to be obtained.

Finally, the draft SFM Plan and Implementation System will be distributed and presented to everyone to determine if it is satisfactory or needs further work.

We are still targeting February 15, 1997 to distribute this draft, but admit that we are presently about four weeks behind schedule.

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SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD! WHAT ARE THE CONS?

There are many possible problems which may arise:

- 1) the market may not respond with the extra dollars to support the full system and we may have to scale back to where the cost benefit is worthwhile
- 2) other responsible players in the system such as government, industry or special interest groups may not support the SNB/SFM System
- 3) woodlot owners may not want to participate in the system or the Working Woodlot Program
- 4) the BMP Manual could be a lot of theory that will not work at the stump level
- 5) the A.A.C. Management Mechanism may not improve the marketing situation or provide more silviculture funding
- 6) it may cost woodlot owners more than it is worth
- 7) efforts to promote wildlife habitat may fail.
- 8) local mills may run out of wood any ways
- 9) people may think they will be forced to sell their wood to someone they don't want to
- 10) people may be afraid they will lose their right to manage how they want to meet their own objectives

Many of these things could happen, and some of these things will happen to us anyway if S.N.B. does not develop a SFM System.

The strengths which reduce these risks comes from three sources:

- the realization that if we do not address these problems ourselves and find the solutions ourselves, someone else will eventually do it to us in the name of doing it for us
- S.N.B. is committed to protecting the rights of woodlot owners as well as their woodlots
- the SFM Continuous Review and Improvement Process will allow woodlot owners the opportunity to identify and fix problems as they arise. Dealing with problems is nothing new to woodlot owners; having a more effective system to fix them with, would be something new

*"Is it not better to try and fail,
than to never have tried at all?"*



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"THERE'S MORE TO A WOODSMAN THAN JUST CUTTING WOOD"

by Raymond Webster

I would like to introduce you to an individual who has plenty of woods experience, not in the fine art of felling trees and getting them to the mill, but in the kitchen of a lumber camp - Carrol Hickling. Yes, in the 1950's through to the early 1970's, it was a tough and demanding career to be a worker in



Edna and Carrol Hickling

the woods. In Carrol Hickling's woods camp kitchen, the work was equally as demanding

Now with Carrol's extensive background, studying at the Zion Institute, a pastor of a Pentecostal church, a blacksmith, a carpenter, a farmer and, last but not least, a husband; we might wonder why he would choose a career as a woods camp cook. Little did he know, that day in 1952, while looking for work at Bruce Brown's

woods operation, in Saddleback, south of Porcupine Mountain, that his destiny would be established and span over almost 20 years. The only job Bruce could offer Carrol at the time was that of camp cook. Despite Carrol lacking a great deal of experience in that field, with a little help from his wife Edna who worked with her husband at several other camps; he was well on his way to becoming a great cook. This brings to mind the old adage, "Behind every great man is a good woman"

Being a camp "cookie" demanded long hours and good planning. The number of men at each lumber camp varied, depending on whether the camp was just cutting wood (20 - 40 men) or had a mill on site (20 -25 men); or a combination of both. The largest crew that Carrol ever cooked for was 40 men. I can only imagine what it could be like preparing three full course meals and two lunches, everyday, for all of those men. Carrol always worked hard to make sure there was plenty of food on the table.

A typical day for Carrol would start at 4 to 5 a.m.; preparing a breakfast of eggs, ham or bacon, pancakes, coffee or tea and something for their sweet tooth like donuts or cookies. Once the men had their breakfast and were off to work: Carrol cleared the dishes and started preparation of first lunch for 10 a.m. This often consisted of muffins, patty pans, donuts, cookies and tea or coffee. With no time to waste, lunch was then prepared and served. Their dinner meals were usually stew, baked or boiled potatoes, assorted vegetables, various meats, homemade pies and coffee or tea; or of some combination

Preparing meals, lunches, and clean up seemed to be a never-ending process. Second lunch was generally ready for 3 p.m., serving sweets and a hot drink. After clean up, again, it was then time to prepare a hearty supper meal of potato and corn scallops, potatoes, meats, fresh baked biscuits and rolls, homemade preserves, something for their sweet tooth and tea or coffee. And, of course, once the clean up of the final meal was completed; there was always continuous baking of breads and various sweets. Some of the men enjoyed a snack before retiring for the night, and Carrol would oblige with sweets and a hot drink. Just like home, fish on Fridays and good old baked beans for Saturday night.

Most of the harvesting in those days was carried out in the fall and winter months; working five to seven days a week. Many of the workers also had farms to look after during the spring and summer months. Carrol, along with his cook duties, looked after the general repairs to the woods camp.

As most can well remember, back in the 1950's, the luxuries we take for granted today were just not available then. The cooking and baking was done with the use of wood stoves; and the perishable goods, such as meat, milk and butter were stored in ice houses. As the years passed, Carrol did experience the introduction of more modern conveniences and appliances. Carrol said one particular woods camp had a steam generator which operated off of the mill creating electricity. In time, propane was the power of choice for running cooking stoves, fridges and lights.

It would seem that Carrol was not a shy man, for he worked at a number of different camp sites, many in the southern New Brunswick area. He worked for Bruce Brown in Saddleback, Blake Craft in Big Salmon River and Martin Head, Downey's at Little Salmon, Blois Corey in Canaan, for Ora Saunders of Bloomfield and Fred Cameron near The Grant, just to name a few.

It was memorable and a pleasure to visit with Carrol Hickling to hear about some of his lumber camp experiences and stories. To no surprise, when I contacted Carrol to set up an appointment to interview him, he asked me to drop in at dinner time. When I arrived, even before I entered his house, the aroma of something good cooking flowed through the open window. I could see as I went in, the table was set and dinner was ready to be served - a big plate of stew, homemade biscuits and strawberry shortcake. A great meal from an old time "cookie".

So, if you're traveling through Norton and need some advice in cooking and enjoy old time lumber camp stories; I'm sure Carrol would love to visit with you and share some of his yesteryears as a "woods camp cookie". Thanks for sharing with us, Carrol!



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS S.N.B.'S SFM PLANNING PROCESS

Dear Mr. Levy:

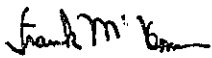
We have read with interest your letter outlining a number of issues that the SNB Forest Products Marketing Board is addressing in its pursuit of certification under the Canadian Standards Association's protocol defining Sustainable Forest Management.

The Government strongly supports your efforts in developing a sustainable forest management plan for the private woodlot resource in the SNB area and will cooperate with you in this important initiative.

Officials of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy are prepared to assist you in your preparations for certification and will keep us informed of your progress.

Best of luck in your efforts! We are certain that your endeavour to attain certification will clearly demonstrate New Brunswick's leadership in responsible forest management.

Yours truly,



Frank McKenna
Premier



Alan R. Graham
Minister of Natural Resources and Energy

Dear Mr. Levy:

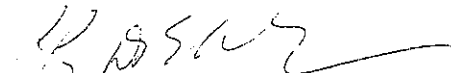
This is a follow-up to our July 15th meeting in Sussex outlining the SNB Marketing Board's commitment to obtaining CSA certification for timber harvested from sustainably managed private woodlots.

As promised we will provide whatever assistance we can in preparing your Sustainable Forest Management Plan. The assistance will include available data on wood supply parameters as well as scientific, technical and policy advice.

I am designating Mark Colpitts, of our Forest Management Planning staff, to act as the prime contact for your project. Mr. Colpitts will have the authority to seek the assistance of other staff for specific issues or data outside his field of expertise.

With respect to your other request, we would be pleased to sit down with you periodically and discuss the progress you are making in this important initiative. I, along with the relevant senior officials in the Department, would be prepared to discuss the progress and issues as they evolve in the planning process.

Yours truly,



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S.N.B. WOODLOT OWNER WINS PROVINCIAL AWARD, TOO!

by George Fullerton

The Southern New Brunswick Wood Co-operative Ltd. and the S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board honored Mike Jardine with an award for Woodlot Owner of the Year at their Annual Meeting held in Sussex on April 17, 1996

Jardine and his wife, Elsie, own nearly 300 acres of woodland on the Gaspereau River, north of Chipman, N.B. The land had been in Elsie's family (Bishop) for many years. The Jardines built a camp on the property in 1986 and purchased the entire property shortly after. The front of the property next to the river had been farmed up until the late 1950's and then had been allowed to revert back to forest. The bulk of the land was forested and was suffering the affects of spruce budworm infestation. Most of the woodlot was harvested to recover the marketable wood. The harvested area was restocked with naturally regenerated seedlings, primarily balsam fir and spruce.

"One of Mike's first plans to develop the property was to develop the areas of old field into Christmas tree plantation", explained Ken MacPherson, retired Extension Technician, formerly with Forest Extension Service. In his enthusiasm, Mike planted a transplant bed of balsam fir stock that he could plant. Ken took Mike to visit a Christmas tree producer that had developed wild stands into a very productive operation. Mike adopted the latter approach and has developed more than 20 acres of Christmas trees.

Mike had a woodlot road constructed through his property in 1988, and had some trails constructed through the Christmas tree at that time. "I wasn't satisfied with the way the trails turned out, so I bought an old bulldozer to do trails myself. I held my breath every time I started that machine, hoping it wouldn't breakdown" he said. Mike expressed relief that the machine was sold after the trails had been completed.

MacPherson said that Jardine was very enthusiastic about woodlot management and he was in the first woodlot management course offered by the Extension Service in Sussex in 1991. "It was like a natural fit and Mike took the information from the course and put it to work on his woodlot" explained MacPherson.

Mike and Elsie decided in 1995 to try to market Christmas trees as a 'You Pick'. "We were very happy with the results" commented Mike. "We advertised on the local cable station, for some reason it ran in Minto but not Chipman which is closer to the woodlot. We had dozens of people from the Minto area, come with their families to pick a tree and have a hot drink. Everyone that visited seemed impressed with the work we have done on the property and we had a lot of fun."

Ken MacPherson is hesitant to take credit for steering Mike toward blueberry production, but he relates that Christmas tree producers that he had worked with in Charlotte County in western N. B. continually evaluated their land for potential blueberry production. "When we were evaluating the old fields for Christmas trees --- blueberries were evident"

MacPherson commented Mike has developed the old fields for blueberry production and in 1995 sold six tons from ten acres. More land is being cleared and established fields are being managed to increase productivity. The Jardines use a hammer mower rather than fire to encourage plant propagation and production. Mike says that it requires a very smooth field, but that it reduces the fire hazard.

Several ponds have been established on the property to have a water supply in case of fire. Mike pointed out that in dry spells that wildlife will use the ponds for drinking as well. Ponds close to the fields can also be used for irrigation - "some time down the road" Mike also keeps five 200 gallon containers that he had salvaged, "around the woodlot, just in case they are needed"

Wildlife is considered in the management strategy. Besides the ponds being useful for wildlife, brush piles have been created for small mammal habitat, nesting boxes have been erected for birds, long straight stretches have been avoided in trail construction to provide better cover for wildlife. Apple trees around the old fields have been pruned and fertilized to increase production for wildlife food.

Since the purchase of this property, pre-commercial thinning is an annual activity. To date, approximately 40 acres of this treatment has been completed. Boundary lines were upgraded in 1991 and a woodlot management plan was completed. Mike thanks Paul Richard, forest technician, "Paul did a great job of mapping all the different stands and areas on the woodlot and setting up a schedule of when the work should be done. S.N.B. has continued to help with getting the work done and answering questions that come up." MacPherson attributes Mike's success with woodlot management to having a plan and focusing on achieving those things. He says, "It's very easy for a person to be overwhelmed by seeing too much work and spending a lot of time running around doing a bit of a lot of things and in the end, not achieving very much." When asked about the concern of being overwhelmed by the amount of work needed on the woodlot, Jardine says that he has a plan to do what work he can himself and relies on help from S.N.B. to do thinning work and from a neighbor to



help with Christmas trees, blueberry, selection harvest and other woodlot work.

Their woodlot shows an impressive amount of work and success for the 10 years that they have been working on it, especially since they live some distance (80 miles one way) from the woodlot, in Quispamsis, near Saint John "The traveling distance is a real incentive to get work done when I arrive" says Mike.

Mike is employed as a Stationary Engineer in the steam generating plant at Irving Pulp & Paper. Mike explains that the woodlot adds an important balance to his life, providing a relaxed, natural work environment, in contrast to a very intense, industrial work environment.

The Jardine woodlot was not only selected as S.N.B. Woodlot Owner of the Year (1996). Mike also received recognition by the Province of New Brunswick at their 8th Annual N.B. Woodlot Management Field Day on Sept. 14th. *Way to go Mike!* That adds up to three out of eight provincial awards that have come to S.N.B. private woodlot owners. *Congrats!* and keep up the good work!

JAMES McEWEN

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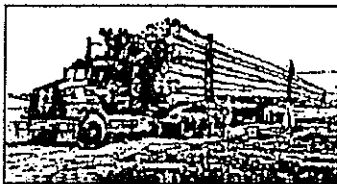
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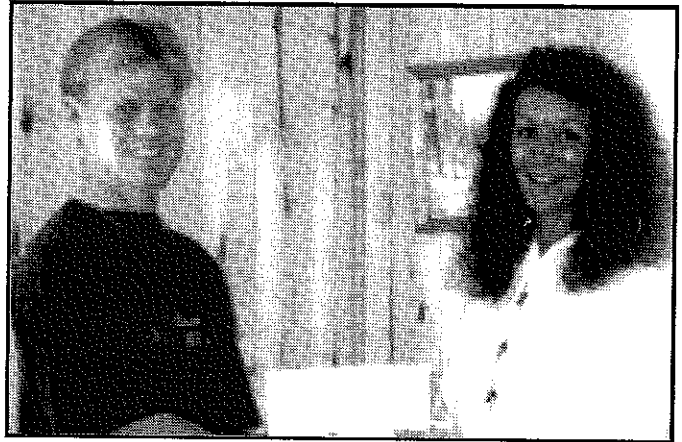
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Tim is a 1993 graduate of Riverview High School. He received his diploma in Silviculture from N.B.C.C. Miramichi in 1994. He was employed for two summers cutting pulpwood and worked for S.N.B. in the winter of 1995. Tim is currently attending Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton and his future plans are to continue his education at U.N.B. or Flemming in Ontario.

This award is offered annually by the S.N.B. Wood Co-operative Ltd. and the S.N.B. Forest Products Marketing Board. Each year students, registered in forestry related studies, are eligible to apply. S.N.B. will soon be forwarding the criteria to schools, Ranger School and universities. If your place of study is missed, please contact the S.N.B. office at 433-3429 for the information.

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SFM - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Certification and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) planning by S.N.B. is generating a lot of talk and even more questions lately. What does it mean? What is S.N.B. doing? How is it going to work? How is it going to affect me? These are just a few of the many questions.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is Forest Certification?

Forest Certification is a test to recognize if an effective "Sustainable Forest Management" system is in practice. This certificate tells the public and the people who purchase products if we are doing a good job of managing our woodlots.

What is "Sustainable Forest Management" (SFM)?

This is the management of all our forest resources to ensure that we can maintain all of the benefits we are receiving for ourselves and future generations. This includes fibre production, jobs, recreational activities, abundant wildlife, beautiful scenery, mixtures of tree species, rich soils, forest's contribution to a clear air supply and everything else we enjoy.

Why is SFM so important lately?

The media about bad forest management practices and the impact it has on environment as a whole, has prompted the public to become environment conscious. When they purchase manufactured forest products, they want to know whether the products are made from trees grown in a well managed forest system or not.

Who sets the rules for what is certified forests?

There are a number of sets of rules or "STANDARDS" being developed around the world. In Canada, industry, government, environmental groups, woodlot owner representatives, etc went to the Canadian Standards Association, to develop a set of standards which could be used in any forest region of Canada.

Their standards are a process or set of steps to be taken to develop a SFM System that is effective for any particular area. It relies heavily on public input to determine what is the best plan for our area. CSA's standards have been tested on the S.N.B. area in 1996 prior to being finalized. Both CSA and S.N.B. came out of the test confident that they were feasible, cost affordable and auditable.

Will the market pay more for certified wood sources?

All indications received by S.N.B. to date are that they will. We have talked to several of the companies we presently deal with. Repap (Newcastle) already pays S.N.B. an extra \$6.00 per cord for wood from managed woodlots.

At the very least, certification will provide S.N.B. Woodlot Owners with better "market access". This means more markets for our products. More markets mean more competition to purchase our products. This usually equates to better prices and/or selling conditions.

Why is sustainable forest management and certification important to S.N.B. woodlot owners?

Quite simply, the S.N.B. organization believes that most S.N.B. woodlot owners are already practicing "Quality" man-

agement. SFM Planning will provide the help and direction to do an even better job. Certification will provide the deserved recognition.

What about my rights as a woodlot owner?

It may at first appear as if everyone else is going to be able to tell you what and how you can manage your woodlot. This is not true. One of the basic principles of the CSA Standards states that: "...the SFM System recognizes that private landowners have the right to decide the goals of their organization, determine the purpose for which their land will be managed, and limit public access for certain activities."

As an individual woodlot owners, you will decide if you want to participate in the regional SFM System or not. If yes, then you will still decide how you will manage your woodlot. A Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual is being developed by S.N.B. Woodlot Owners for S.N.B. Woodlot Owners to help guide you in management practices which are considered sustainable and which will qualify you to be recognized as having a "Sustainably Managed Woodlot".

Is the BMP Manual going to dictate how to manage my woodlot?

NO. The purpose of the BMP Manual is to be a good reference manual that will be useful to you in managing your woodlot sustainably.

What is an SFM Plan?

An SFM Plan describes where we want to go, over time, to maintain or improve how we are managing our forest region as a whole. Based on available forecasting methods, realistic goals are identified to be achieved. For example, we may want to increase our A.A.C. by 20%. The plan will identify if it is possible and at what rate it can be done. It can tell us how much of what type of silviculture will be necessary to do it.

What is an SFM System?

The SFM System is the mechanisms, initiatives or programs to be undertaken by S.N.B. and Woodlot Owners to achieve the goals in the SFM Plan.

The S.N.B. Regional Level systems may include a Sustainable A.A.C. Management System, Wood Supply Analysis Updating, Silviculture Funding Mechanisms, Woodlot Educational Programs, Landscape Issues Mechanism, Research Initiatives, and Continuous Review & Improvement Process.

The Woodlot Owner Level systems may be composed of such things as Working Woodlot Program, Woodlot Management Plans, Best Management Practices Manual, and Woodlot Management Services.

What is the connection between a Regional SFM Plan and a Woodlot SFM Plan?

How many and how well individual woodlots are managed will determine how well the S.N.B. region as a whole performs. S.N.B.'s SFM System is being designed as a Regional Plan with the mechanisms or tools to help individual owners manage their woodlots to meet their needs and thereby meet the goals of the Regional Plan.

How do I get my woodlot into the Plan?

By joining the S.N.B. Working Woodlot Program (WWP). The

Working Woodlot Program is expected to be revised and updated this fall to recognize and assist owners who are actively and "sustainably managing" their woodlot. The S.N.B. Working Woodlot Program is foreseen as being one of the most important parts of S.N.B.'s SFM Plan and System.

What is being in the WWP going to cost me?

We foresee the only direct costs of joining the Working Woodlot Program as being a member of the S.N.B. Wood Co-operative Ltd. (\$5.00 for a membership share) and you having a simple management plan prepared for your property.

What kind of commitment will I have to make to join the Working Woodlot Program?

As a member of the updated Working Woodlot Program, you may be required to agree to:

- have an up to date simple management plan for your woodlot.
- contribute to the achievement of S.N.B.'s SFM Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.
- manage your woodlot sustainably.

What will be the benefits of joining the Working Woodlot Program?

Your woodlot will be recognized as being sustainably managed.

We expect to see forest products from these woodlots become of high demand and value.

You will directly contribute to the sustainability of the entire S.N.B. region.

How can I join the WWP?

You can apply to join the S.N.B. Working Woodlot Program by contacting any one of S.N.B.'s field technicians or Rick McShane at the S.N.B. office.

How will harvesting in the S.N.B. region be affected?

In general, we do not see any big changes in the way woodlot owners harvest and market their wood.

Over time, several changes will occur. They may include the following:

- wood harvested from all WWP woodlots may get a bonus over the "regular" price of wood, similar to the present Repap bonus for wood from managed woodlots.
- as more owners join the WWP, more owners will be looking for specialized harvesting training or contractors who can do selection cutting and other prescribed harvesting treatments as well as good clear cutting.
- more markets should be pursuing wood from S.N.B. woodlots.
- more silviculture funding should be available to help maintain the regional harvest levels to meet industry demand.

Does SFM certification mean no clear cutting?

NO. Clear cutting is an important silviculture practice in even aged forests such as they prevail in the S.N.B. area.

However, the BMP Manual will be a useful tool to inform woodlot owners of what is a "good" clear cut, how to do it to protect natural regeneration and where alternatives to clear cutting may be used.

What is going to happen to my ability to manage my woodlot the way I like?

If the "way you like" is consistent with the Best Management Practices and SFM Principles, then there should be no change other than perhaps better rewards for doing so.

If you would like to improve the management of your woodlot, then there should be more assistance and rewards for doing so.

If you do not want to manage your woodlot, then that is your choice.

Either way, you decide what you do and how you do it.

What is SFM / Certification going to do to the value of my woodlot if I keep it or decide to sell it?

If you decide to keep your woodlot and not manage it, then this is not expected to have an effect on the value of your woodlot for wood production until "managed woodlot" wood someday becomes the "norm" and it is the only type of wood the mills want. If this happens, the only difference caused by getting certified will be that not everyone will be in this poorer marketing position in the S.N.B. area.

If you decide to keep your woodlot and manage it, the woodlot itself should be worth more to you and your family as good woodlot management has demonstrated to yield higher long term benefits to the owners. If you decide to not manage your woodlot and to sell it later, it obviously may not be as valuable as it could be. Of course, short term liquidation will still give you better short term value, but S.N.B. believes long term management will be most rewarding.

Will hardwood fuelwood be subject to an allowable annual harvest mechanism?

We doubt it. Because so much of this wood is consumed by woodlot owners personally or sold in small quantities, it is doubtful that any worthwhile mechanism could be worthwhile in monitoring the amount of this product being harvested.

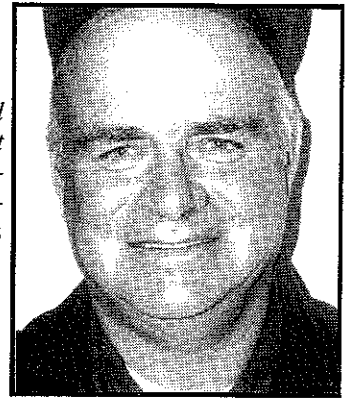
Will I be forced to replant cut overs on my woodlot?

NO. We do not support a plan or system that "forces" anyone to do anything.

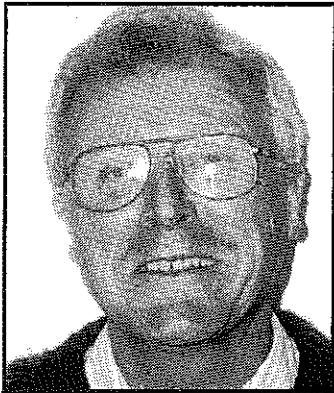
How can I take a more active role in S.N.B.'s Certification Process?

Three ways; get involved in the SFM Public Participation Process, apply to join the Working Woodlot Program, and

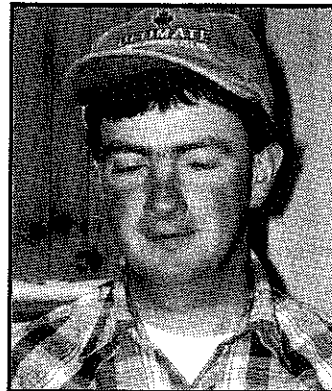
WHY SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT & CERTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT!



Jim McEwen states "It will help us in the long run as it will help to rebuild our working relationship with government and new relationships with special interest groups."



Bob Thompson states, "It will be good for us. If we don't do it, someone else will force the issues on us. If we address them ourselves, we can tailor it to suit us and our woodlots."

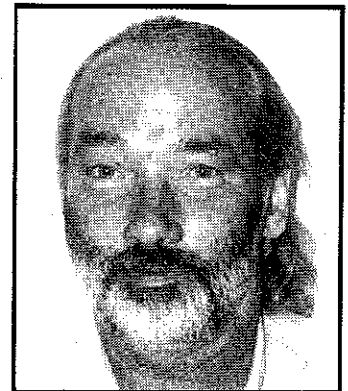


"SFM means that woodlot owners will be able to harvest wood at a sustainable level, thereby ensuring the viability of the industry and our woodlots" says Brian Scovil.

"I view certification as a comprehensive management process that woodlot owners should embrace, as it will become a necessity of doing business in the years to come. It is apparent our customers will demand it of us. It can also become the process which will finally validate the commitment and sound management that woodlot owners practice on their woodlots" says Ken Hardie.



Brian Hicks says "S.N.B. has a chance to become a leader in Sustainable Forest Management. I believe we have the resources and staff at S.N.B. to achieve certification. I will be proud to tell my grandsons that I belong to an organization that did their best to preserve our forest resources."



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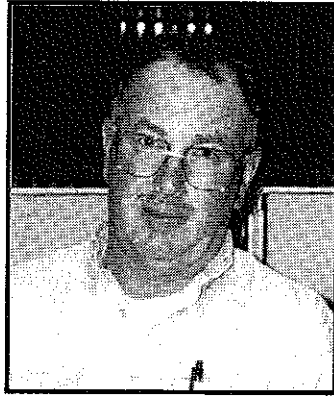
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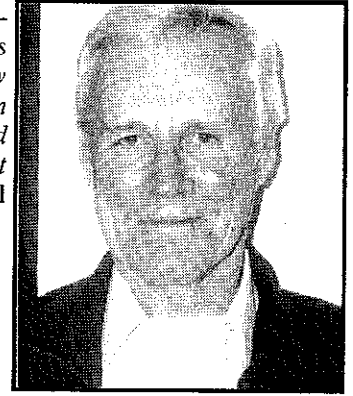
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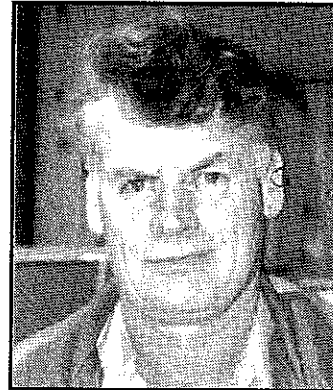
"I have always believed in Sustainable Forest Management. It means having a future for my forest and my family. Certification will mean better markets and better prices" states Jim McCrea.



"SFM means continuity; continuity of a healthy and vigorous forest that will provide New Brunswickers with jobs and an ecosystem that protects and enhances the lives of forest plants and animals" states Bill Brittain.



Bill Donald says "I agree with this certification. It has got to be done. The consumers are demanding it and they are really worried about our environment. Forestry is important to N.B.'ers --- We need it to stay in business."



Richard McLeod says "SFM will make sure that we have the benefits from our woodlots, continuously, for the long term. Sustainable harvesting practices will ensure that we always have wood to harvest. We'll have conditions to provide habitat for all the various wildlife species. Biodiversity is practical and beneficial to woodlot owners. I believe certification will be necessary to prove that we are managing our forests well."

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Will I be restricted to selling my wood to N. B. mills?

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Will I still be able to sell my logs to my neighbor who has a small sawmill?

YES The SFM Plan will promote and support small, value added businesses, such as your neighbor and the community spirit of your long-standing relationship.

Can I expect the A.A.C. / harvest levels to increase or decrease?

We don't know yet This will depend on the results of our

wood supply analysis to tell us what our A A C is; how much silviculture is out there that may be done; how much doing it can drive up the A A C ; and if the monies are available to do it.

It will also depend on how good a job we can do of improving our harvesting practices. Good harvesting practices can increase our A A C as well.

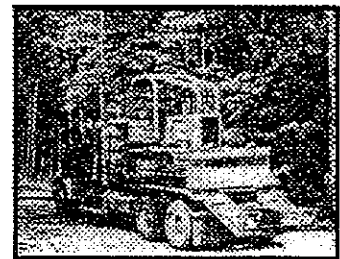
Can we expect a secure funding mechanism for silviculture activities?

YES. We do not have the details of how it will work, but that is definitely one of the strong priorities stressed during the public input process.

How are wildlife issues going to be addressed?

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SILVICULTURE PROGRAM UPDATE

by Chris Spencer

The 1996-97 season marks the second year that the Provincial Government has been the prime sponsor of silviculture on private woodlots here in New Brunswick. This year's program is funded at a 65% level. This has resulted in the costs to the owner rising significantly. The net cost for pre-commercial thinning is in the range of \$80 to \$90 per acre and reforestation is \$130 to \$160 per acre.

With these increased costs, we are experiencing a significant increase in the amount of owners who are canceling their request for assistance. For the current season, woodlot owners in the S.N.B. area have access to approximately \$ 5 million for silviculture and at the time of print less than half has been spent. The problem is that we simply do not have the same level of participation due to the increased cost.

\$\$\$ ADDITIONAL FUNDING \$\$\$

On August 20, 1996, the federal government announced that it would contribute \$2 million per year for three years (including this season) toward silviculture programs on private woodlots in New Brunswick. These monies are to come out of the Transitional Jobs Fund set up to stimulate job creation in areas most affected by the reform of the U. I. Program, now called E. I. (Employment Insurance).

In previous negotiations with the provincial government, it had been understood that if any additional funding became available from the federal government, that it would go towards increasing the funding level up from the current 65%. However, this has not taken place as yet.

Since the announcement, a great deal of effort has been put forth to address these concerns. Meetings have been held with both provincial and federal representatives expressing our concerns. Other Marketing Boards, throughout the Province, are also experiencing the same problems as we are, that of reduced woodlot owner participation. If the current funding level is maintained, it is unlikely that our (S.N.B.'s) original silviculture allocation from the Provincial Government of \$611,000 will be spent and we will not be able to utilize any of the new Federal money which would have been an additional \$300,000. On a Provincial basis, the outlook is not a lot better. When the other six Boards were polled, it was estimated that only \$200,000 to \$300,000 of the \$2 million Federal dollars could be used this year.

As indicated earlier, in our meetings with the Department of Natural Resources & Energy officials, it was explained that if they wanted to obtain their objectives of increasing employment and silviculture, the funding level would have to be increased up to a minimum of 80%.

In our latest discussion with DNR & E officials, we were told that the Provincial Cabinet turned down this proposal. We feel this is truly unfortunate - missing out on an opportunity to provide employment and to carry out more silviculture in the forests of New Brunswick.

MODEL WOODLOTS -- WHAT'S NEW?

by Dwayne Simkins

The Model Woodlot Program, designed by the S.N.B. wood Co-operative Ltd (S.N.B.) and Fundy Model Forest (FMF), is into the third year of being open to tours. This year the woodlots have already been used for many tours; such as, general public, foreign delegates, school teachers, students, and many others. With good co-operation and communication, with the staff of FMF and S.N.B., these tours have shown the new approaches to Integrated Resource Management.

But, hold on! Without the owners of these woodlots, and their enthusiasm, the Model Woodlot Program would be a failure. These pioneers of forest management are Ken Hardie & Deborah Boles, Lawrence & James McCrea, Richard & Shirley McLeod; and Clark Phillips & Susan Tyler. They have been developing their woodlots for many years prior, because of added value of good forest stewardship and resource planning.

The Fundy Model Forest concept fits perfectly with the Model Woodlots, since its objective is to ensure environmental sustainability while deriving social and economic benefits from the forest. This is how the owners are managing their woodlots as well.

Many of the individual projects of each Model Woodlot have been completed or are slated to be done this year. Many of the silviculture treatments, a wide range of activities, that can be seen have been combined with a conservation perspective. Other perspectives representing Integrated Resource Management are also evident on their properties. This means that you'll most likely see fresh cut stumps because these woodlots are "working woodlots", and the best way to ensure a healthy, viable forest is through harvesting. This practice not only provides a continuous flow of quality forest products but creates new habitat opportunities for wildlife.

Access to all four Model Woodlots is excellent, either by passenger car or bus. The trails range from level to steep, and no one has had to turn back. If you, or your group, would like to visit one or all of these Model Woodlots, do not hesitate to call the owners, our office at 433-3429, or Fundy Model Forest at 432-2806.



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The McCrea Farms Model Woodlot - This woodlot has been in the McCrea family since 1820. The long term goals and objectives of the owners for their Model Woodlot are to derive the maximum sustainable benefits from this woodlot; including wildlife, recreation, quality forest products and education. The McCrea Farms woodlot is located in the Albright Valley, near Shannon. You can call James at 485-5600 or Lawrence at 485-5750.

The Richard McLeod Model Woodlot - This woodlot has been in the McLeod family for generations. Richard is the sixth generation McLeod to work this land, originally granted to his family in 1795. Mr. McLeod is developing the woodlot to its full potential through sustainable management practices; working to derive maximum sustainable benefits from the woodlot. Richard realizes the positive impacts of responsible forest management for his woodlot. The McLeod woodlot is located in Penobsquis, due south of the Trans Canada Highway. Contact Richard & Shirley at 433-1285.

The Whaelghinbran Farm Model Woodlot - This woodlot is owned by Clark Phillips and Susan Tyler. Land can be used to produce fibre for societal use while providing a living to an individual or family without a negative environmental impact. The owners believe that just as organic sustainable agriculture has come of age, there is also a place for organically sustainable woodlot management. A point that Clark and Susan have tried to make through their ecological style of management is that woodlot owners and managers do have a choice. The Whaelghinbran Farm woodlot is located at South Branch, off of Route 114. You can contact Clark & Susan at 433-3935.

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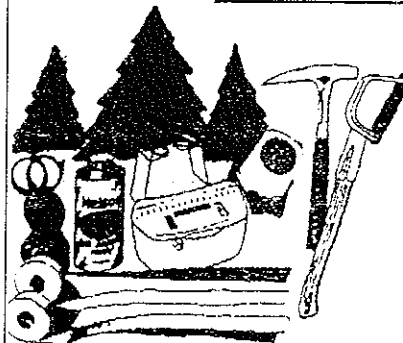
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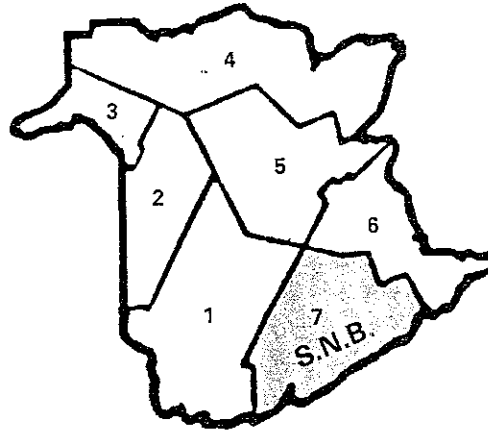
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