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## Purpose

To provide direction on ensuring compliance with the requirement to submit an annual declaration under and in accordance with section 20 of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* (the *Act*).

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## Policy

If an annual declaration containing all the information required under section 20 of the *Act* and section 12 of the Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation has not been received from an owner by July 1 of the calendar year in which the annual declaration is required:

1. the Council or the executive director may allege that the owner has contravened section 20 of the *Act*; and
2. if an allegation has been made, the council will
  - (a) provide the owner with an opportunity to be heard in respect of that allegation, and
  - (b) decide in respect of the allegation in accordance with section 26 (1) of the *Act*.

This policy applies even if an annual declaration is received after July 1 of the calendar year in which the annual declaration is required.