



Request for Proposal
Effectiveness Audit: October 2026

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1. Introduction

The Managed Forest Council (the “Council”) invites qualified consultants to submit proposals to conduct an effectiveness audit of the Managed Forest program in British Columbia. The purpose of this RFP is to engage a consultant to assess whether current forest practices requirements under the Private Managed Forest Land Council regulation are effectively achieving key environmental objectives related to water quality, fish habitat, and reforestation.

2. Organization Overview

The [Managed Forest Council](#) is a regulatory agency responsible for administering the Managed Forest program under the Private Managed Forest Land Act. The Council oversees management of private forest lands voluntarily enrolled in the program, ensures compliance with environmental standards, protects key public environmental values, and monitors and reports on program performance.

3. Project Overview

Background

The Managed Forest program establishes regulatory requirements for voluntarily enrolled private forest lands in BC. Forest practices requirements have been designed to acknowledge landowner rights while addressing key public values on private land.

The Council periodically reviews program effectiveness to ensure it continues to meet its environmental objectives. This project represents Phase 1 (Effectiveness Audit) with a potential for Phase 2 (Program Review with focus on governance, policy) in future years.

An [effectiveness audit was completed in 2012](#) with a focus on field review to determine if regulatory standards were being met. This 2026 project aims to evaluate not whether landowners are compliant, but whether the standards in the regulation will achieve the objectives in the Act both on the Coast and in the Interior.

Objective

Evaluate the effectiveness of current regulations under Divisions 3 and 4 of the [Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation](#), and assess whether regulatory standards will achieve intended outcomes in Division 1 of the [Private Managed Forest Land Act](#) for water quality, fish habitat, and reforestation, and identify opportunities for improvement, as appropriate.

4. Scope of Work

In Scope

- Evaluation of regulatory requirements in [Divisions 3](#) and [4](#) of the Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation
- Assessment of whether forest practices standards related to the regulatory requirements achieve intended outcomes (Division 1 - Management Objectives) in the Private Managed Forest Land Act

- Analysis using current and applicable scientific data
- Comparison with similar voluntary private forest land program standards in other jurisdictions, or where appropriate provincial/state standards (without expanding scope of regulatory intent)
- Identification of opportunities to improve or adjust regulatory requirements to better meet the intent of the Private Managed Forest Land Act's Management Objectives
- Field work (only if required) to evaluate on the ground results

Out of Scope

- Soil conservation objectives
- Critical wildlife habitat objectives
- Broader public policy comparisons

Note: this project does not aim to align forest practices requirements on Managed Forest land with the Forest and Range Practices Act and related regulations, although learnings from provincial forest regulatory regimes may be beneficial. It is important that the successful proponent understands the Managed Forest program is voluntary, and that the forest practices requirements of a private landowner should meet the intent of the Private Managed Forest Land Act without imposing additional public values on fee simple private land.

5. Methodology Expectations

Proponents should submit a methodology that may include, but is not limited to:

- Scientific and technical review of effectiveness of forest practices regulatory requirements
- Data analysis: review of available inspection data to assess actual practices and outcomes
- Inspector and stakeholder engagement: interviews with knowledgeable inspectors/others to identify trends and challenges

Fieldwork should be minimized, unless necessary due to data limitations.

6. Deliverables

- Project Plan (including methodology and timeline)
- Interim Findings Summary
- Draft Report
- Final Audit Report including: Analysis and findings; Conclusions on effectiveness of regulations for water quality and fish habitat, and reforestation; Opportunities for adjustments and improvements.

7. Timeline

- RFP Issued: October 1, 2026
- Proposal Deadline: November 1, 2026
- Selection: November 2026
- Project Start: December 2026
- Completion: February 2028

8. Budget

Total budget over a maximum two-year period should not exceed \$60,000. Proposals exceeding a total of \$60,000 should provide details explaining why a greater budget is required.

9. Proposal Requirements and Evaluation

- Company profile (5%)
- Team qualifications and roles of identified key personnel (20%)
- Methodology and approach (30%)
- Relevant experience with similar projects (20%)
- Timeline (10%)
- Total Budget with cost breakdowns (15%)

10. Submission Instructions

Submit proposals in PDF format to pam@mfcouncil.ca by November 1, 2026.

11. Terms and Conditions

The Council reserves the right to reject any proposal, request clarification, and negotiate terms. All submissions will be treated confidentially.

12. Future Phases

A potential Phase 2 Program Review may follow to examine governance, policy, and program structure.