

FIA-Forest Science Program

The FIA Forest Science Program (FIA–FSP) reflects the information needs and priorities of those who plan and manage British Columbia's public forest lands. The FIA-FSP funds:

- research projects related to key management issues in the areas of sustainability and improving timber growth and value
- a provincial forest extension program to deliver existing and new knowledge to practitioners and decision-makers
- infrastructure maintenance and measurement activities on selected long-term research installations that support short- and long-term research projects.

Research proposals are solicited through an annual Call for Proposals that focuses on priorities set by the Forest Science Board.

A 14-member Forest Science Board (FSB) advises the Deputy Minister of Forests and Range on FIA–FSP strategies and priorities. The Board includes users and providers of scientific knowledge drawn from industry, governments (provincial, federal, First Nations), and academic and private research organizations.

Forest Science Board membership structure

Affiliation	Members
Provincial Government	3
First Nations (1 Coast, 1 Interior)	2
Forest Sector (2 Coast, 2 Interior)	4
Federal Government (Canadian Forest Service)	1
Forest Science Provider Agencies (universities, government, private organizations)	4
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<i>Ex-officio (non-voting)</i>	
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	1
Ministry of Forests and Range	1
Provincial Forest Extension Provider	1
Extension Specialist	1

This document highlights the accomplishments of the FIA Forest Science Board since its inception in November 2004.



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Key Accomplishments 2004–2007

Governance	Board structure Advisory Committees Working Groups	Bylaws Terms of Reference for Board and committees	First Nations participation on Board and committees Investigate alternative governance models
Strategic Planning	FIA–FSP Strategic Plan Logic Model Business Map Planning Framework	Program strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber Growth and Value • Sustainability • Extension 	Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging issues and long-term research needs • Benefits of research 1994-2014 • Status of forestry related research in BC and Canada, 2005 • Mountain Pine Beetle research and extension gap analysis, priorities
Program Development	Business plan approach to growth and yield modeling research Research gap analyses	Graduate Student Research pilot project Forest management issues hierarchy	Project audits Alignment of projects with program strategies
Process Improvement	Continuous improvement based on annual user feedback Electronic submission of proposals, project reports	Peer review process assessment and adjustment Conflict of interest guidelines	Performance measures Periodic program evaluations
Annual Planning, Implementation	Annual research priority-setting Annual Call for Research Proposals	FIA–FSP annual business plan Provincial Forest Extension Program annual workplan	First Nations participation in setting research priorities, proposal evaluation criteria, and review process
Communication	Website Display Brochure	Advertisements, articles Project synopses Presentations to science users and providers	Regional workshops and dialogue sessions with First Nations
Collaboration	Sustainable Forest Management Network FORREX Ministry of Forests and Range Ministry of Environment	University of BC (graduate student research pilot) Canadian Forestry Service (mountain pine beetle research)	Forest Genetics Council GenomeBC BC Forum First Nations Forestry Council