



# Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners: Organization Overview

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The Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners





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# Who are we?

- 🌳 Non-profit organization comprised completely of small-private woodland owners
- 🌳 Province wide representation
  - 🌲 Over 1200 members
  - 🌲 9 Volunteer Directors evenly distributed across Nova Scotia
  - 🌲 1 full time manager
  - 🌲 2 part time administrative staff
  - 🌲 Office in Stewiacke




# Who are we?

## Created to:

-  inform & educate woodland owners

  -  Provincial & National issues

  -  Advice on all aspects of woodland management

    -  Finding a contractor, certification, regulations, silviculture, wildlife, fire suppression...

-  help represent and unify woodland owners

  -  Provincial & National issues

  -  Government policy and decisions

  -  Industry decisions

  -  Any major issues affecting woodland owners




# History

- 🌳 First board of directors formed in 2003
- 🌳 First PFPMB grant received in 2005
- 🌳 Manager hired and office space secured in spring of 2005
- 🌳 2005 – PFPMB requested a business plan from the Federation (Additional grants provided by PFPMB in 2006 and 2007)
- 🌳 Plan drafted and approved by FNSWO board (April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005)




# History

## **Vision**

-  *To provide small-private woodland owners with the tools they need to make well-informed woodland management decisions and to ensure that their rights and concerns are voiced, listened to and taken seriously.*

## **Mission**

-  *We are helping small-private woodland owners realize the full potential of their land by providing unbiased advice on all aspects of forest management, exploring new markets, expanding our knowledge of best management practices, paying close attention to current issues and by keeping woodland owners informed.*



# History

## **Objectives** (2005 Business Plan Excerpt)

“Our primary objectives are:

1. Establishment as a credible and useful organization.
2. Strengthen our membership and profile.
3. Ensure that our members are aware of current woodland issues.
4. Ensure that our members concerns are addressed accordingly.
5. Form alliances with like-minded organizations.
6. Development and securing of future and ongoing funding for the Federation.”



# Present

## Affiliations

- 🌲 Forestry Safety Society - Board of Directors (past Chair)
- 🌲 Association for Sustainable Forestry - Board of Directors
- 🌲 Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia - Board of Directors
- 🌲 Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners – represent Nova Scotia
- 🌲 Forestry Technical Advisory Committee to the Minister of Natural Resources – woodland owner rep.
- 🌲 Affiliated with Group Ventures Association
- 🌲 Nova Forest Alliance
- 🌲 Nova Scotia Maple Producers
- 🌲 BSLB Task Force – Woodland owner rep.
- 🌲 Coastal Communities Network
- 🌲 Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute



# Present

## Communications

- 🌳 Atlantic Forestry Review
- 🌳 Canadian Silviculture Magazine
- 🌳 CBC Radio – Phone-in show
- 🌳 Chronicle Herald, Truro Daily, Cape Breton Post and 13 regional and local newspapers
- 🌳 Website
- 🌳 Newsletter “The Overstory”
- 🌳 Member email list
- 🌳 Phone calls



# Present






## Lobby work

- 🌳 Chester Grant Fire Depot
- 🌳 Changes to Federal Income Tax Act
- 🌳 BSLB regulations
- 🌳 Voluntary Planning
- 🌳 Wetlands policy in Nova Scotia
- 🌳 Established relations with forestry critics and Minister of Natural Resources
- 🌳 Established relations with all party MPs
- 🌳 Federation is non-partisan



# Present

## Projects

-  Review of Watercourse Protection and Wildlife Habitat Regulations
-  Riparian Habitat management
-  Small-Private Woodlot Certification
-  Bioenergy
-  Ecological Goods and Services



# Future

Depends on you, the woodland owner

🌲 Bioenergy?

🌲 Riparian Silviculture?

🌲 Ecological Goods and Services?

🌲 Carbon Credits?

🌲 Marketing?

🌲 What would **you** like to see the Federation work on?

# Questions???



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