



**Environmental Field Procedure (EFP)**  
**Invasive Species**  
Chinook Business Area  
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### **Purpose and Scope**

This EFP applies to BCTS Staff, Licensee, Permittee and Contractor workers involved in forest practices within the scope of the BCTS EMS. It describes specific requirements to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species. This EFP does not replace the requirements of legislation, licenses, permits, and contracts.

### **Identification and Reporting**

- Review the [Provincial Priority Invasive Species list](#).
- For pictures and descriptions of common Invasive species, reference the [Invasive Species Council of B.C Best Management Practices Guide](#) (Pgs. 22-63) or [the Field Guide to Noxious Weeds and other selected Invasive Plants](#).
- Report any identified Invasive species [online](#) or through the *Report Invasives* [Android](#) or [Apple](#) app, recording the species name, coordinates, photographs, area of infestation, and any additional information.
- For more information about reporting go to [Reporting Invasive Species](#).

### **Inspecting and Cleaning**

- Work in un-infested sites before moving to infested sites.
- Clean equipment and vehicles of any seeds or plant parts before moving to new sites or regions.
  - Remove seed and plant parts within existing infested sites, any debris not being left on site should be carefully bagged and disposed of.
  - When washing with water, direct run-off into current infestations or designated wash sites.
  - All watercraft, vessels, used moorings or any other materials follow the Clean, Drain, Dry approach whenever removing the boat from the water.

### **Grass Seeding**

- Application of grass seeding is required on exposed soils in areas that include cut and fill slopes of newly constructed roads, constructed, or used landings, deactivated roads, and any rehabilitated areas (except when rehabilitated areas are to be re-vegetated with planted trees).
- Occurs during the first available spring or fall and within 12 months of mineral soil exposure.
- Minimum standard grass seed is the Canada Common Number 1 Forage Mixture and the grass seed must be of native origin, ecologically suitable or compatible with the sites being seeded and a 'sod grass' mixture should be used. In Haida Gwaii, grass seed will consist of a Haida Gwaii reseedling mixture (in accordance with Canada's Seeds Regulation, or better).

Examples and more details for field operation procedures to mitigate the introduction and spread of Invasive Species are provided in the TCH's Invasive Species Best Management Practices.