

Notice of Amendments to Tree Cone and Seed Fee Schedule

The intent of this e-mail is to inform you of amendments to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations' Tree Cone and Seed Fee Schedule effective April 1, 2011.

This email provides an overview of the amendment the changes and links to the previous and new fee schedules and further information.

The ministry's seed orchards and the Tree Seed Centre's cone and seed services have operated on a cost-recovery basis since 2000. The ministry's tree cone and seed fee schedule was last updated in 2003.

Over the past several years the ministry has worked diligently to reduce and streamline its operating costs wherever possible. However, despite significant savings, changes to operating expenses (goods and labour), changes to business practices, and improvements to accounting practices obligates the ministry to update its tree cone and seed fee schedule.

In 2010, ministry staff undertook comprehensive analyses to identify past and projected costs (and revenues) associated with these operations. A survey and stakeholder consultation associated with the proposed fee amendments also occurred in the fall of 2010.

Following a comprehensive review of these analyses the Minister of Finance approved the ministry's new Cone and Seed Fee Schedule effective April 1, 2011.

The following link will direct you to the new and current fee schedules, and additional background information: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HTI/treeseedcentre/tsc/fees.htm>

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