

NOVA SCOTIA WOODLOT OWNER OF THE YEAR AWARD SCORING SHEETS

Landowner: _____

Judge: _____

Date: _____

Region: _____

PART A: WOODLOT OWNER (Maximum 100)

	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>*Team Score</u>
1.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	25	_____	_____
clear, well thought out, documented sustainability of activities (ie. considers what will be left for future generations) utilization of woodlot potential			
Comments: _____			

2.0 EFFORT AND COMMITMENT	25	_____	_____
achievements versus goals has a plan to meet objectives dedication to having follow up treatments done with or without financial assistance			
Comments: _____			

3.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	20	_____	_____
cooperation with neighbouring lot owners access provided to other forest users promotion of sustainable forest management uphold or enhance rural community values when planning woodlot activities attends field days, conferences, workshops, etc.			
Comments: _____			

*** Team score will apply only if you averaged all judge's scores together.**

4.0 KNOWLEDGE 20 _____
of woodlot and activities on it
why activities were done
historical
woodlot management in general
attempts to increase knowledge through attendance at field days, workshops, etc.
Comments: _____

5.0 ATTENTION TO SAFETY 5 _____
personal
hired workers or contractors
identification and removal of hazards
Comments: _____

6.0 INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT 5 _____
specialized equipment for treatments
innovative techniques and methods for treatments and/or environmental protection
Comments: _____

7.0 LANDOWNER BONUS (can be used to increase landowner score for something additional that could not be scored above; however, **maximum is still 100 for Part A and maximum bonus is 10**) (could make up for a low score in part B for things not under control of landowner) 10 _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PART B: FOREST CONDITION AND ACCESS
(score all categories) (Maximum 40)

1.0 FOREST/ECOSYSTEM HEALTH	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>*Team Score</u>
	15	_____	_____

Consider biodiversity, protected or natural areas; range of species and ages, including open areas; harvested areas regenerated; water quality; natural areas or old growth left, vertical structure

Comments: _____

2.0 FOREST PROTECTION	10	_____	_____
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Consider range of species and ages; risk of fire; fire ponds; relative risk of damage by insects and disease, integrated pest management

Comments: _____

3.0 ACCESS AND BOUNDARIES	15	_____	_____
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Consider condition of boundaries, roads and trails; road location in relation to goals, topography and boundaries; fragmentation of habitat due to roads; erosion control; bridge and culvert location and size; access controlled where needed; gate safety and signage; planting in ditches and landings; amount of rutting and sedimentation

Comments: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PART C: INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RATING
(Score category 1; others are optional)

1.0 WOOD PRODUCTION (maximum of 60)

1.1 HARVEST PLANNING 20

Consider choice of stands to harvest; choice of harvesting system(s); placement, design and size of cuts; sustainability either on woodlot or in area

Comments: _____

1.2 HARVEST IMPLEMENTATION 15

Consider site protection (roots, soil, rutting); soil compaction; percentage of area occupied by trails; quality of species and trees harvested versus left standing; use of merchantable material; allowance for riparian zones, wildlife travel corridors; legacy trees, snags, and coarse woody debris, wildlife habitat and watercourses protection regulations (WHWP) followed; damage to residual trees; maintenance and tending of age classes with selection harvesting; attention to aesthetics

Comments: _____

1.3 REGENERATION (score both sections)

1.31 Natural 6

Consider overall regeneration success, protection or damage during harvest, establishment of suitable species

1.32 Artificial - fill and full planting, seeding 4

Consider if species planted is matched to site and done where appropriate; conversion of softwood to hardwood or vice versa; spacing; tree survival, growth, and quality; success of site preparation;

Comments: _____

1.4 STAND TENDING 15

- Plantation Maintenance
- Precommercial Thinning
- Commercial Thinning
- Pruning

Consider if necessary treatments have been done at the right time to meet objectives; selection of crop trees; tree spacing; damage to residual trees; site protection (roots, soil, rutting); use of merchantable material; allowance for adequate riparian zones, wildlife travel corridors, legacy trees, snags, and coarse woody debris (WHWP followed)

Comments: _____

2.0 BONUS SECTION: OTHER VALUES AND PRODUCTS

(max 60 bonus points)

2.1 OTHER PRODUCTS (max 15)

bonus ____ ____

- Maple Syrup, Christmas trees and wreaths
- Mushrooms, berry production
- Ginseng, taxus, aggregate and mineral extraction
- Other

Consider environmental protection, integrated pest management; sustainability of operation, site reclamation, development of ponds from pits, etc.

Comments: _____

2.2 WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENTS (max 15)

bonus ____ ____

- Enhancement of water habitat such as ponds, seeps, streams, etc.
- Construction of nesting/cover structures (eg. bird, bat, butterfly boxes, brush piles)
- Planting and tending of berry and mast producing plants
- Provision for adequate cover (eg. maintain vertical distribution of cover in stand)
- Planning for variety of stand types and ages
- Other

Consider management for all wildlife species; minimizing the use of nonnative plants, etc.

Comments: _____

2.3 RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS (max 15)

bonus ____ ____

- Trail development and use of woodlot for outdoor activities
- Development of camp sites, cabins, etc.
- Attention to aesthetics
- Use of lot by others

Consider if use is planned for with adequate trails, environmental and liability considerations, etc

Comments: _____

2.4 PRESERVATION (max 15)

bonus ____ ____

- Leaving protected area(s) for biodiversity or forest health

Consider if the owner has made a conscious decision to leave large natural areas and why

Comments: _____

SCORING SUMMARY

Landowner: _____
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Judge: _____
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	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Score</u>
PART A: OWNER CONTRIBUTION		
1.0 Objectives	25	_____
2.0 Effort and Commitment	25	_____
3.0 Community Involvement	20	_____
4.0 Knowledge	20	_____
5.0 Attention to Safety	5	_____
6.0 Innovative Techniques and Equipment	5	_____
7.0 Bonus (maximum of 10)	bonus	_____
TOTAL	100	_____

PART B: FOREST CONDITION AND ACCESS		
1.0 Forest/Ecosystem Health	15	_____
2.0 Forest Protection	10	_____
3.0 Access and Boundaries	15	_____
TOTAL	40	_____

PART C: INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RATING		
1.0 Wood Production		
1.1 Harvest Planning	20	_____
1.2 Harvest Implementation	15	_____
1.3 Regeneration		
1.31 Natural	6	_____
1.32 Artificial	4	_____
1.4 Stand Tending	15	_____
SUBTOTAL 1	60	_____
2.0 Other Values and Products (Optional)		
2.1 Other Products	bonus	_____
2.2 Wildlife Habitat Enhancements	bonus	_____
2.3 Recreation Enhancements	bonus	_____
2.4 Preservation	bonus	_____
TOTAL BONUS (max 60)		_____
TOTAL FOR PART C (Subtotal 1 plus total bonus to a max of 60)	60	_____

TOTAL SCORE (Part A + Part B + Part C)		
_____ + _____ + _____	200	_____