



March 9, 2012

Dear Owner/Operator:

Membership with the BC Forest Safety Council

The British Columbia Forest Safety Council (the Council) was created by the forestry industry in September 2004 as a not-for-profit society dedicated to promoting forest safety. Through the efforts of industry, solid progress in reducing serious injuries and fatalities has been made (see over). Our challenge is to build on the success of the last seven years.

In 2004 the harvesting, hauling and silviculture sectors made a choice to fund the Council through a special assessment collected by WorkSafeBC. In 2011, the Council bylaws were changed so all companies who pay for the Council can **apply to become members of the society** to nominate and vote for Directors for the Board of the Council. These changes have improved the forest industry's ability to directly influence Council activities and provide for increased accountability of the Council to industry. Prior to the changes, only associations representing companies, unions and some agencies could be members. These changes enable better representation of the industry by the Council.

The changes also make it possible for manufacturing classification units to choose to join and fund the Council if they manufacture primary or secondary products from timber in the Province.

Directors will be nominated and elected by the membership for two year terms. Efforts will be made to ensure that Board members are qualified to serve the Council by representation of the industry sectors and skills needed on the Board.

There will be no direct impact to your company unless you would like to become fully involved as a member.

As a member of the Council in good standing, you will be entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, elect the Directors and serve on Board Committees. If you would like to apply for membership, please email us at: membership@bcforestsafe.org

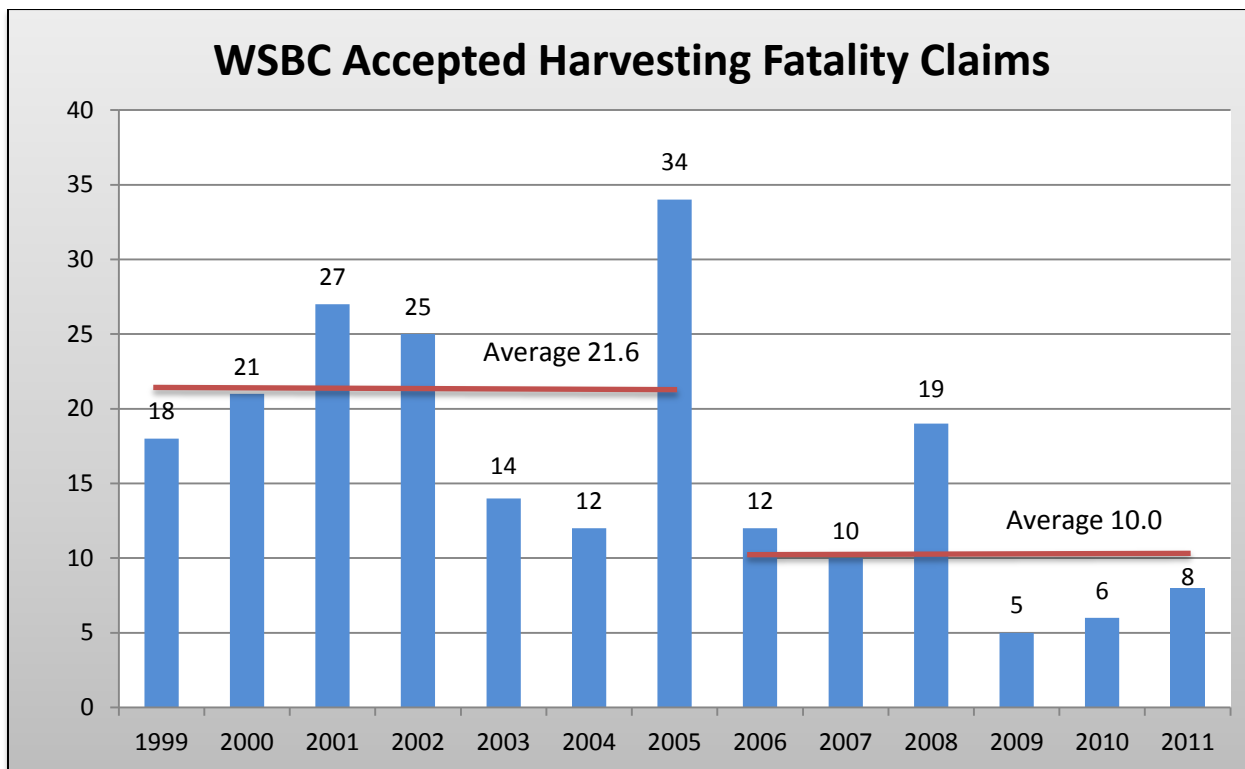
Please note that the cut-off date for membership applications to be eligible to nominate or vote for Directors at the 2012 Annual General Meeting is May 2, 2012.

Sincerely,

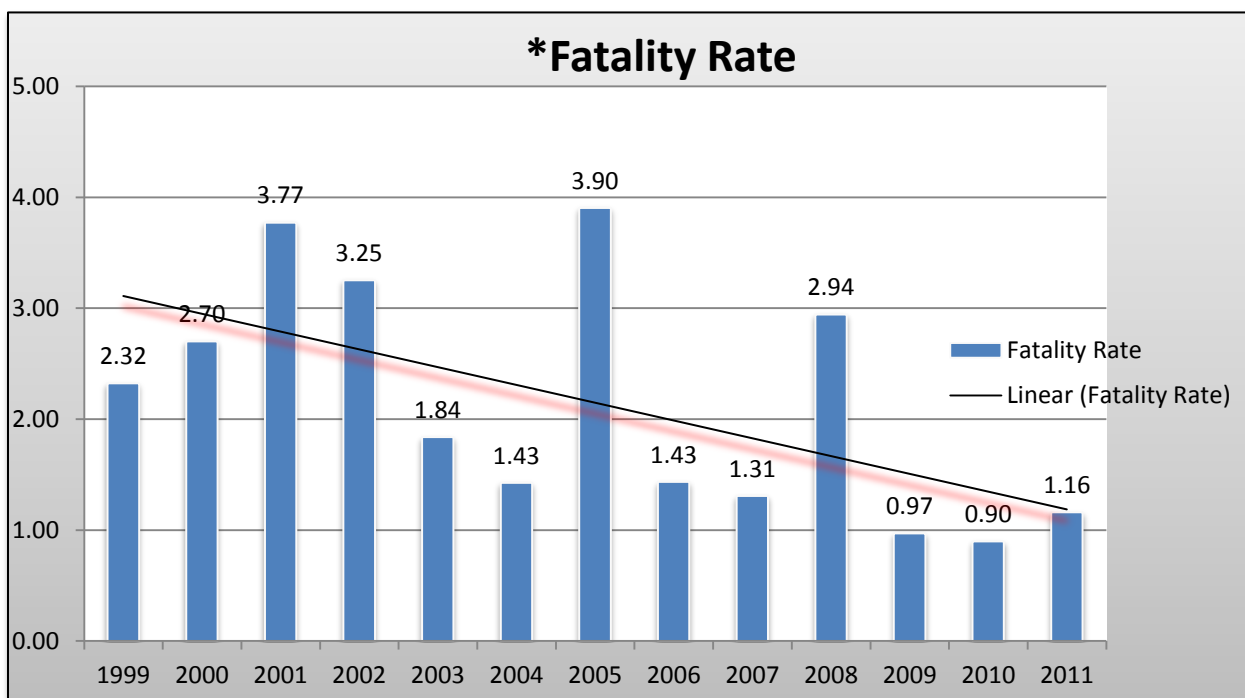
Peter Lineen
Chief Executive Officer

If you would like to view the Constitution and Bylaws of the BC Forest Safety Council, please visit:
<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/about.html>

These graphs show industry's progress in reducing fatalities in the last 6 years, both in numbers per year, and numbers per 10 million cubic meters of wood harvested.



Year of injury same, and prior, to year accepted. Does not include industrial diseases.



*Fatality Rate per 10 million m³ wood harvested

Thank you for your efforts in reducing serious injuries and fatalities.