

# Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry

## FOREST MANAGEMENT GUIDE

### Project Objective

To review and update the current Pre-treatment Assessment (PTA) Process and the Forest Management Guide (FMG) to focus on long-lived, uneven-aged management species in support of the conservation and sustainable use of Nova Scotia's natural resources

### Project Team Lead

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### Experts Involved

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- Dr. Robert Seymour, PhD (Silviculture), professor emeritus, and formerly Curtis Hutchins Professor of Forest Resources, Quantitative Silviculture, University of Maine

### Key Deliverables

- A revised FMG
- A revised PTA process, expanded to include biodiversity values in forest management planning

### Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)

- Draft revised FMG and PTA process

### Next Steps and Timelines

- Summer 2019: Select team members, including experts have, or will visit Maine, Quebec, and Western Nova Scotia to explore shelterwood and retention levels; Prepare an initial draft of the revised FMG/PTA process for targeted stakeholder input
- Summer/Fall 2019: Targeted stakeholder engagement on policy and proposed changes
- Winter/Spring 2020: Targeted stakeholder and public consultation
- Spring 2020: Final guide