

NOVA SCOTIA WOODLOT OWNER OF THE YEAR AWARD SCORING SHEETS

Landowner: _____

Judge: _____

Date: _____

Region: _____

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Part A	Woodland owner attributes	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 1	Ability and willingness to learn, transfer or share skills with other interested parties to promote the culture of sustainable forestry management	3						3			
# 2	Knowledge of neighbouring woodlots and their potentials	1		1				2			
# 3	Having interests or attempts to increase knowledge through various means such as field days, workshops, DNR home study series, etc	3						3			
S/Total		7		1				8			

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Part A	Woodland owner attributes	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 4	Paying attention to his/her own personal safety, hired workers or contractors and visitors	1		0.5		0.5		2			
# 5	Clear measurable and/or achievable goals/objectives	0.67		0.67		0.67		2			
# 6	Information sharing with other woodlot owners	2						2			
# 7	Cooperation with neighbouring woodlot owners	2						2			
# 8	Organize and/or attend field days, conference workshops and other events promoting woodlots	2						2			
# 9	Allow other parties to use his/her woodlot for various reasons and occasions such as recreation, study visits, passage, etc	1		1				2			
# 10	Uphold or enhance rural community value when planning woodlot activities	1				1		2			
S/Total		9.67		2.17		2.17		14			

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# 11	Discuss and agree on boundary issues with other woodlot owners including boundary maintenance	1.5				0.5		2			
# 12	Cultural activities and outdoor activities such as camping	1		0.5		0.5		2			
# 13	Understands that neighbouring woodlot owners should work together to achieve certain objectives since certain activities may require to go beyond physical boundaries	1		1		1		3			
# 14	Promotion of sustainable forest management	1		0.5		0.5		2			
# 15	Dedication to having follow up treatments with or without financial assistance	0.5		0.5		1		2			
# 16	Identification and removal of health hazards			1				1			
# 17	Innovative techniques and methods for treatments and/or environmental protection			1		1		2			
S/Total		5		4.5		4.5		14			

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Part B	Biodiversity and forest health	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 18	Consider biodiversity, range of species and age			2				2			
# 19	Protected or natural areas including open areas			2				2			
# 20	Harvested areas regenerated			0.5		0.5		1			
# 21	Vertical structure including structural diversity			0.5		0.5		1			
# 22	Water quality; suitable for marine life such as fish, frogs and also for consumption by human beings and wildlife	0.5		1		0.5		2			
# 23	Consider leaving behind good, healthy trees as seed bank			1		1		2			
# 24	Allowance of riparian zones, legacy trees, snags, and course debris			0.5		0.5		1			
# 25	Identified fire risks and steps taken towards fire management such as fire ponds			2				2			
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# 26	Consider relative risk of damage by insects and diseases			0.5		0.5		1			
# 27	Integrated pest management			0.5		0.5		1			
# 28	Soil erosion and protection measures used (taken).			0.5		0.5		1			
# 29	Consider or identify wildlife travel corridors			0.5		0.5		1			
# 30	Wildlife habitat and water courses protection regulations followed			2				2			
# 31	Plan of action in case of emergency such as accidents, fire and other natural disasters	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 32	Attention to safety	0.50				0.50		1			
S/Total		0.83		4.66		2.83		8			

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Part C	Woodlot access	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 33	Consider conditions of boundaries, roads and trails	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 34	Road location in relation to goals, topography, boundaries, as well as special and sensitive areas such as animal travel corridors, reproduction areas and special habitats	0.5		1		0.5		2			
# 35	Bridge and culvert location and size	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 36	Access controlled where and when needed	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 37	Planting in ditches and landings; amount of rutting and sedimentation			0.5		0.5		1			
# 38	Bridge and culvert location and size	0.5		0.5				1			
# 39	Access controlled where and when needed	0.5		0.5				1			
S/Total		2.49		3.49		1.99		8			

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Part D	Harvest implementation	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 40	Sustainability either on woodlot or in area			0.5		0.5		1			
# 41	Consider post harvesting activities			0.5		0.5		1			
# 42	Consider the utilization of woodlot potentials (various products and services, including NTFP's)	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 43	Consider choice of stands to harvest					1		1			
# 44	Choice of harvesting system(s)			0.5		0.5		1			
# 45	Pay attention to aesthetics			0.5		0.5		1			
# 46	Placement, design and size of cuts			0.5		0.5		1			
# 47	Consider site protection(roots, soil, rutting), soil compaction			0.5		0.5		1			
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Part D	Harvest implementation	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 48	Percentage of area occupied by trails	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 49	Use of merchantable materials					1		1			
# 50	Success of site preparation					1		1			
# 51	Spacing, growth ,tree survival and quality					1		1			
# 52	Take the consideration of damage to residual trees, maintenance and tending of age classes with selection harvesting			0.5		0.5		1			
# 53	Consider overall regeneration success, protection or damage during harvesting			0.5		0.5		1			
# 54	Consider the establishment of suitable species			0.5		0.5		1			
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Part D	Harvest implementation	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 55	Knowledge of general woodland techniques with special or detailed aspects of other elements necessary for better management such as interaction between forests and wildlife, effects of fire on both forest and wildlife, advantages and disadvantages of various harvesting techniques, species selection and suitable propagation methods, etc.			1		2		3			
# 56	Selection of crop trees and spacing					1		1			
# 57	Consider if species planted is matched to site and done where appropriate			0.5		0.5		1			
# 58	Considered if necessary treatments have been done at the right time to meet objectives					1		1			
S/Total				1.5		4.5		6			

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Part E	Promotion of speciality products	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 59	Consider if methods used are compatible to/with the set goals/objectives (eg: clear cutting is not an option in an area earmarked for seed bank)	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 60	Promotion, production, use and knowledge of NTFPs such as Maple syrup, Christmas trees and wreaths, mushrooms, berries, ginseng, taxus, aggregate and mineral extraction, etc	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 61	Recreational value and services such as trail development, and use of woodlot for outdoor activities , development of camp sites, cabins, etc	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 62	Specialized equipments for treatments					1		1			
S/Total		0.99		0.99		1.99		4			

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Part F	Economic and Community benefits	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 63	Did the woodlot owner meet his/her financial, social, personal or community goal(s) through the implementation of activities	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 64	Effort and commitment and, progress monitoring	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 65	Target achieved to date	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 66	Has a plan to meet objectives-operating plan	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 67	Income from the woodlot	0.5				0.5		1			
S/Total		1.82		1.32		1.82		5			

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Part F	Economic and Community benefits	Social		Environmental		Economic					
# 68	How many workers employed by the woodland owner both seasonal and permanent workers over the last 10 years	0.5				0.5		1			
# 69	Does the family or community benefit from the woodlot	0.5				0.5		1			
# 70	Recreation Enhancements	0.33		0.33		0.33		1			
# 71	Does the woodlot supply products to any local business (local or export)	0.5				0.5		1			
S/Total		1.83		0.33		1.83		4			

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		Social		Environmental		Economic					
Grand Total		30.79		34.62		33.79		100			
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Woodland Owner											

General comment by the judge:

Based on eligibility and evaluation criteria, I hereby certify that (names).....is not a current employee of the DNR, not a regional winner in the last three years, not a provincial winner in the last ten years. The woodland owner has met all the objectives, and has significantly contributed to the Nova Scotia economy by providing
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.....and is actively involved in the sustainable management of the natural resources. For the reasons mentioned above, I declare (names).....a WOYA regional /provincial winner.

Additional comments:

Names of the judges :
