



File #22-04

Respondent: Registered Professional Biologist

Complaint Submitted: May 12, 2022

Date of Decision: September 14, 2022

Complaint Summary:

A complaint was submitted against a registrant (respondent) of the College alleging unethical conduct. In particular, the allegations were that the respondent breached the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct:

Principle 1: Provide objective, science-based, unfettered, forthright and intellectually-honest opinion, advice and reports in applied biology.

Principle 3: Ensure they meet a professional standard of care by practicing applied biology with attention, caution, prudence, and due diligence.

Principle 5: Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, including the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety in the workplace.

Principle 7: Maintain a standard of personal and professional conduct that does not reflect adversely on the College or its registrants.

The complainant alleged the respondent did not follow due diligence with providing the public with scientific information and ecosystem management regarding an invasive species listed on Schedule C of the BC Wildlife Act.

Decision:

The Registrar reviewed detailed submissions from the complainant, the respondent, a third party and regulatory requirements. The Registrar determined the complaint was outside the College's jurisdiction and dismissed the complaint as per section 9-5(1) of the College Bylaws. This file is now closed.