
WATERCOURSE ALTERATION CERTIFICATION FOR NOVA SCOTIA

FROM: MARITIME COLLEGE OF FOREST TECHNOLOGY

SUBJECT: May 17 - 21, 2010 course offering.

The Maritime College of Forest Technology's, Department of Continuing Education is pleased to offer **Watercourse Alteration Certification** training with Hugh Hambly as instructor. The course dates are May 17 – 21, 2010. The course will be held at the Holiday Inn in Truro, Nova Scotia. Specific course details including an agenda, instructor profile, application form and tuition costs are included in the attached announcement.

The Department of Environment in the Province of Nova Scotia approves the issuing of blanket Watercourse Alteration permits for persons who have taken a certified training program and successfully passed a licensing examination. The Maritime College of Forest Technology's Department of Continuing Education is the sole provider of Certified Training.

This approach to **Watercourse Alteration Certification** has revolutionized the system of watercourse alteration application and quality assurance. The focus is on results rather than methods, and accountability rather than approval. The completion of this training and subsequent exam will allow the participant to install culverts and single span bridges under a blanket permit. This means no time consuming application process, and no long wait for approval prior to starting the installation. It also means the installer is now allowed to use their knowledge and experience to produce results that protect watercourses and habitats. This system is similar to septic system installation, with certified installers, post-installation inspections, and periodic maintenance of certification.

Past course participants raved about the quality of Hugh's instruction and the depth of his experience. The course fills up quickly so please apply early to ensure a place. Participant numbers are limited to 20 per course. A very hectic training schedule precludes additional courses prior to June installation season – so please register as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please call (506) 458-0643.



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- DATES:** May 17 – 21, 2010
- LOCATION:** Holiday Inn, Truro, Nova Scotia
- OBJECTIVES:** This program is designed to help participants:
- Prepare to write the Provincial Certification Exam that will allow the installation of culverts and single span bridges under a blanket permit
 - Increase participant knowledge of current techniques and technology with regard to watercourse alteration.
 - Increase participant skills in regard to calculating material and equipment requirements.
 - Appreciate the need to protect water quality and water related habitats.
- CANDIDATES:** This program is designed for people who directly supervise the installation of watercourse alterations. The Provincial policy is designed so that blanket permit is only valid if a certified installer is actually on site. Although experience in culvert and bridge installation is a definite benefit, it is not mandatory to attend the course.
- FORMAT:** **Watercourse Alteration Certification** training will be conducted in an informal manner. The workshop will follow the modules as contained in the Department of Environment manual. This clearly and logically presented manual is used as course text. It was highly praised by previous course participants.
- The majority of the course is centered on classroom instruction with individual and group exercises. The final day is reserved for writing the Provincial Certification Exam.
- FACILITATOR:** Hugh Hambly is well known to the forestry community as an excellent facilitator through his participation in Canadian Woodlands Forum's Logging Operations Group. Hugh retired from St. Anne-Nackawic Pulp Co. Ltd in 2001 where he was Manager of Equipment and Roads Maintenance. He currently owns and manages Hugh Hambly & Associates, a project management consultation firm offering expertise on bridge engineering and installation management as well as forestry equipment information and maintenance strategies.

FACILITATOR Cont'd: Hugh completed a Leadership Training Program in analytic trouble shooting and problem solving with Kepner-Trego. That education is apparent in his logical approach to training. Previous course participants appreciated Hugh's vast experience and practical approach. His commitment to making sure that participants are well prepared for the certification exam is evidenced through many evenings spent providing individual help.

ENROLMENT: Enrolment will be limited to twenty candidates on a first come-first served basis. If the proposed course date is full, or there is insufficient enrolment to hold the session, you will be notified as to alternate dates.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Holiday Inn has reserved a block of rooms for course participants. Rates for rooms are as follows:

**\$109.00 for single or double occupancy + HST
Please call two weeks prior to the course date.**

Course participants are expected to make their own reservations. The Holiday Inn is located at 437 Prince Street in Truro. The telephone number for reservations is 902 897 1651.

TUITION: Tuition for the program including supplies is \$1250.00 + HST.

***WATERCOURSE ALTERATION CERTIFICATION
is equivalent to 28 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.***

