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Certified Harvesting Company (CHC)

**Maine Healthy Forest Program
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Introduction

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- What is CHC
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Why a New Program

- Healthy Forest Program is a concentrated effort by MFS, SFI, CLP, and mills to encourage small woodlot owners to manage their lands.
- There are 90 thousand small woodland owners in Maine with 10-1000 acres
- Wood is growing at a rate twice faster than what's being harvested in southern counties.
- Maine Forest Service (MFS) Harvest Satisfaction Survey shows a quality harvest is important to those landowners choosing to harvest their lands

Why a New Program

- This creates an opportunity for high performing loggers to promote their services to foresters and landowners.
- Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) is initiating an Angie's list for loggers and foresters.

What is CHC

Mission Statement

- To identify and promote to the public, Maine's CHCs who are committed to providing services that meet landowners objectives while maintaining legal compliance, environmental stewardship and a safe healthy workplace.

How to become CHC

- Qualified CLP Company Applies
- Attends CHC Training
- Completes Performance Based Review



CHC Expectations

- Maintain CLP certification requirements
- Develop or follow an existing harvest plan prepared by forester and approved by landowner
- Have a written contract with the landowner.
- Participate in the CLP Observation & Conversation
- (O &C) employee performance documentation process
- Agree to participate in a third party audit process
- Landowners survey completed for each harvest

CHC Benefits

- Landowners interested in a harvest will have the ability to search for a CHC on CLP database
- Opportunity to be distinguished within the larger logging community for promotion to woodland owners.
- Added credential to your CLP for a modest investment.
- Program recognized by SFI, Tree Farm(TF) and Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- As compared to other Logger Certification Program
 - Significantly less expensive
 - Limited paper work



What CHC is not

- A top down driven process
- A guarantee for more money from mills
- An exemption to allow "Liquidation Harvesting".

Conclusion

- Through a rigorous process of training, evaluation, internal monitoring and independent third party certification, successful CHC's will represent the best Maine has to offer in terms of ethical harvesting practices and generate results that meet landowner's objectives.
- CHCs will be recognized for their accomplishment as leaders in the industry.