

2004 Annual Report for the Atlantic Region



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Overview

- Status
 - Focus on native stands, minimal planting.
- Hot issues
 - Growing interest in poplars & willows
- New developments
 - Poplar of all grades & quality in short supply in NB.

Policy and Legislation

- No changes noted.

Statistics

- Natural stands
 - *P. tremuloides*, *P. grandidentata*, *P. balsamifera*
- Plantations
 - Some willow planting for agroforestry (Ron Smith - CFS)
- Demand for poplar wood now higher than supply in NB. Full Crown Land hardwood AAC was cut in NB in 2003.

Technical Information

- Selection and breeding
 - New CFS study (Alex Mosseler) on willows for C sequestration and ecological restoration of degraded sites. 42 clones from 7 natural populations planted at sites in NB, NS, PEI.
 - Work on molecular & evolutionary genetics, genomics, phylogenetics & biosystematics of several poplar species (Om Rajora - Dalhousie U.)
- Cultivation - some willows in agroforestry planting.

Technical Information

- Harvest & utilization
 - New interest in poplars for OSB, LVL, lumber/furniture, pulpwood, as well as wildlife habitat, environmental protection & energy.
- Silviculture & pest management
 - Poplars not actively targeted for silviculture (including pre-commercial thinning) on Crown Land.
 - Poplars relatively insect- and disease-free.

Industry

- Major stakeholders, groups - N/A

Events

- Workshops, seminars, meetings: past and present - None known.

Reports and Publications

- Include informal and PR materials when appropriate - nothing available.

Key People

- Om Rajora, Dalhousie U
 - Alex Mosseler
 - Ron Smith
 - Kathy Tosh
 - Fred Somerville
 - Lester Harding
 - Jean Louis Laplante
 - Howard Frame