

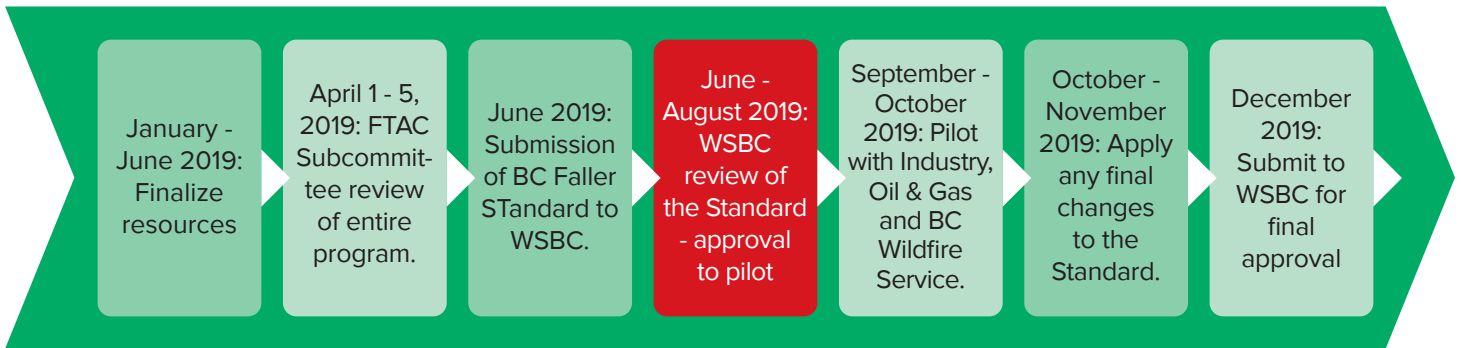


Falling

FTAC Endorses New BC Faller Standard

At the June 7, 2019 FTAC meeting, the FTAC subcommittee, consisting of Dazy Weymer, Neil Campbell and Jack Miller, recommended that FTAC endorse the new BC Faller Standard. The FTAC group heard from Dazy Weymer that “the resources may not be perfect, but they are a heck of a lot better than where we started from. They’ve created a new process that will better track the trainees when they are out in industry, having a visit scheduled every 30 days or so by someone who is qualified to check on them.”

The BC Faller Standard was then presented at the June 25th Falling Standard Advisory Committee (FSAC) meeting where representatives from BC Forest Safety, BC Wildfire Service, Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC) and WorkSafeBC attended. FSAC, with recommendation from FTAC, submitted the BC Faller Standard to WorkSafeBC on July 3, 2019. WSBC will take approximately 6-8 weeks to review and has requested a pilot of the reviewed materials be conducted this fall. 🍂



WorkSafeBC provided FTAC with updated inspection information

WorkSafeBC’s Terry Anonson, Supervisor Prevention Field Services provided an update to the June 2019 meeting of the Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) and said there had been 141 manual falling and bucking High Risk Strategy inspections in 2019 completed as of May 31.

The top 5 OHSR Sections cited were:

- OHSR 7.8(1)(b) - Hearing tests (every 12 months after initial test)
- OHSR 3.16(1)(a) – Basic requirements (First aid)
- OHSR 4.14(2) – Emergency procedures (exit routes)
- OHSR 26.24(5)(c) – Responsibility for falling and bucking (holding wood)
- OHSR 26.24(5)(b) – Responsibility for falling and bucking (undercut)

The dedicated WorkSafeBC hand falling team had inspected 75 hand fallers in 2019 as of May 31.

Top 5 OHSR Sections cited were:

- OHSR 26.2(2) Planning and conducting a forestry operation
- OHSR 26.24(5)(b) Responsibility for falling and bucking (undercut)
- OHSR 26.22.1(2) Falling supervisors for forestry operations
- OHSR 26.25(2)(c) Dangerous trees and logs (worker must be alerted to hazard)
- OHSR 26.24(5.1) Responsibility for falling and bucking (brushing other trees) 🍂