

SERVICE LEVELS

Group Certification Membership

Through our group certification program, NCF offers the most cost-effective and comprehensive access to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification and marketing services in the Northwest. Group certification members receive FSC certification, market development services, a range of advertising opportunities, facilitated business connections, discounts to educational workshops, access to the NCF online database and library, and referrals to preferred service providers.

| Membership Level | Acreage | Annual Cost |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Family | 1-80 | \$200* |
| Medium | 81-500 | \$240* |
| Large | 501-2,470 | \$0.50/acre/year |
| Commercial | 2470+ | Negotiated |

**Though full fees are required for initial membership, ongoing annual fees are reduced for landowners who have not conducted significant management activities in the previous year. A reduced Family membership is \$50 and a reduced Medium membership is \$120.*

Associate Membership

Associate membership includes all services not directly related to certification and is available to both forest landowners and non-landowners. The annual cost of Associate membership is \$50.

Consulting Services

NCF provides consulting services to landowners that need guidance in understanding the unique economic and ecological values of their forest, as well as the range of management, marketing, and assistance program options available. This service is well suited to new or less experienced landowners that want to define long term forest management goals and strategy. Costs for advisory services are \$60/hr plus travel expenses.

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*Northwest Certified Forestry is a program of the **Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG)**, a non-profit organization.*

NNRG's mission is to promote innovative forest management strategies that support the health of forest and freshwater ecosystems while enhancing economic development in rural communities.

We welcome your input and support!

Northwest Natural Resource Group



STEWARDSHIP



MARKETS



EDUCATION



STEWARDSHIP

Forest landowners in the Pacific Northwest manage their lands to some of the highest standards in the world.

We think you should be recognized for it.

Northwest Certified Forestry (NCF) provides a suite of services to small and medium sized landowners to help them manage their lands and find the most optimal markets for their forest products. At the heart of our mission is the goal to connect you to markets that recognize the stewardship ethic you apply to your forest.

You take pride in the stewardship of your forest.

We take pride in seeing that stewardship rewarded.



NCF is a membership program that is open to many types of landowners in Washington and Oregon including family forests, conservation groups, public agencies, tribes, smaller forestry companies, and others.

NCF combines the rigorous standards and market recognition of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification with a range of complementary services to improve values for its members.

In the marketplace, the FSC and NCF labels indicate to consumers that your practices protect the environment, bolster rural economies, and maintain a robust quality of life in the Pacific Northwest.

SERVICES

Forest certification

NCF assists landowners in becoming Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified. Through our group certification model, costs are dramatically lower for individual landowners.

Market development

FSC presents one of the fastest growing markets for wood products in the world. NCF connects landowners to regional, national and international markets and provides aggressive market development services to build demand and increase price premiums.

Service provider referrals

NCF offers referrals to high-quality professional service providers including consulting foresters, loggers, restoration consultants, sawyers, and other specialists.



Educational events

NCF hosts workshops and tours throughout the year that showcase progressive forest management strategies and key elements of the certified forest products industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Reliable information

NCF provides reliable information through a comprehensive website and database, a quarterly newsletter, email updates, and a robust community of members who can share their stewardship experience.

Financial assistance referrals

NCF assists landowners with identifying financial and technical assistance programs and services such as government cost-share programs, land trusts, conservation easements, and others.

MARKETS

Regional, national, and international markets for FSC products have experienced tremendous growth in recent years, fueled largely by the rise of the green building industry, broad demand for environmentally preferable pulp and paper, and export markets.

NCF tracks the changing certified wood marketplace by maintaining up-to-date information on certified mills and secondary manufacturers, retail markets, exports, and major end user groups that have purchasing preferences for FSC wood products.

NCF also works to create new market opportunities by educating architects, builders and other major consumer groups of the benefits of using FSC forest products.



FEEDBACK

"FSC offers us an opportunity to distinguish our products in the marketplace and NCF group certification cut our costs by more than half. NCF has also been the most active organization we know of in identifying regional markets for our products."

- Richard Pine, O'Neill Pine Company

"NCF has done a great job of showing environmentally concerned buyers what makes my management different."

- John Henrikson, Wild Thyme Farm

"NCF is one of the best models I've seen for connecting small landowners to markets and services."

- Joe Kane, Executive Director, Nisqually Land Trust