

**21 NCAC 20 .0122            HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS**

(a) The Board, upon receipt of a notarized letter identifying specific complaints of gross negligence, fraud, deceit or flagrant misconduct in the practice of forestry or incompetence by a registered forester, shall follow-up by written correspondence to the accused requesting a response to the accusation. The Board may request the complainant, the accused registrant, or both to personally appear before the Board.

(b) Following a review of the facts and verification of the violation, the Board may choose appropriate action, which may include revocation or suspension of the registered forester status of the individual as outlined in Rule .0106 of this Section.

*History Note:        Authority G.S. 89B-2; 89B-6; 89B-13; 89B-15; 150B-3; 150B-38;  
                          Eff. November 1, 1993;  
                          Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 1999;  
                          Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; August 1, 2000;  
                          Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December  
                          16, 2014.*