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Improving Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation

Stakeholder Webinar 1
December 12, 2018

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Welcome!

- Minister Donaldson

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Introductions – Presenters

Alan Dolan – ADA (Facilitator)
Chris Hamilton – FLNRORD
Tara Szkorupa – FLNRORD
Jen Psyllakis – FLNRORD
Judith Cullington – ADA
Sairah Tyler – ADA



Source: Judith Cullington

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Introductions – Participants

Academia and Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Centre for Wildlife Studies • British Columbia Bat Action Team • Centre for Wildlife Ecology at SFU • Pacific Wildlife Research Centre • UVic Environmental Law Centre 	Energy and Mining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association for Mineral Exploration • Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers • Canadian Energy and Pipeline Association • Clean Energy BC • Mining Association of BC
Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Agriculture Council BCAC • BC Cattlemen's Association • BC Fruit Growers Association 	

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Introductions – Participants

ENGOS, Conservation and Wildlife

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Forest Alliance • Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society BC • Conservation Northwest • Federation of BC Naturalists (BC Nature) • Grizzly Bear Foundation • Organizing for Change • Sierra Club of BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA BC • West Coast Environmental Law • Western Canada Wilderness Committee • Wildlife Conservation Society • Wildlife Society (BC Chapter) • Wildsight • Yellowstone to Yukon
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Introductions – Participants

Forestry

- BC Community Forest Association
- Council of Forest Industries
- Federation of BC Woodlot Associations
- Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association
- Private Forest Landholders Association
- Truck Loggers Association

Habitat Conservation, Land Trusts

- BC Conservation Foundation – WildSafe BC
- Ducks Unlimited, BC office
- Land Trust Alliance BC
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- The Nature Trust of British Columbia

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Introductions – Participants

Hunters, Trappers, and Guides

- BC Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
- BC Trappers Association
- BC Wildlife Federation
- Guide Outfitters Association of BC

- Sportsman Conservation Alliance
- United Bowhunters of BC
- Wild Sheep Society of B.C.
- Wildlife Stewardship Council

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Introductions – Participants

Tourism and Recreation

- Adventure Tourism Coalition
- Commercial Bear Viewing Association
- BC Snowmobile Federation
- Helicat Canada
- Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

- Tourism Industry Association of BC
- Wilderness Tourism Association of BC

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Outcomes

- Understand the IWMHC engagement process
- Provided a summary of key comments heard in Phase One Engagement
- Understand the Phase Two Engagement Process
- Have an opportunity to say which policy areas they are interested in and want to spend more time discussing at the workshop and subsequent small-group webinars

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Agenda

Topic	Presenter
Opening Comments	Alan Dolan, Sairah Tyler
Welcome	Minister Donaldson
Introductions, Outcomes, Agenda	Alan Dolan
Scope of the IWMHC	Chris Hamilton
Engagement Process	Alan Dolan
What we Heard in Phase One	Tara Szkorupa
Policy Areas	Jen Psyllakis
January Workshop	Judith Cullington
Determine Areas of Policy Interest	Alan Dolan
Next Steps and Final Comments	Alan Dolan
Adjourn	

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IWMHC Engagement Scope

Multi-stakeholder engagement

- Encourage interactive discussions between groups and sectors
- Collaboratively develop policy recommendations to government
- Seek agreement
- Present options

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Engagement Scope

On the table

- Provincial scale
- Legislation, tools, governance structures, and new approaches to improve wildlife management and habitat conservation
- Work that keeps common species common
- Indigenous governance and relationships

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Engagement Scope

Off the table

- Regional place-based discussions
- Allocation decisions
- Specific hunting and trapping regs
- Discussions on hunting and trapping as legitimate land uses

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Engagement Scope

Off the table

- Fish management
- Topics related to other engagement processes
 - Land Use Planning
 - Species at Risk

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IWMHC Timing

- Long-term strategy developed through engagement with stakeholders and Indigenous communities
- Short-term improvements already underway and others may be "off-ramped" where it makes sense
 - Broad support
 - Early benefits for wildlife and habitat
 - Capacity and resourcing to implement

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Phase One Engagement Process

- Stakeholder sectoral workshops (April 2018)
 - Bundled with SAR and Caribou recovery
 - 50 organizations
- Indigenous workshops (May – June 2018)
 - 122 communities; 23 facilitated sessions
- Engage BC
 - Online stakeholder submissions – 298 emails
 - Public emails – 1,137 comments

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Phase Two Engagement Process

Objectives

- Communicate Phase One input
- Build on input
- Engage stakeholders collaboratively
- Include a broad range of sectors
- Build trust and confidence
- Develop policy options and ideas for improving wildlife management and habitat conservation in BC

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Phase Two Engagement Process

Process

- Introductory Webinar ([Dec 12, 2019 today!](#))
- Workshop ([Jan 30 – 31, 2019](#))
- Small group webinars ([Feb – March, 2019](#))
- Report: Policy Options and Ideas for Improving Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation in BC
- Parallel Indigenous processes

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Phase Three Engagement Process

- Policy Intentions Papers (May 2019)
- Regional and provincial engagement
- Parallel Indigenous processes

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Phase Four Engagement Process

- Implementation of a new wildlife and habitat management strategy for BC (2020)




Source: Judith Collington

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Source: Province of BC

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**What We Heard
Phase 1**

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Indigenous Perspectives

- Many common themes
- Also diverse perspectives around the Province
- Common themes:
 - Recognize rights and title
 - Co-manage wildlife and habitat
 - Support co-management with sufficient resources/funding
 - Educate the public/stakeholders/staff about Aboriginal rights and title



Source: Province of BC

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Indigenous Perspectives

- Increase habitat protection
 - Expand existing protections
 - Address invasive species
 - Recognize wildlife values for decision-making
- Enhance data collection and management
- Integrate Indigenous knowledge
- Increase monitoring and enforcement, in collaboration with Indigenous peoples



Source: Province of BC

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Indigenous Perspectives

- Employ a holistic perspective
 - Recognize interconnectedness of species and habitats
 - Appreciate the diversity of Indigenous cultures and ecosystems across the Province



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Stakeholder and Public Input

- Many concerns raised and suggestions to address these concerns
- Independent contractors summarised key messages (6 categories)
- Combined stakeholder and public input because of high level of overlap



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Stakeholder Engagement

- Expand engagement
- Increase public education
- Support collaborative partnerships
- Strengthen collaboration with Indigenous peoples

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Funding and Governance

- Centralize resources and responsibilities to protect and manage wildlife and habitat
- Create an effective funding model
- Remain flexible adapt to regional factors and changing habitat conditions



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Data, Information and Knowledge

- Enhance data, science and access to information
- Use sound science, knowledge and information for decision-making
- Increase transparency around decision making and consideration of science
- Share scientific findings



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Wildlife Planning and Objectives

- Set clear objectives
- Use management plans to guide action
- Reduce disturbance of wildlife and habitat
- Employ a multi-species approach
- Link wildlife and habitat objectives



Source: Province of BC

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Wildlife Habitat Management

- Reduce habitat loss through planning and objective-setting
- Legislate habitat conservation and protection
- Manage human access in important habitat
- Recognize the cultural and economic value of wildlife and habitat
- Increase prescribed burns and allow some natural fires to burn



Source: Province of BC

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Decision Making for Wildlife and Habitat

- Use science to inform decision-making
- Embed wildlife and habitat conservation values in legislation



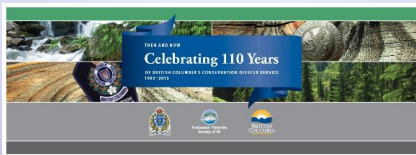
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Achieving Desired Outcomes

- Improve tracking of expenditures
- Measure and report out on outcomes
- Increase enforcement of existing legislation



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Sharing What We Heard

- <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/wildlifeandhabitat/>
- Public comments
- Stakeholder submissions
- What We Heard reports – stakeholder, public, Indigenous
- What We Heard and What Is Next report



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Source: <https://www.amec.ca/>

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Policy Themes

1. Seven initial themes
2. Goal is to prompt thought and discussion
3. Structure:
 1. Phase 1 summary
 2. Current situation
 3. Questions to consider
 4. Policy examples



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Reconciliation

The Province respects its G2G relationship with Indigenous communities and is currently engaging directly with Indigenous peoples as part of a separate, but integrated, process.



Source: <https://www.amec.ca/wildlifeandhabitat-reconciliation-pole>

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Stakeholder Engagement

1. What is the purpose of stakeholder engagement?
2. Who should the government be engaging with?
3. What are appropriate models for engagement?



Source: www.everydaydemocracy.org

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Funding

1. How much money is "enough" to support BC's wildlife and habitat needs?
2. Where should the funds come from?
3. What are the priorities?
4. How should decisions on allocating funds be informed?
5. How should accountability for funding decisions be ensured?



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Data, Information and Knowledge

Indigenous Knowledge is a critical source of information that must be treated with due respect to the holders of that knowledge. Indigenous Knowledge will be explored in depth under a separate paper

1. What types of information is required to support informed decisions on wildlife and habitat?
2. Where are the opportunities to increase the use of citizen science?
3. How should different sources of knowledge be collected and presented to inform decision makers?
4. How could the ministry better share information and data?

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Wildlife Planning and Objectives

1. What are the benefits and drawbacks of the current approach to wildlife planning and objective setting?
2. What could be revised or what would other approaches to wildlife planning and objective setting look like?



Source: Steve Wilson

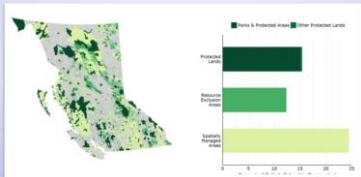
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Wildlife Habitat Management

1. What are the benefits and drawbacks of the current approach to wildlife habitat management?
2. What are alternative or improved approaches to wildlife habitat management?



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Decision Making for Wildlife and Habitat

1. What are the benefits and drawbacks of the current approach to decision making regarding wildlife and habitat?
2. What would improved decision-making models look like?



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Achieving Desired Outcomes

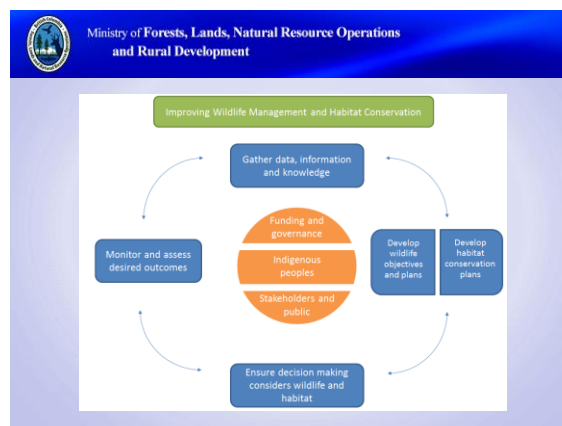
1. Tracking expenditures
2. Measuring outcomes
3. Reporting outcomes
4. Program evaluation



Source: Steve Wilson

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Source: <http://artsliving.surrendodge.com/the-great-outdoors/wildlife-of-british-columbia-11-species-to-look-out-for-this-summer/>

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January Workshop

- January 30 and 31 (Wednesday – Thursday)
- Richmond BC: Westin Wall Centre
- Invitation forthcoming
- Limit of one participant per invited organization



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Purpose of Workshop

- To provide an opportunity for **diverse stakeholders** to meet **face-to-face** and **share their perspectives** on wildlife management and habitat conservation in British Columbia
- To provide time for participants to engage in **in-depth discussions** about each of the policy themes
- To begin to develop **policy options** for the Province to consider
- To lay the **groundwork for further engagement** and discussion through webinars, and identify participants wishing to participate in these discussions

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One Big Idea

- We want to hear your **big** ideas!
- Please come to the workshop prepared to answer this question in 20 words or less:

"What is one big idea you have that could improve wildlife management and habitat conservation in BC?"

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Policy Primer Booklet

- Background information on the policy themes
- Questions for consideration



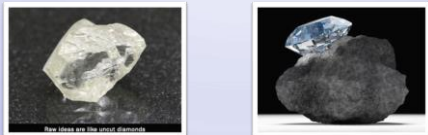
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In Depth Discussions on Policy Themes

- You will have opportunity to comment on all themes, and 2 – 4 of them in some depth
- Begin to develop policy options



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Policy Webinars

- A series of additional webinars to dig deeper into different areas of policy interest
- At workshop, sign up for one (or more) of these discussions
- Will refine information from workshop
- Intent is to create recommendations for the Province



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Source: <http://fathoming.summitedge.com/the-great-outdoors/wildlife-of-british-columbia-11-species-to-look-out-for-this-summer/>

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Determining Areas of Policy Interest

1. Stakeholder Engagement
2. Funding
3. Data, Information and Knowledge
4. Wildlife Planning and Objectives
5. Wildlife Habitat Management
6. Decision Making for Wildlife and Habitat
7. Achieving Desired Outcomes

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Source: <https://islandnature.ca/2015/07/the-barrd-owl-comes-calling/>

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Next Steps

- Register for the January Workshop (Jan 30 – 31, 2019)
- Small-group webinars (Feb – March 2019)
- Report: policy options and ideas for improving wildlife management and habitat conservation
- Policy Intentions Papers
- Provincial and regional engagement
- Implementation of a new wildlife and habitat management strategy for BC (2020)
- Parallel Indigenous processes

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Comments and Questions

Thank you for your time today!



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