

Indigenous Engagement in FREP

Forest and Range Evaluation Program

Continuous Improvement Session

February 28th

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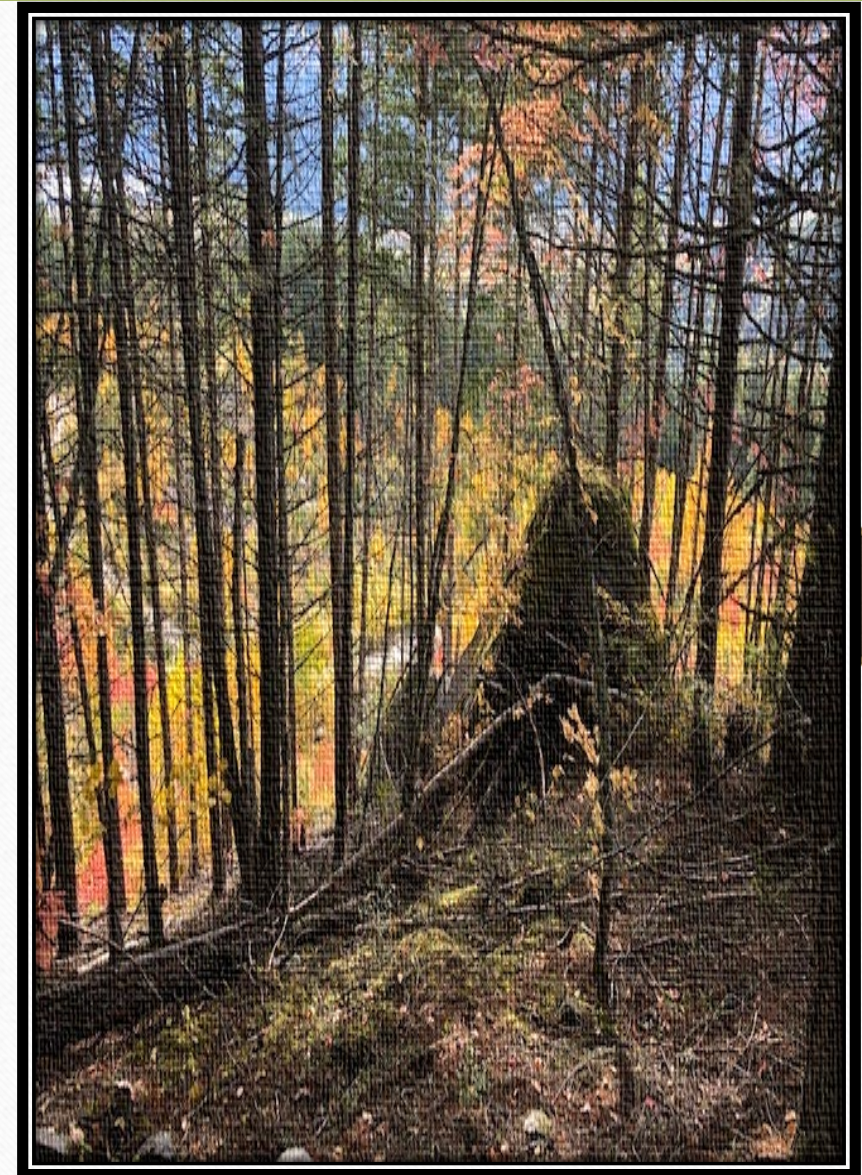
Outline Part 1

- 1. Overview of 2022 Indigenous participation in FREP**
- 2. Report on the special projects involving various Indigenous groups**
- 3. Indigenous communities showcasing FREP involvement – guest presenters**

Break

Outline Part 2

- 1. Report out from last years Strengthening Indigenous Partnerships session**
- 2. How to put the recommendations into action - Open Forum to answer a number of questions**



Overview of Indigenous Participation in FREP 2022

Ashley Ekelund, BCCF, Daniel Hennigar, BCCF,
Christine Galliazzo, FREP

- Introductions
- BC Conservation Foundation Report
- Special Projects Report



Overview of 2022 Indigenous participation in FREP

- BCCF representatives, Ashley Ekeland and Daniel Hennigar

FREP Indigenous Engagement - Overview

2022 Fieldwork Season

Approx # of Nations engaged:	48
Total # of Nations that participated:	39
Total # of Person days completed (training or co-sampling):	202.5
Approx # of participants that received training:	87

**Please Note: All stats are approx. and based solely on participation that was facilitated through the BC Conservation Foundation.*

2021 Fieldwork Season Comparison:

Total # of Nations that participated:	34
Approx # of Person days completed:	105
Approx # of participants that received training:	45

2022 Participating Partners

Xatśūll First Nation

Williams Lake First Nation

Esk'etemc

Ulkatcho First Nation

Nazko First Nation

Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation

Yunesit'in

Stellat'en First Nation

Nak'azdli Whut'en

Saikuz

Kitsumkalum

Scw'exmx Tribal Council

Lower Nicola Indian Band

St'at'imc Government Services

Lillooet Tribal Council

Xwisten (Bridge River IB)

Upper Similkameen Indian Band

Upper Nicola Indian Band

Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council

T'it'q'et /P'egp'ig'lha

Tsay Key Dene Nation

Kelly Lake Cree Nation

Saulteau First Nation

Doig River

Sts'ailes First Nation

Katzie First Nation

Kwantlen First Nation

Wet'suwet'en

Tl'azt'en First Nation

Simpcw First Nation

Lheidli T'enneh

Ktunaxa Nation Council

Shuswap Indian Band

Gitxsan

Lake Babine Nation

Okanagan Indian Band

Westbank First Nation

Splatsin First Nation

Adams Lake Indian Band

Little Shuswap Lake Band

Lower Similkameen Band

Snuneymux First Nation

Hupacasath First Nation

Homalco First Nation

Haida Nation

FREP Special projects involving Indigenous groups

1. Northern Secwépemc te qelmucw (NStQ) Collaborative Watershed Monitoring project
2. Secwépemc Cultural Heritage Evaluation Project

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Monitoring
project

- Collaboration between representatives from the Xatśúll, Williams Lake, Esk'etemc, and Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nations and Ministry of Forests staff in the Cariboo Chilcotin District on the condition of selected watersheds.
- Participation in project design, field sampling, data analysis and reporting.
- Informing collaborative landscape planning.
- Developing a mutual understanding of the condition of the watersheds being assessed
- Improving trust and relationships.

Secwépemc
Cultural Heritage
Evaluation Project
with
Secwepemcul'ecw
Restoration and
Stewardship
Society (SRSS)

- Collaboration to identify, monitor and preserve a way of life.
- Engagement by the SRSS with 17 Secwépemc communities, to gather knowledge keepers, elders, hunters, gatherers, and story tellers and find a meaningful way to record, monitor and preserve their cultural traditions.
- Identification of mutual interests and expectations for monitoring Cultural Heritage Resources (CHR) within Secwépemc traditional territory to evaluate the effectiveness of forest practices in conserving and/or protecting CHR.

Indigenous
communities
showcasing
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- Monica Jeffrey, Gitxsan, Chief Miluulak presenting her involvement in FREP CHR in the Skeena

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- Dallas Nikal, Wet'suwet'en, presenting his involvement in the collaborative watershed assessments project in 2022 in the Skeena

A photograph of three coffee cups on a white tray. Two cups in the foreground have black lids, while a third cup in the background has a latte with white foam. The image is framed by a dark border with a light brown textured background.

BREAK

Report out from last years Strengthening Indigenous Partnerships in FREP session

- The goal last year was “*to identify and consider the specific ways in which the FREP program can better engage and collaborate with Indigenous people and be more responsive to their priorities for participation in monitoring*”.

What we heard in past CI Sessions

- Improve communications to help build relationships with Indigenous communities
- More Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into all FREP values monitored
- Increased capacity to participate in FREP, and support consistent capacity through Guardians programs.
- Increase FREP monitoring in each Territory
- Improve sharing of FREP results with Indigenous communities

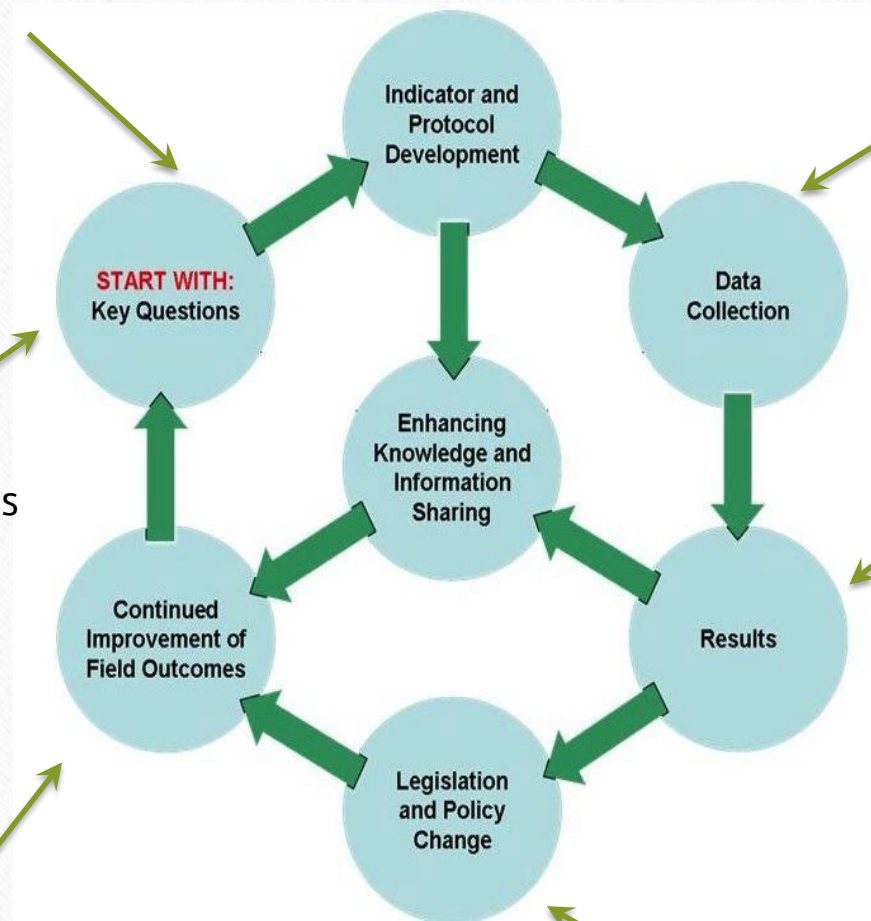
How to put the recommendations into action - Open Forum

- Key recommendations from Indigenous participants in 2022 have been prioritized and will be presented as questions
- Open forum – everyone in the room and online are encouraged to offer their ideas during the discussion. Enter your ideas in the chat online or use the “raise hand” button.
- *Strategic* ideas encouraged during this forum today (no expectation to resolve everything this CI session – just get strategic direction).
- There is a designated note-taker. We will follow up on the ideas heard today – summary report to be prepared to guide the FREP team in the coming year

Question 1

How can Indigenous perspectives and knowledge be incorporated into FREP monitoring protocols for all values?

Where could TK insights fit in with FREP's structure?



- Review of existing FREP indicators;
- Co-development of new indicators;
- Development of protocols for Indigenous Knowledge sharing;

- Review of existing material and archives;
- Database creation;
- Indigenous Knowledge collection & verification;
- Community data collection;
- Monitoring Data collection & verification;

- Co-develop new Key Questions for monitoring (hypotheses)

- Community analysis of results;
- Community / FLNRO engagement over results;
- Reporting.

- Monitoring of Continued Improvement and Field Outcomes;
- Ongoing data-sharing.

Incorporation of Indigenous Laws & Co-management

Question 2

How can we expand the scope of FREP to assess the state of the ecosystem as a whole/ecosystem resiliency and health?

Question 3

How can FREP better inform Forest Landscape Plans/ Forest Stewardship Plan approvals/ FRPA regulation improvements to reflect Indigenous values?

Question 4

How can Indigenous People be involved to collaborate on the selection of FREP CHR and Riparian (or other FREP value) targeted samples in each District?