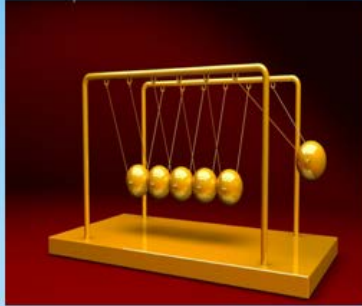




Highlights of Key Initiatives & Reviews - From a Woodlot Licence Perspective



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Print out 3 slides per page with Notes
Introduction (brief)
Reiterate positive message

Outline

- Coast Forest Revitalization
- Professional Reliance
- Sustainable Logging Contractor Review
- Forest Inventory Review
- Wildlife Management Review
- Land Use Planning Review
- 2017 Flood/Wildfire (Chapman/Abbott)
- Questions?

- Introduction, background, etc.
- An hour to cover – lots of room for questions
- Try to limit questions to the end of the presentation – prevents jumping ahead and backward
- Lots of other reviews initiatives – it's a busy time in government.



Quote and tree graphic from STRONG PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE: A Competitiveness Agenda for British Columbia's Forest Sector

Callouts added by PR

Understanding the challenges helps to frame the context for the need of the reviews to get to the new solutions

Reviews are a part of continuous improvement and helps government implement new direction

Revitalizing Coastal Forest Policy

- Involvement from John Allan, Deputy Minister and Don Wright head of public service and John Horgan's deputy minister
- Deep engagement with Coastal Forest Sector
- Significant government expectations to advance the coastal forest policy agenda



Photo left – Quesnel manufacturing of SPF lumber from interior forests

Photo right – example of logs being loaded for export out of Nanaimo June 17, 2018 destined to be manufactured in Aisa

What we have heard publicly

1. Increase First Nations participation in the forest sector
2. Increase domestic manufacturing of logs;
3. Improve harvest performance towards stewardship
4. Reduce waste in the forests
5. Ensure market forces and competition prevail
6. Improve business to business relationships
7. Restore the social contract and public confidence

Sept 24 – invite only meeting with participants where government will share what they heard and present potential solutions to meet the objectives

Oct 31 deadline for participant engagement

First wave of policy implementation anticipated by Jan 1 2019

Second wave by March 31 2019

Staff engagement – at the working group level once government sets direction

Lots more to come

Professional Reliance Review

Mark Haddock's mandate to make recommendation on:

1. Whether professional associations that oversee qualified professionals employ best practices to protect the public interest
2. Whether government oversight of professional associations is adequate; and
3. Whether conditions governing the involvement of qualified professionals in government's resource management decisions and the appropriate level of government oversight to assure the public their interests are protected.



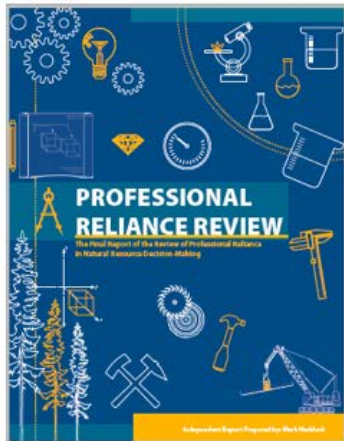
Input received:

- over 2,200 public online questionnaires received
- 1,800 surveys from qualified professionals
- 102 stakeholder submissions received
- 300 email submissions received

Input leads to action:

Feedback collected from citizens, stakeholders, QPs and users of QPs was considered, along with findings from a review of current legislation and best practices in other jurisdictions. After the public feedback process closed the feedback was analyzed and now the [final review report](#) and a [summary of recommendations](#) are available online. The review made recommendations regarding resource decisions made by government, conditions governing the involvement of QPs in those decisions and the appropriate level of government oversight to assure the public their interests are protected.

Professional Reliance Review



- 121 Recommendations
- Establish Office of Professional Regulation and Oversight
- Legislate critical elements of professional governance
- Forest Act (timber pricing)
- FRPA & Government Actions Regulation



the five professional organizations– the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC, Association of BC Forest Professionals, BC Institute of Agrology, College of Applied Biology and Engineers and Geoscientists of BC

85. Improve forest stewardship plan content:

- Require identification of proposed roads and cutblocks and other information to support oversight and transparency (relates to FRPA, s.5 and FPPR, Part 2).

86. Require submission and approval of site plans:

- Oversight of cutblock and road plans is necessary to determine whether government's objectives and practice requirements will be met. (relates to FRPA, s.10, 16 and FPPR, Part 3).

87. Enhance decision maker authority:

- Amend the approval test to include consideration of government's objectives, the interests of Indigenous governments and communities, other rights holders (Crown tenure holders and landowners) and the public interest.
- Statutory decision makers should be able to reject plans that are unlikely to meet government objectives, that do not contain sufficient information to make that determination, or

that

present an unacceptable risk to third parties or resource values (relates to FRPA, s.16).

88. Improve objectives:

- Review the list of objectives in Part 2 of the regulation for completeness and phrasing.
- Many consider the current objectives to be too general and constrained; more detailed factors

are listed in Schedule 1 but are not mandatory considerations for professionals (relates to

FPPR, Part 2 and Schedule 1).

89. Improve minister's authority to make GAR Orders:

- Review the limitations on the minister's authority to make orders to protect non-timber values.

• Improve clarity regarding restrictions relating to timber supply, material adverse impact on

delivered wood costs, and undue constraints on tenure rights (relates to GAR, s.2).

Professional Reliance

- 85. FRPA - amendments to the improve forest stewardship plan content; (ID cut blocks, roads and other information)
- 86. Require submission and approval of site plans
- 87. Enhance decision maker authority
- 89. Improve minister's authority to make GAR orders
- ❖ Linkage to Forest & Range Practices improvements & potential implications to Woodlot Licence Plans



Where will we see the fate of the recommendations....some have already moved forward other are still under evaluation

FRPA

- (1) Improve trust and social license in natural resource decision-making;
- (2) Ensure that land managers have clear ability to promote and protect the natural resources of British Columbia;
- (3) Position registered forest professionals for success through clear and specific management targets; and
- (4) Develop an improved planning framework that promotes Indigenous collaboration in forest management and improves the Province's ability to manage landscape-scale disturbances, such as forest health and wildfire.

The Province will also consider further changes that may be necessary to address the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia.

BC Federation of Woodlots will be engaged in the process

Contractor Sustainability Review

- Contractors expressed concerns that current model was unsustainable and that some contractors are in jeopardy
- George Abbott completed a review in February 2018 and has made 13 recommendations for consideration.
- Dan Miller retained as a facilitator to build seek consensus on the recommendations.



George Abbott completed his review of logging contractor sustainability in February 2018. The report's 13 recommendations were developed from the consideration of information obtained from extensive consultation with contractors and licensees, and the analysis and data provided from both the PNL financial review of the Contractor financial performance and Poyry's forest sector value chain analysis. The recommendations provided principles and a solid foundation of potential actions designed to improve the competitiveness of both contractors and licensees. Dan Miller was retained to facilitate discussions with representatives of the industry and contractors to explore options to move forward. The group met in September 2018 and the parties agreed to form a Working Group to examine the key recommendations in greater detail. The next step is to develop an implementation framework assembled from those building blocks that Minister Donaldson can consider and move forward.

Photo #1 – Woodlot

Photo #2 – Toquart Bay – Arrowsmith TSA

Contractor Sustainability Review

- Recommendations are targeted to Bill 13 Contracts – replaceable contracts regulated by *Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation*
- Recommendations focus on the importance of transparency, the rate model and dispute resolution process
- ❖ Of significance to WLs is #1 minimum standard rate model & #6 free LiDAR



*Group met week of September 22nd
Can add update closer to AGM*

Forest Inventory Review

- 10 years since last reviewed – significant changes to the forests since then – wildfire, beetle epidemic
- A five-member panel will conduct the review - Report and recommendations from submitted to FAIB by October 15, 2018
- Ministerial release some point afterwards – TBA.
- Panel will provide strategic direction, given changing technologies and the impact of these changes n multiple users.
- Review will collect information on G&Y models and support forest stewardship decisions (such as AAC determinations, landscape planning, prepare FSPs, investment decisions, etc.

- 5-member panel includes Clark Binkley, Bill Bourgeois, Valerie Lemay, Ian Moss & Nick Reynolds
- Compiled from written submissions and interviews of stakeholder groups and First Nations

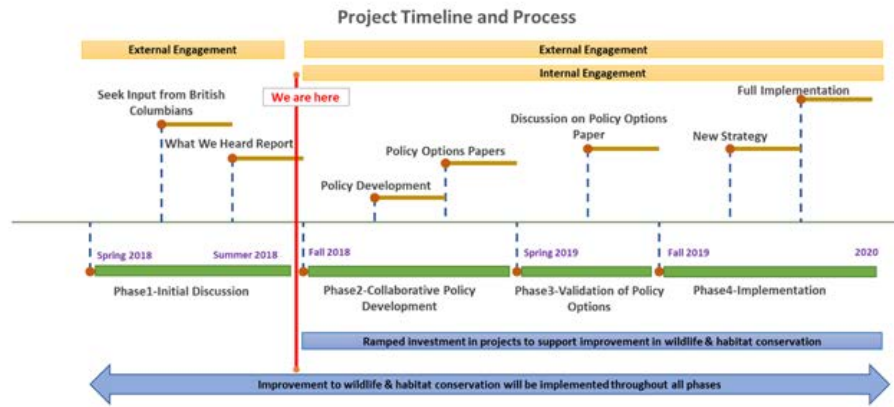
Wildlife Management Review

- Minister's mandate letter includes the direction to *Improve wildlife management and habitat conservation, and collaborate with stakeholders to develop long and short term strategies to manage B.C.'s wildlife resources*
- 4-phase process based on broad public input
- Phase 1 complete: over 1,500 submissions, 26 Indigenous community and G2G meetings & 3 day meeting with over 40 stakeholder groups
- Phase 2 regionally –led internal engagement process and collaboration with First Nations on 8 policy areas
- They include: funding, engagement, reconciliation, objectives & planning, habitat, decision-making & achieving desired outcomes.



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Land Use Planning Review

- Modernized land use planning is being developed to capitalize on new opportunities and respond to emerging challenges, including:
- A growing economy and increased demand by industry, recreation ventures and other land use pressures
- Updated assessments of pest and wildfire disturbances
- Year 1 (2018/19) includes program development, Year 2 (2019/20) – land use planning initiatives will be phased in
- Jointly designed , developed and implemented by the Province and First Nations governments www.gov.bc.ca/landuseplanning

2017 Flood/Wildfire (Chapman/Abbott)

- “Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia”
- 108 recommendations – developed under 4 themes:
 - i. Partnerships and participation
 - ii. Knowledge and tools
 - iii. Communication and awareness
 - iv. Investment

- i. Enhanced , on-the-ground partnerships could prove extraordinarily valuable in a range of emergency events
- ii. Some frustration that indigenous and local knowledge was not effectively incorporated into firefighting events
- iii. Concerns raised about timeliness and accuracy of public communications around wildfire and other disasters
- iv. Growing gap between investment in emergency management and spending on response.

Questions?

