



# Northeast Roundtable Session

MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

## NORTHEAST ROUNDTABLE SESSION 8 – MEETING NOTES

**Date:** November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 PM

**Location:** Pomeroy Hotel – 11308 Alaska Rd. Fort St. John

**Meeting Handouts:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Northeast Roundtable Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes
- Record of Revision to September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes
- Group exercise questions related to form and function of future Roundtables
- Project Update Briefs: BCPRP, LRMP, RSEA, Section 11 / Partnership Agreement
- List of Acronyms

**Appendices:**

- Appendix A: November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda
- Appendix B: Record of November 6<sup>th</sup> Participation
- Appendix C: Endorsed Roundtable Terms of References dated Nov. 6, 2019
- Appendix D: Powerpoint Presentation
- Appendix E: Project Update Sheets
- Appendix F: Summary of Group exercise on future Roundtable format

### 1. Welcome, Agenda, Minutes

- Facilitator welcome, participant introductions and territorial acknowledgement; confirmed audio recording for administrative purposes
- Reviewed the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda – no additional agenda items received from participants
- Reviewed Record of Revisions for September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes and process for finalizing meeting notes:
  - First draft meeting notes distributed within one week of Roundtable
  - Revisions received from participants for one week
  - Final meeting notes with highlighted revisions added to Northeast Roundtable website within two weeks of Roundtable
- Referenced the purpose of Project Update Briefs as a communication and accountability tool

### 2. Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference, Form and Function

- Reviewed revisions to Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Confirmed that purpose of Roundtable is about information sharing and relationship building vs. broad public engagement or decision making; participation by invitation creates the safety required – special guests can also be invited as required
- Reviewed Roundtable participation criteria – no objections received to proposed criteria
- Shared Northeast Roundtable test website – no revisions requested from participants
- Participants broke into four groups to discuss form and content of future Roundtables; feedback included:



- Consensus that Roundtables should be held every 6-8 weeks (avoid Christmas / summer meetings)
- Longer meetings with substantial content are preferred in consideration of those travelling to participate but only meet if there is a substantial update – let the content dictate length of meeting
- Don't rush topics – allow flexibility in agenda to accommodate discussion on certain topics
- Half hour lunch breaks to end earlier
- Participants suggested meeting content should be a combination of updates from Province, participant interaction and information sessions on specific topics of interest – suggestions for topics include:
  - Update from Site C Fish and Wildlife Compensation program
  - Follow up to TLE discussions in rural areas with community members
  - Enabling legislation on UNDRIP (socio economic and environmental implications)
  - Local Gov clarification on regional land use planning – who is a stakeholder?
  - Original LRMP (What was effective? Room for improvement?)
  - Having group members explain why they are at the table
  - Update on engagement re Forest practices code pilot
  - RSEA - information session on where local governments sit
  - Structured decision making
  - New rules affecting industry
- Questions, answers, comments and action items related to Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference and Website are noted in Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1 – Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference and Communication**

| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)   | Follow Up Action   |
|---|--|
| C Participants want to know who is in the room and what groups / interests are being represented.   | Build this sharing opportunity into future roundtable (FLNRORD)                        |
| C The Roundtable is not a public forum so it's important for the participants to understand what the engagement process looks like for each initiative ranging from steering committees to stakeholder engagement to public engagement.   | Provide a snapshot of the engagement   |
| C Participants indicated support for September 9 <sup>th</sup> Terms of Reference with highlighted revisions; participants were asked to sign that they have read the Terms of Reference/Code of Conduct on the meeting registration form next meeting.   | Participants indicate support for TOR/Code of Conduct on Roundtable registration sheet |
| Q <b>Question on purpose/value of the Chatam House Rule; Is there an opportunity to attribute comments to individuals in minutes upon request?</b>  |  |
| A Purpose is to create a safe space to share perspectives without fear of being quoted in the minutes; some people are not in the political realm and may not feel comfortable being quoted in a public doc. Those who want to be quoted directly may indicate this during the meeting and this will be reflected in the Minutes. |  |

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| <b>Q Timeline of the website launch?</b><br><b>A</b> Intention is to share November meeting materials through the public website starting with November December | Send link to participants when website is live (USL/FLNRRORD) |

### 3. Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Update

- Dale Morgan provided the Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) update
- TLE has involved negotiation with five individual First Nations plus some joint negotiations – very complicated and time consuming given the number of parties involved including Canada
- Saulteau First Nation selections are in progress - federal election created a delay in the TLE negotiation process
- Out of 38,000 Hectares of TLE lands, most are not of significant interest to stakeholders however there are a few hundred hectares that are more complicated including:
  - Red Creek
  - Charlie Lake
  - Pink Mountain
- MIRR is working on options for these parcels and will engage directly with stakeholders when options have been identified
- Questions, answers, comments and action items related to the TLE update are outlined in Table 2 below

**TABLE 2 – TLE Update**

| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)   | Follow Up Action  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q What are the options for the province if the tenure holders refuse to give up tenure?</b><br><b>A</b> Ideally the province would be able to work with them to reach agreement on various options including compensation, alternate land, or cancellation of tenure. Ultimately the province is the statutory decision maker  |   |
| <b>Q How are the number of hectares for TLE lands determined?</b><br><b>A</b> the quantity of TLE lands for each nation was determined using a combination of shortfall lands as determined by Canada using a specific formula and additional lands that could be purchased by First Nations as a demonstration of meaningful reconciliation<br><br><a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/</a> | MIRR to develop a Project Update Brief for next meeting<br><br>Q&A are on the GovTogether website |
| <b>Q When do DRFN and BRFN vote on their final agreements? What are the rules related to ratification of the agreement – e.g. how many members must vote to accept or if Chief and Council can decide.</b><br><b>A</b> The voting threshold for members to ratify the agreement is unknown.   |   |

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|---|------------------|
| <p><b>C</b> A participant noted that each nation has its own ratification process for voting on TLE based on Canada's policy and their own custom governance structures. The agreements must be ratified by the community not decided on solely by Chief and Council.</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>Q</b> <b>Has there been an investigation into the socio-economic impacts of TLE? Better to know the impacts at the outset rather than waiting until after the negotiations are complete and having to go back.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Only the impacts related to each specific parcel have been looked at – not for the TLE lands as an aggregate; overall the impacts are seen as very positive for First Nations with very little negative impact to others.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>Q</b> <b>While there may be relatively few parcels with impacts - people who are impacted feel very impacted. Who decides what land is selected for TLE?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Each community provided the Province with a list of land interests. It is all crown land as this is the only currency available to the province.</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>C</b> The TLE numbers that Canada presented to BC do not represent the numbers that they originally agreed to with First Nations. Conditions for these numbers do not reflect the relationship under treaty. Among First Nations the numbers don't reflect the spirit of reconciliation as the government reversed its position on equity acres after years of negotiations. The TLE numbers have been imposed on First Nations by Canada.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>C</b> A participant noted that West Moberly made their intentions to claim land around Cameron Lakes clear decades ago but the Province failed to let others know of the land status and unilaterally renewed the lease with the School District for another 30 years failing to recognize treaty rights to this land. Every time a sale or lease of lands happens within the Treaty area very little attention is paid to the rights of First Nations in the way that fee simple land holders rights are recognized under the same conditions.</p> |                  |
| <p><b>C</b> A participant noted that the School Board was the only party at one meeting that knew what was 'on the land' at Cameron Lakes – the government and the land planning group were not aware of the status.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>Q</b> <b>In terms of tenure holders and compensation, will trappers and guide outfitters be treated differently than corporations? They will want compensation</b></p> <p><b>A</b> The Crown has the right to take up lands in hunting licenses so compensation is not expected, however the tenure licenses will be looked at on a case by case basis.</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>Q</b> <b>Do all the land selections, including contentious parcels have to be decided on before the rest of the land transfer can go forward?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Unknown but there may be the potential to proceed with uncontested land transfers before all of the negotiations have been finalized for the 5% of selections that are more complicated.</p>  |                  |



## 4. FSJ Lands and Resource Management Plan

- Ian Curtis of FLNRORD presented a status update on Fort St John Land and Resource Management Plan Update (LRMP) - see PowerPoint
- Described changing landscapes and new pressures on the land of FSJ and area
- Still in the process of pre-planning; working with leaders in the communities to create a process for the updates – have decided to slow the process down to ensure proper engagement before moving too far into technical process – you don't have a land use plan without proper engagement; Gen Paterson leading the engagement strategy
- Focusing right now on smaller technical components and linking ongoing regional initiatives (eg. UNDRIP, Watershed Management, etc.)
- Questions, answers, comments and action items related to the LRMP update are outlined in Table 3 below

**TABLE 3 – FSJ LRMP Update**

| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)  | Follow Up Action |
|--|------------------|
| C West Moberly participated in the initial LRMP and we would hope they would participate again. There was a lot of good work in the original plan. Need to keep what worked vs a full redo. It will take much longer than 2 months to implement.   |                  |
| C West Moberly withdrew from the 1997 LRMP process because BC refused to recognize treaty rights and refusing also to frame it as a Gov to Gov negotiation with financial support to participate; the 1997 LRMP was reviewed and adopted by cabinet without First Nations support.                             |                  |
| C The Muskwa Kechika Board now feels that they should be included as a sub-working group. The MKMA is very large and includes approximately 18 First Nations. Working on the Fort St. John LRMP update would be a manageable area to review from a stakeholder engagement and analytical capacity perspective. |                  |

## 5. Caribou Recovery Update

- Michael Huck provided an update on Boreal Caribou Planning process (see Powerpoint)
- Highlighted how Boreal Caribou are different from Mountain Caribou in that they spend most of their year in one range area
- The Boreal Caribou populations are in a long-term declining trend and a structured decision-making process is being used to evaluate conservation planning scenarios
- There is a Steering Committee made up from Fort Nelson First Nation and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, supported by technical experts to bring forward a recovery plan for the Fort Nelson boreal herds
- The Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee is taking a holistic approach to socio-economic assessment in evaluating alternative conservation scenarios

- Joelle Scheck provided an update on Section 11 and Draft Partnership Agreement for the Central Caribou – this file being managed out of the Premiere’s Office due to its importance; the Project Update sheet provides details
- Questions, answers, comments and action items related to the Caribou update are outlined in Table 4 below

**TABLE 4 – Caribou Recovery Update**

| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)   | Follow Up Action   |
|---|--|
| <p><b>Q Is there a part for local stakeholder involvement? We have scientists and people who know that area extremely well.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> We’re not in a place to open the technical parts of the process but we did have an open house last May to ask people how they wanted to be engaged. The Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee comprised of local representation of Fort Nelson First Nation and Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and BC government will oversee stakeholder engagement in 2020.</p> <p><b>C</b> participant noted that the open house held in regards to the Caribou Recovery was well attended but the public were not happy with this meeting and felt left out. These public expressed a concern that they were not going to be included in the process and compared this with what occurred with the Southern Caribou tentative agreement.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Q Alberta is also working on this initiative- is there any collaboration?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> On an operational level, BC and Alberta biologists are meeting on monitoring and predator management collaboration and coordination. An MOU has been developed between BC, NWT, Yukon and Alberta that outlines key aspects of inter-provincial collaboration on caribou governance.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>C Thank you for this approach it seems much more holistic than in the South. I would like to comment on the glaring omission of the federal government on the Fort Nelson steering committee.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> At this point in time, the Federal Government is not directly involved with Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee. The Province has been approached by Canada on multiple occasions to advance a S.11 agreement on Boreal Caribou. The Province has declined the invitation at this point in time. As part of SARA, BC reports out on a six-month period on management actions being undertaken to support protection of boreal caribou critical habitat and recovery of the species.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>C</b> Request for a correction to be made to the Section 11 Partnership Agreement Project Brief: Blair Lekstrom’s recommendation was for an interim moratorium in high elevation winter range – not a two-year moratorium. The intent is to resolve the matter by years end.</p>  | Correction to Section 11 / Partnership Agreement Project Sheet (J. Scheck) |
| <p><b>Q Is there confirmation that a representative from the Peace River Regional District will be involved in the leadership table?</b></p>  | Confirm PRRD participation and   |

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| <p><b>Q Also - is there a list of who is on Section 11 / Partnership Agreement leadership table?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> No - this can be confirmed by tomorrow.</p>  | provide list of participants on leadership table (J. Scheck) |
| <p><b>Q Read on Twitter that Stan Boutin from U of A will be undertaking a novel investigation of increasing caribou herds to huntable populations, have you heard of this?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Not aware of this.</p> <p><b>C</b> A participant noted that West Moberly not aware of this but would welcome Boutin's involvement as a credible expert. Huntable Caribou populations is a very real question for First Nations – very food insecure in relation to Treaty rights.</p> |  |

## 6. FLNR Resource Management Division

- Aviva Jones and Michel Lavalley provided a division Update (See Power Point)
- Working towards collaborative hunting management e.g. Moose and Wood Bison
- The main challenges are deciding which species receive priority, managing the fragmentation of habitats, while meeting hunting and treaty obligations
- The Northeast is a significant area in the province but sometimes it feels like our voices are not heard when it comes to provincial decision making; there is an attempt to strengthen the collaboration
- Questions, answers, comments and action items related to the Caribou update are outlined in Table 5 below

**TABLE 5- FLNR Resource Management Update**

| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)   | Follow Up Action |
|---|------------------|
| <p><b>Q What's a Transporter?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Transporters are licensed to transport hunters in and out of the back country</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>Q Penning regulations can be a positive thing, but it is quite frustrating that that's the only way BC is managing wildlife at the moment, plus there are all kinds of options and opportunities for species that aren't on the risk categories that we've been neglecting.</b></p> <p><b>A</b> We "manage the critters" but the district manages the habitat so we need to collaborate in that area to bring more options forward.</p>                 |                  |
| <p><b>Q What is the role for the public engagement on hunting regulations?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> There is a public advisory committee that meets 3-4 times a year. Before regulations go for decision they get posted on Engage BC and feedback is welcomed and submitted as part of the final submission package.</p> <p><b>C</b> How can you screen the online comments on Engage BC for specific campaigns (e.g. dominated by those who oppose hunting)?</p> |                  |
| <p><b>Q What are you going to do with the Wood Bison who will do whatever they please, and how will you deal with First Nations who would like to see them all go away?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> No answer</p>   |                  |



| TOPIC (Q = Question / A = Answer / C = Comment)   | Follow Up Action                     |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Q Site C is happening whether we like it or not. With the Willison reservoir, we killed many moose and then we killed even more moose escaping the reservoir. We need to do this differently this time.</b></p> <p>We know the reservoir will displace wildlife. There are some</p> <p><b>A</b> recommendations to shift boundaries and look at different options; trying to be flexible in response versus blanket regulations; looking at decision process to support integrated wildlife management plan; challenged by huge area and lack of staff resources.</p> |                                      |
| <p><b>Q How is the current climate of funding for the FLNR?</b></p> <p>Staff are very creative in finding funding. Even with funding don't have the staffing capacity to advance initiatives; looking at some creative options but</p> <p><b>A</b> too early to discuss these ideas.</p>  |                                      |
| <p><b>C</b> With 23,000 hunters visiting the Peace region there should be funds contributed back to support wildlife and habitat management – allowing no burns also creates a challenge.</p>   |                                      |
| <p><b>Q Is there an update from the meeting with Frank Doyle about re-opening the Goshawk topic in the North East?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Confirmed funding but unaware of any updates.</p>  | Check on Goshawk status (M. Lavalee) |
| <p><b>Q If 23,000 hunters came into the region and there were only 5000 animals harvested, what does that mean?</b></p> <p><b>A</b> 23,000 hunters came with tags but only 5,000 shot an animal.</p>  |                                      |

## 7. Other Business / Closing

### BC Parks Update

- J. Lawson provided an update on BC Parks engagement (see Powerpoint)
- **Q: Is there a public process for the Parks Plan outside the stakeholder process?**
- **A:** Not sure whether the public will be engaged once the plan is done. J. Lawson to confirm and report back.

### Spruce Beetle Update

- J. Lawson and D. Regimbald provided brief update on Spruce Beetle
- Members of the PRRD received correspondence from Ministry of Forest with maps and survey of infested trees
- Information is not yet available on what this shows in terms of trends, infected trees, etc. The Spruce Beetle working group will meet to review and consolidate this data on Nov 13 – everyone welcome
- Anne Marie will attend this upcoming December meeting to give a full update with the data

### Closing

- The facilitator invited further questions or discussion topics and thanked participants for their participation and suggestions on form of future Roundtables
- Tentative meeting schedule for 2020 are as follows:
  - January 29
  - March 4
  - May 6
  - June 24

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# Appendix A:

## Nov 6th Meeting Agenda



## November 6, 2019 (Session #8)

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Pomeroy Hotel – 11308 Alaska Rd., Fort St. John

| Topic  | Time          | Lead                                   | Purpose / Objectives  | Supporting Resources   | Your Comments and/or Questions on this Topic? |
|--|---------------|--|---|--|---|
| 1. Welcome and Introductions   | 9:00 – 9:10   | Urban Systems                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening remarks</li> <li>Participant introductions</li> <li>Reminder that the session is audio recorded for administrative purposes</li> <li>Reminder of Chatham house Rules</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participant sign in sheet</li> <li>PowerPoint Presentation</li> <li>List of Acronyms</li> </ul>   |   |
| 2. Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes   | 9:10 – 9:20   | Urban Systems / FLNRORD                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and confirm agenda topics</li> <li>Record of revisions to previous minutes</li> <li>Discuss process for revising minutes / timing of finalization</li> <li>Discuss how/when minutes can be shared publicly</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes</li> <li>Record of Revisions to Sept 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>  |   |
| 3. Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference                                       | 9:20 – 10:15  | FLNRORD – Jason Lawson / Urban Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review revisions to Terms of Reference for Northeast Roundtable including participant criteria</li> <li>Introduce Roundtable Website</li> <li>Form and function of future Roundtable meetings Group Exercise</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised NER Terms of Reference</li> <li>Roundtable Website (JL)</li> </ul>  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK AND NETWORKING</b><br/>10:15 – 10:30</p> |               |  |   |  |   |
| 4. Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Update  | 10:30 – 11:00 | MIRR – Dale Morgan                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Update</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TLE Maps available online at <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/qovtogether/bc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/qovtogether/bc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/</a></li> </ul> |   |





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| 5. FSJ Lands and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)             | 11:00 – 11:30 | FLNRORD - Ian Curtis                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Status update on Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan Update Project</li></ul>             | Project Update Brief   |   |
| 6. Caribou Recovery Update                                   | 11:30 – 12:00 | Joelle Scheck & Chris Cooper              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update on Caribou Recovery</li></ul>  | Project Update Briefs for BCPRP and Section 11/Draft Partnership Agreement |   |
| LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING<br>12:00 – 1:00                   |               |   |   |  |   |
| 7. FLNR Resource Management Division                         | 1:00 – 1:30   | FLNRORD - Aviva Jones and Michel Lavallee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Division update</li></ul>   |  |   |
| 8. Wrap Up including New Business and December Agenda Topics | 1:30 – 2:00   | FLNRORD / Urban Systems                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discuss any new business raised at start of meeting</li><li>Discuss topics for next meeting</li></ul> |  |   |





# Appendix B:

## Record of Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 Participation

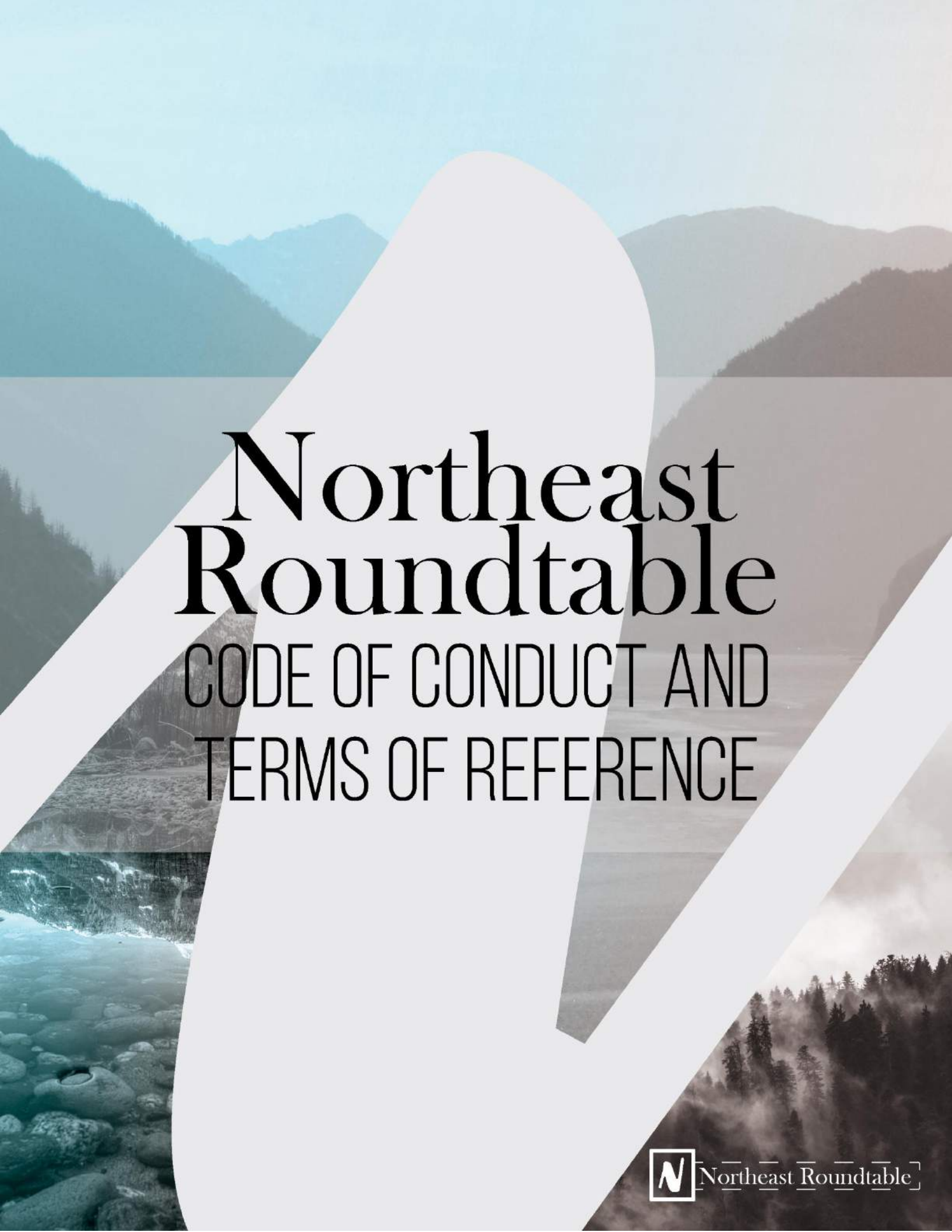


| Last Name    | First Name | Organization   | Title                             |
|--------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Ackerman     | Andy       | Peace Stakeholder Committee                                | Member                            |
| Blaney       | Jennifer   | Encana   |                                   |
| Curtis       | Ian        | FLNRORD  |                                   |
| Courtoreille | Allen      | District of Chetwynd                                       | Mayor                             |
| Cvik         | Chris      | District of Hudson's Hope                                  | CAO                               |
| Forest       | Tara       | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation        |                                   |
| Fraser       | Rob        | District of Taylor   | Mayor                             |
| Goald        | Clinton    | Louisiana-Pacific  |                                   |
| Goodings     | Karen      | Peace River Regional District (PRRD)                       | Director, Electoral Area "B"      |
| Hancock      | Darin      | FLNRORD  | Director                          |
| Holland      | Barry      | North Peace Rod and Gun Club/Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board |                                   |
| Huck         | Michael    | FLNRORD  |                                   |
| Jones        | Aviva      | FLNRORD  | Resource Manager                  |
| Lawson       | Jason      | FLNRORD  |                                   |
| Lekstrom     | Blair      | City of Dawson Creek                                       |                                   |
| Little       | Jim        | Peace Stakeholder Committee                                |                                   |
| Maundrell    | Glynnis    | Charlie Lake Conservation Society                          |                                   |
| Morgan       | Dale       | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation        |                                   |
| Nichols      | Merlin     |  |                                   |
| Paille       | Gerry      | BC Wildlife Federation                                     |                                   |
| Phillips     | Krista     |  |                                   |
| Regimbald    | Darrell    | Canfor   |                                   |
| Rosen        | Don        |  |                                   |
| Sawchuk      | Wayne      | Go 2 MK  | MKMA                              |
| Scheck       | Joelle     | FLNRORD  |                                   |
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| Snow         | Bill       | School District #60 Peace River North                      |                                   |
| Webb         | Jim        | West Moberly First Nations                                 | Policy Advisor                    |



# Appendix C:

Northeast Roundtable Terms of  
Reference endorsed Nov 6, 2019



# Northeast Roundtable

CODE OF CONDUCT AND  
TERMS OF REFERENCE

## Northeast Roundtable Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference

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## Northeast Roundtable – Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct will be used as a foundation for discussions and dialogue during all Roundtable meetings. The following list of core values were discussed at the first Roundtable meeting on September 26, 2018 and support a respectful and collaborative process.

- **Mutual Respect** - Everyone who walks into a Roundtable meeting is here because they share an interest in maintaining a strong community. Please use this opportunity to demonstrate respect for the process and recognize commitment by all participants to the agenda:
  - open, frank and fruitful discussions in a polite manner;
  - listen to others, no interruption of speeches; and,
  - respect of the agreed time schedule and speaking time.
- **Accountability and Scope Management** - The Roundtable has a defined scope. Commitments made to action on topics within the scope will be tracked and included in regular reporting. Topics which fall outside the scope will be identified by the Roundtable Facilitator and will be reported in meeting records for future reference.
- **Transparency** - Sharing information on an open basis wherever possible will facilitate knowledge and increased understanding of issues and topics of interest to participants.
- **Ask questions** - We are committed to working through an interest-based approach and questions help clarify issues and perspectives.
- **Listening is as important as talking** - Taking time to listen to comments at the table and different perspectives will help create greater understanding of the issues and topics.
- **Sharing and openness** - Actively participate. Creating an environment that supports and encourages the sharing of thoughts and collaborative thinking enables opportunities for resolution. Differences in opinion should not be taken personally.
- **Preparedness** - Reading advance materials and identifying questions, ideas or interests to bring forward to meetings will support being heard.





## Northeast Roundtable – Terms of Reference

### 1. Purpose and Scope of the Roundtable

#### Purpose

The Northeast Roundtable (Roundtable) is a communication and engagement forum, led by the Provincial Government, to provide updates and receive input on regional and provincial land and resource initiatives.

The Roundtable originated from a request by community stakeholders for a standing multi-stakeholder forum to exchange information that has First Nation participation, broad stakeholder representation, meets regularly, and takes the time needed to establish its Terms of Reference collaboratively.

The Roundtable strives to achieve the following objectives:

1. Promote strong communication and positive relations with First Nations, local government, industry, and stakeholders.
2. Acknowledge that First Nations participate in the Roundtable as part of a shared interest in collaboration. First Nations are Rights holders and are not considered as “stakeholders” in this process.
3. Provide an engagement process that First Nations, local government, industry, and stakeholders understand, trust, and support.
4. Minimize negative impacts from land use decisions to the greatest extent possible.
5. Ensure there is a shared understanding of the engagement process.
6. Support efficient and effective engagement across a wide range of land use initiatives.
7. Support the inclusive consideration of socio-economic impacts of land use initiatives.

The Roundtable is not a public forum nor a decision-making forum.

#### Scope

The Roundtable serves as a communication and engagement vehicle to support discussions related to provincial and regional land and resource initiatives and assists the Provincial Government in identifying community and stakeholder interests.

Examples of provincial and regional initiatives for discussion may include but are not limited to:

- Land parcel review to support future land transfers as part of the Treaty 8 Land Entitlement and Site C Impact Benefit Agreement implementation.
- Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Settlement Agreement lands are under review for the following Indigenous Groups: Halfway River First Nation, West Moberly First Nations, Blueberry River First Nation, and Doig River First Nation.
- Wildlife management including the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program.
- Land measures and collaborative stewardship opportunities as part of Government to Government Agreements.



- Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment Project – Assessment of natural resource development activities in the context of meaningfully exercising Treaty 8 Rights and recommending potential management responses.
- Provincial Modernized Land Use Planning – including the Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan Update Project.

## 2. Participation

To ensure the Roundtable remains an effective forum for open dialogue, participation is by invitation. Requests for participation and/or membership are to be directed to the Provincial Lead Jason Lawson at [Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca) (250-787-3418). The Province maintains a Roundtable Participant List and participants receive agendas, meeting minutes and other relevant information by email. Participants will be asked to sign that they will uphold the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference.

### Representation

The Roundtable is intended to have representative participation from interested First Nations, local government, industry and stakeholders. Consistent participation is critical to building trust, a common working relationship and body of common knowledge that is accountable.

Organizations with multiple potential participants will be asked to collaborate and designate a single core representative and an alternate. Representatives can be identified based on geographic region of interest, role in the organization (e.g. the President) or another mechanism.

Representatives or an alternate are invited to attend each Roundtable. When an agenda topic requires additional expertise from an organization the representative may bring up to two additional participants. It is the responsibility of the representative to ensure alternates or additional participants have read the Terms of Reference.

Participants attending on behalf of an organization are responsible for maintaining an appropriate reporting mechanism to their membership to support transparency and information sharing.

### Responsibility of Roundtable Participants

The Roundtable is an important means for communicating amongst many different First Nations, local government, industry, and stakeholders. The following key responsibilities of the Roundtable participants should be considered:

- **Commitment:** Consistent participation is key to building a foundation of trust and openness, so regular attendance by the designated representative is encouraged.
- **Planning and organization:** Ability to identify priority interests with your organization or individual impacted members and understand and work within the scope of the Roundtable.
- **Communication:** Ability and an interest in participating verbally at meetings and facilitating follow-up within the organization.
- **Curiosity and open-mindedness:** Ability to ask questions to clarify, and exhibit interest in having two-way communication; demonstrate openness in sharing information and keeping people



informed.

- **Teamwork:** Ability to work collaboratively with community members to achieve goals and to solicit inputs by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; willingness to learn from others and ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment; capacity to work with transparency and to build trust in colleagues.
- **Respect:** Respecting that the participants have diverse perspectives and that we are all responsible for creating a 'safe environment' where people feel free to disagree and share their opinions openly without fear of hostility or criticism.

## Media

To preserve the ability of participants to engage in a 'safe' manner, media are not to be invited, nor should representatives invite an individual from the media as an alternate.

## 3. Roundtable Operation

### Meeting Notification / Agenda

A schedule of Roundtable meeting dates will be scheduled up to six months in advance to allow for long-term planning.

A draft meeting agenda will be distributed by email at least one week prior to each meeting allowing participants the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions on the agenda topics.

Wherever possible, efforts will be made to distribute meeting materials (e.g. maps) in advance of each meeting to support effective dialogue at the meeting.

### RSVP

Participants are asked to please RSVP to meeting organizer(s) to ensure the facility size is appropriate to the number of participants. Please communicate any dietary restrictions or special requests at the time of RSVP.

### Access to Meeting Materials

Meeting materials shared at the Roundtable and Meeting Minutes will be made publicly available to participants online at <https://NEstakeholderroundtable.ca/> within two weeks of each meeting.

### Meeting Facilitation

Meetings will be facilitated by a Contractor responsible to the Province and the facilitation style and meeting format may vary depending on the topics and number of participants.

Provincial Government experts responsible for the key topics will be invited to attend the Roundtable.



## Meeting Minutes

The Chatham House Rule applies whereby participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers may be disclosed in the minutes. Individuals may request to have their specific comments or questions attributed to them in the Minutes.

Draft minutes including questions, answers and follow up actions will be recorded and circulated to participants within one week following the meeting. Participants will have one week to provide comments prior to the minutes begin finalized and posted to the public website.

The record of revision will be appended to the meeting minutes for future reference. Follow up actions will be added to the project status templates for each initiative, and Provincial representatives will report on action items as a part of their regular update.

## 4. Authority of Roundtable

The Roundtable is established by the Government of British Columbia through the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development managed by the Provincial Lead: Jason Lawson who is accountable to the Regional Executive Director.

A Provincial Government team of regional experts from the following Provincial Natural Resource Ministries will be available to inform Roundtable engagement process:

- Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development;
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and,
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

These Ministries are responsible for participating as experts in Roundtable discussions and responding to Roundtable actions.

## 5. Roundtable Schedule

The Roundtables will be scheduled as determined to be appropriate, generally every 6 – 8 weeks. A schedule of Roundtable meeting dates will be scheduled up to six months in advance to allow for long-term planning.

## 6. Funding

Roundtable participants volunteer their time to attend. At this time, funding for per diems and mileage is not available to Roundtable participants, however, light refreshment and lunch will be provided.





# Appendix D:

November 6, 2019 Powerpoint



# NORTHEAST STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE



**NOVEMBER 6, 2019**



# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda / Minutes
- Northeast Roundtable Terms of Reference / Mtg Format
  - Morning Break –
- Project Update: Treaty Land Entitlement
- Project Update: Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan Update
- Project Update: Caribou Recovery Program
  - Lunch Break -
- FLNRORD, Resource Management Division Updates
- Wrap-up and next steps

# Roundtable Terms of Reference

- Revisions from last meeting highlighted in yellow
- Purpose of Roundtable
  - High level information sharing on multiple topics
  - Dialogue and relationship building
  - Not a decision-making forum
  - Not a public forum



# Roundtable Code of Conduct

- Mutual respect
- Accountability / scope management
- Transparency
- Ask questions
- Listening is as important as talking
- Sharing and openness
- Preparedness

The [Chatham House Rule](#) reads as follows:

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“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed”.

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# Proposed Roundtable Participation Criteria

- (1) Represent an organization or specific group that has a direct interest in land use within the Northeast
- (2) Committed to both receiving and contributing information at the roundtable
- (3) Willing to sign off that they have read and will adhere to Code of Conduct and TOR
- (4) Committed to attending Roundtable on a regular basis or send a delegate who will also adhere to Code of Conduct / TOR

## Website:

<https://test.vanity.blog.gov.bc.ca/nestakeholderroundtable/about-us/>

This is the Dev/Test Environment. The content you are viewing is not final and is subject to change.



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## Northeast Stakeholder Roundtable

Welcome to the Northeast Stakeholder Roundtable website!

The Roundtable serves as a communication and engagement vehicle to support discussions related to provincial and regional land and resource initiatives and assists the Provincial Government in identifying community and stakeholder interests.

This website is a place to share information between the Province, table members and the public regarding the Roundtables' forum and function, and to provide access to meeting materials - including presentations, meeting summaries and other supporting materials.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this site, or are interested in becoming a member please contact Jason Lawson at [Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca).

# Questions?

## Roundtable Form and Function - GROUP EXERCISE

Frequency of Roundtable?

Duration of Roundtable?

Format of Roundtable?

- participants receiving provincial updates?
- participants sharing information with roundtable?
- information + 'learning' sessions on specific topics?

# Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE Update)



# Questions?

# Fort St John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Update Project



## Update on Pre-Planning

- The Province is working with Community Leaders from: Halfway, Doig and Blueberry River First Nations, Local Government: Fort St. John, Taylor and the Peace River Regional District to discuss next steps in the delivery of the LRMP Update. This includes:
  - Providing advice on the development of the LRMP Update; and,
  - Identifying other items of importance to communities
- Additional Work Underway:
  - Identifying linkages to other regional initiatives to provide a full and complete picture (e.g. information collected on specific values from the Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment)
  - Application of UNDRIP to land use planning
  - Developing a draft Terms of Reference and engagement strategy



Questions?

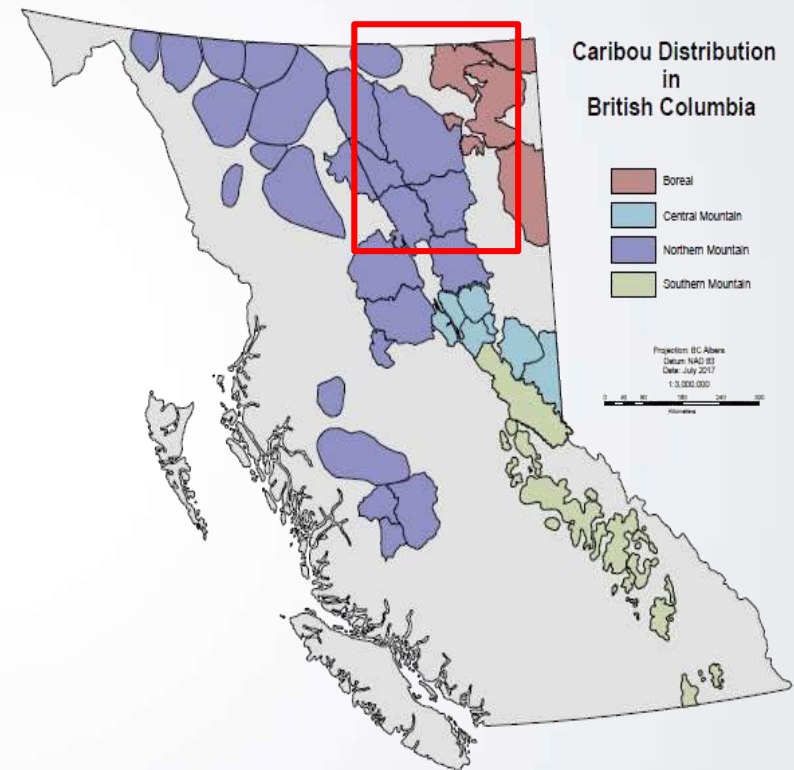
# Boreal Caribou





# Boreal Caribou Background

- Boreal Caribou reside in the large peatland complexes of the northeastern corner of the province.
- Local knowledge suggests caribou have declined over the last 30 years. Population estimates indicate Boreal Caribou populations have declined since the early 2000s.
- Caribou Conservation Status:
  - Red Listed (S2) imperiled by British Columbia
  - Threatened on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*.
- Aligning with federal expectations, BC is committed to developing herd plans that address protection of critical habitat and our shared mandate to recover boreal caribou.



# Planning

- The BC Government, Fort Nelson First Nation & Northern Rockies Regional Municipality have formed a steering committee and are currently engaged in a collaborative planning process for boreal caribou in the Fort Nelson District.
- A series of conservation scenarios have been developed by a technical planning team. These scenarios will form the basis of socio-economic assessments and broader engagement.
- The steering committee is tasked with overseeing assessments, engagement and bringing forward a joint recommendation to the Provincial Caribou Program Board.

# Engagement

- Engagement with other interested First Nations and regional stakeholders is viewed as a priority.
- Engagement is planned to take place over winter 2020 and will consist of:
  - in-person meetings with First Nations, industry and key stakeholders;
  - community open-houses; and
  - online feedback.

# Questions



## **Michael Huck**

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# OUR TEAM

## Admin Staff

Director of Resource Management

Resource Manager

Section Head

Program Coordinator

**Geospatial Team** - 5 staff

**Wildlife Program** - BIO21, BIO24, BIO27

**Caribou Program** - BIO21, 2 BIO24s,  
BIO27

**Fish Program** - BIO24

**Ecosystems Program** - BIO24 & BIO27;  
3 BIO24s vacant

**Research Program** - BIO27 & LSO3



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**Managing and  
Conserving Natural  
Resources under  
industry pressure  
while fulfilling  
Treaty 8 obligations**

# Contribution to Natural Resources through:

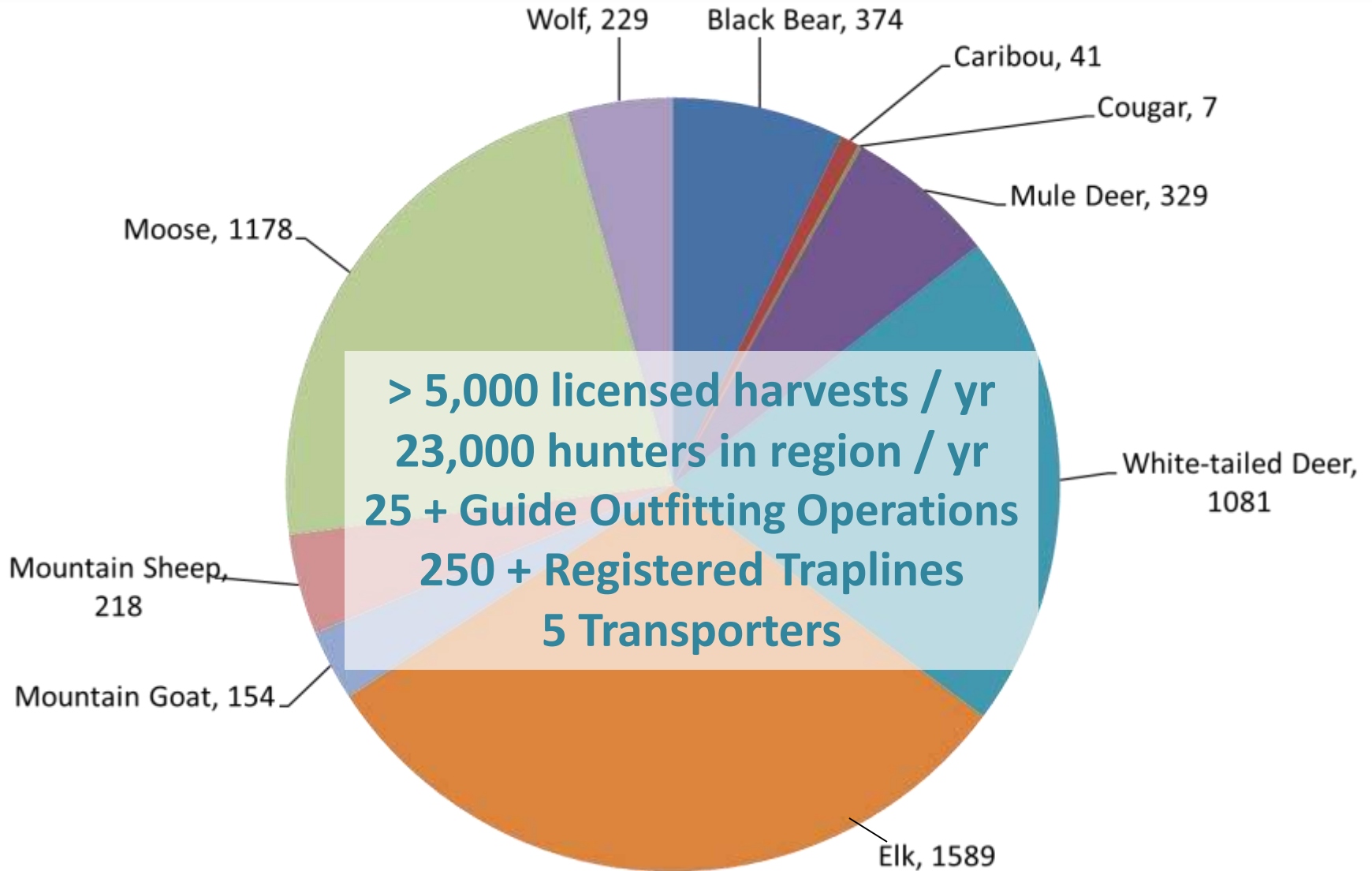
## FISH & WILDLIFE

## INDUSTRY



Long-term management is required for sustainable provision of natural resources

## Contribution through **WILDLIFE**





# Contribution through **FISH**

## Mackenzie River Basin:

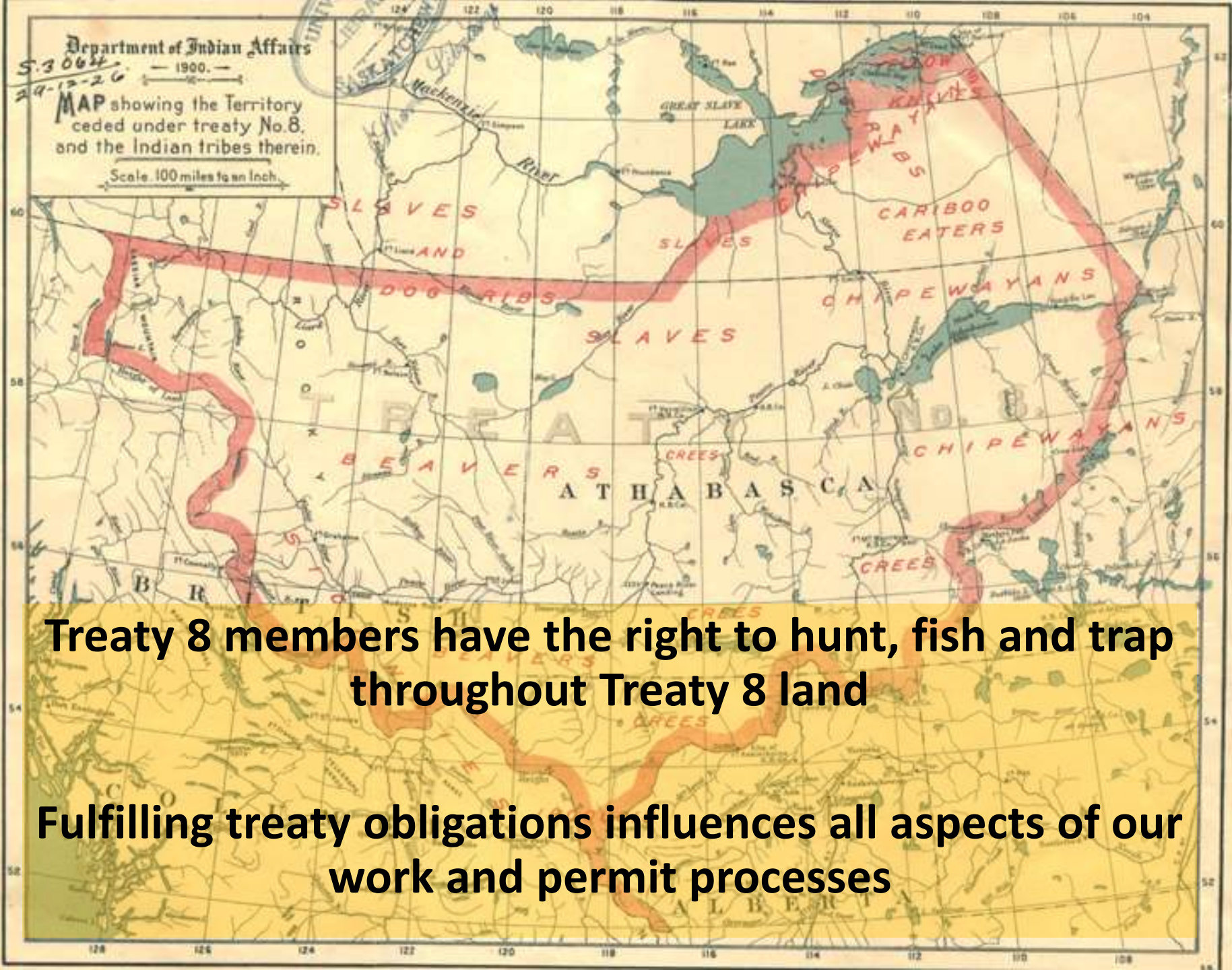
Peace and Liard watersheds

**41 species - diverse fishing opportunities**

**13 species occur nowhere else in BC**

**Major issues: hydro dams, industry impacts on habitat, climate change, cumulative effects**







# Successes in Wildlife Management

## Collaborative Hunting Regulations

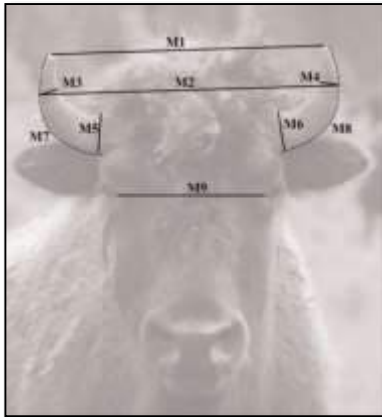


## BC Fisher Habitat Tools

<https://www.bcfisherhabitat.ca/>



## Ongoing Wood Bison Surveys and Planning



## Boreal Caribou Herd Plan with Fort Nelson First Nation



# Current **Challenges** to Maintain Natural Resources

Large mammals with competing habitat requirements



Species highly sensitive to habitat disturbance, overharvesting, or disease



Increasing development and harvest pressures

Balance between development and conservation favours development

**All have implications to Treaty Rights and Litigation**

# Current **Challenges** to Maintain Natural Resources

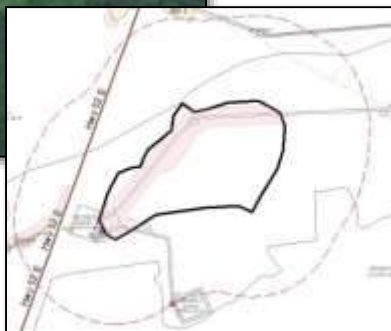
Oil and Gas  
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Agriculture & Range  
Forestry  
Hydro  
Wind  
Recreation

**Difficult to implement effective  
habitat protections and wildlife  
measures across industries**

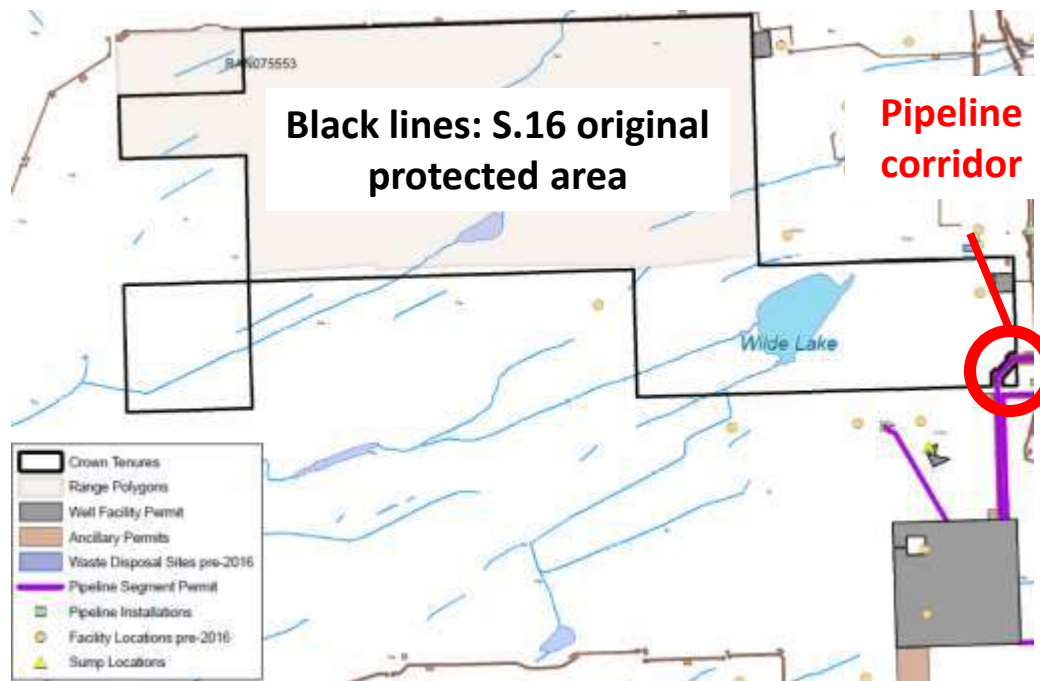
## **Current designations and protections negatively affected by industries:**

- S.16 converted to S.17 to allow oil and gas developments,
- S.16 viewed as consideration for FRPA and OGAA regulated sectors,
- GAR viewed as recommendation for Lands Act sectors,
- No establishment of WMAs due to lack of support from Executive

# Stronger tools needed to effectively protect the landscape across industries, or layering of measures



Warbler Wildlife Habitat Area  
(FRPA) with incursions from  
PNG



97% of Wilde Lake protected area converted  
to S.17 to enable Pipeline development



## 1. Support for Conservation Lands management

*Establishment of WMAs & other protections that cover all industries*

## 2. Integrated Wildlife Management Plan

## 3. Cross-jurisdictional collaborations

*Development of unique habitat models & management based on ecosystems characteristics (BC NE similar to AB, YK, NWT)*

## 4. Staff resources to build a Fish team

## 5. Proactive Public Engagement Strategy

*Public Information Officers*

# Regional Needs



# Other business

- BC Parks Update (Anna McIndoe)
- Spruce Bark Beetle Update (Jason Lawson)

## BC Parks Current Engagement Update:

### *May/June 2019*

Local Stakeholder and Public Advisory Group face to face meetings were held in Fort St John and Fort Nelson. Objective was for information sharing and members to provide input and feedback on the draft plan.

### *June 2019*

BC Parks consolidated results of May/June meeting discussions in a summary document. This document was sent to the members of the advisory group for any additional comments and then finalized.

## BC Parks Current Engagement Update:

### *October 2019*

BC Parks sent the revised final draft management plan to the advisory group with an invitation to meetings in November. First Nations were also invited to the November meetings.

### *November 2019*

Face to face meetings in Fort Nelson (Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) and Fort St. John (Nov 1) are being held to provide an opportunity for the Local Stakeholder and Public Advisory Group and First Nations to discuss together and for BC Parks to receive final comments.



## BC Parks Next Steps:

- BC Parks will consolidate comments from November meetings into a companion document for the final decision making process.
- BC Parks will present on the engagement process and final version of plan at M-K Advisory Board AGM in December.
- BC Parks approval process will proceed into January and February.

# Spruce Bark Beetle Update

## Detection 2019/2020

- Completed helicopter GPS survey contract early September 2019. Final results have been posted to the FTP website for the Peace District. We did collect data points and polygons for spruce mortality (red/fading foliage) within each survey area. We covered the spruce beetle susceptible polygons within the following BMUs:
  - FSJ TSA: Kobes creek
  - DC TSA: Upper Moberly, Upper Sukunka-Gwillim, Murray-Monkman West and Puggins
- The heli-GPS survey data will drive the location of the ground surveys which are to start by the end of November/early December
- The Province is still waiting for the AOS (Aerial Overview Survey) data to come in with mapping of spruce beetle incidence and severity across the North area. 36



# Spruce Bark Beetle Update

## Northeast Spruce Beetle Working Group

- Planning to schedule a meeting with the Northeast representatives in late November once our detection data for the Province has been finalized.

## Spruce Beetle Summit

- Omineca Region is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spruce Beetle Summit on November 13-14 in Prince George at the Marriott Hotel downtown. No cost to attend the conference. Contact Anne Marie Fonda for more information.

# Thank You

## Nov 6 Meeting Minutes

- Draft Minutes out by Nov 13
- Feedback Nov 13 – Nov 20
- Final Minutes by Nov 22

## December 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING

- 9 am – Pomeroy Hotel



# Appendix E:

## Project Update Sheets

## BOREAL CARIBOU PROTECTION AND RECOVERY PLANNING (BCPRP)

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Northeast Roundtable Date:          | Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 |
| Update Prepared By:                 | Chris Cooper               |
| Updated Presented to Roundtable by: | Michael Huck/Joelle Scheck |

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Project Contact             | Chris Cooper, Fort Nelson District Manager, <a href="mailto:Christopher.cooper@gov.bc.ca">Christopher.cooper@gov.bc.ca</a><br>Michael Huck, Land and Resource Specialist, <a href="mailto:Michael.huck@gov.bc.ca">Michael.huck@gov.bc.ca</a>   |
| Ministry/Agency             | FLNRORD  |
| Description                 | The Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) process is a collaboration between the Province, Fort Nelson First Nation and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality. Boreal caribou are listed as threatened under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA), provincially red-listed (threatened to endangered), and are identified as Priority 1 under the B.C. Conservation Framework. Aligning with federal expectations, the province is committed to advancing a recovery plan which will outline management actions to protect and recover boreal caribou. The tri-partite steering committee is current engaged in a process of structured-decision making and evaluating a series of conservation scenarios for boreal caribou ranges residing within the Fort Nelson District (Calendar, Maxhamish, Snake-Sahtahneh and Westside Fort Nelson) in consideration of existing industrial pressures and other landscape values overlapping with caribou range. Engagement on this plan will occur over the next several months with other relevant First Nations, stakeholders and the broader general public. As part of the planning process socio-economic assessments are being incorporated to support decision-making. These engagement sessions and assessments will inform the steering committee's evaluation of scenarios and ultimate recommendation to the Provincial Caribou Program Board. |
| Project Phases and Schedule | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October - November, 2019: Scope and initiate socio-economic assessment.</li> <li>November - December, 2019: Evaluate conservation scenarios and prepare engagement package.</li> <li>December-April, 2020: Conduct public, stakeholder and First Nation engagement.</li> <li>April-May, 2020: Revise scenarios based off of assessment and engagement and bring forward a collaborative recommendation.</li> </ul>  |
| Project Information Links   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caribou Program Website: <a href="https://bit.ly/36BDy84">https://bit.ly/36BDy84</a></li> <li>Boreal Webpage: <a href="https://bit.ly/2qsTKHO">https://bit.ly/2qsTKHO</a></li> <li>Draft Herd Plans: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Nkmbkh">https://bit.ly/2Nkmbkh</a></li> </ul>   |



## PROJECT UPDATE



### BOREAL CARIBOU PROTECTION AND RECOVERY PLANNING (BCPRP)

#### PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Update Highlights           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee struck between BC Government, Fort Nelson First Nation &amp; Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (Fall 2019)</li><li>Draft Conservation Scenarios Developed (Summer 2019)</li></ul> |
| Key Dates                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Winter 2020 – Boreal Caribou engagement scheduled to commence.</li></ul>  |
| Meeting Reference Materials |   |

#### STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

| Date Assigned | Item for Follow Up / Action | Assigned To | Status Update |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|               |                             |             |               |





## DRAFT SEC. 11 AND DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT UPDATE

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Northeast Roundtable Date:          | November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019   |
| Update Prepared By:                 | Joelle Scheck, NE Caribou Team Lead, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) |
| Updated Presented to Roundtable by: | Joelle Scheck, NE Caribou Team Lead, MFLNRORD   |

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
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| Ministry/Agency | B.C. Ministry of Forests, lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development   |
| Description     | <p>In 2017 BC and Canada collaborated to draft a Section 11 Agreement for the conservation of the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou (SMC). In September 2017 through the public engagement that was done on the Draft Section 11 Agreement, West Moberly First Nations (WMFN) and Saluteau First Nations (SFN) asked to participate in the Agreement given their experience in caribou recovery. As the Section 11 Agreement falls under the Federal Species at Risk Act, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommended that a separate Partnership Agreement (PA) should be formed for the Central Group and incorporate Canada, BC, WMFN and SFN. At this time ECCC also expanded the scope of the Section 11 Agreement to cover all Southern Mountain Caribou. Negotiations on both the Partnership Agreement and the expanded Section 11 Agreement ensued through winter 2018 to February 2019.</p> <p>The draft PA is separate from but closely related to draft Section 11 Agreement between BC and ECCC. The draft Section 11 Agreement sets out short, medium, and long-term targets and immediate caribou recovery measures across all Groups of Southern Mountain Caribou and aims to reverse the population decline. Proposed measures in the draft PA apply to the Central Group of SMC only.</p> <p>BC and Canada led engagement on the draft Sec. 11 bi-lateral conservation agreement and the draft PA agreement in April/early May of 2019. During engagement in the Northeast, concerns were expressed by members of the public, local municipalities, and some industry and recreation sectors citing a need for transparency and participation in PA agreement negotiations and the terms of reference for a socio-economic assessment of impacts of potential habitat protections for caribou.</p> <p>Since the engagement sessions in spring, 2019, BC has taken several steps to address concerns raised including extending the engagement period, appointing</p> |

## DRAFT SEC. 11 AND DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT UPDATE

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
|                             | <p>Blair Lekstrom as community liaison, implementing an interim moratorium in High Elevation Winter Range across the Central Group of caribou (i.e. one of the recommendations from the Lekstrom report), and appointing two facilitators, Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly, to bring together leaders from the Saulneau and West Moberly First Nations, the Province, community leaders and key stakeholders.</p> <p>A leadership table was scheduled on October 16 between the Nations, the province, community leaders and key stakeholders but it was postponed as a result of a commitment with the Nations and the lack of participation from Canada (due to the federal election). A new date has not been rescheduled.</p> <p>The moratorium is still in place and is scheduled to expire in June 2021 or until resolution on the agreement occurs and permanent measures are put in place.</p> |
| Project Phases and Schedule | N/A   |
| Project Information Links   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/section11agreement/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/section11agreement/</a></li> </ul>   |

## PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Update Highlights           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly were appointed by the Premier's Office and are BC's leads on the file</li> </ul> |
| Key Dates                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>   |
| Meeting Reference Materials | n/a  |

## STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

| Date Assigned     | Item for Follow Up / Action  | Assigned To     | Status Update    |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|
| September 4, 2019 | Jan 30, 2019 Actions   | FLNRORD         | Not complete     |
| September 4, 2019 | Share Big River Analytics SEA report.  | FLNRORD, Joelle | Not complete     |
|                   | Share 2019 Central Group Monitoring Report   | FLNRORD, Joelle | Complete, Oct 29 |
|                   | Hard copy report available at Nov 6 Roundtable and by email upon request<br>Provide the link to SARA Section 80<br><a href="https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/FullText.html">https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/FullText.html</a> scroll down to Section 80, Emergency Orders | FLNRORD         | Complete, Oct 29 |



## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Northeast Roundtable Date:          | November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019  |
| Update Prepared By:                 | Genevieve Paterson, Land and Resource Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) |
| Updated Presented to Roundtable by: | Ian Curtis, Land and Resource Specialist, MFLNRORD   |

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
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| Ministry/Agency | B.C. Ministry of Forests, lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  |
| Description     | <p>British Columbia's Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is working with local First Nations and other interested parties to prepare for an update to the Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The LRMP, originally developed in 1997, is a set of strategic policies governing the management of Crown land and resources within the Peace Natural Resource District (which includes the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area). The LRMP identifies resource management zones and protected areas and sets out objectives and strategies that govern how land and resources are managed.</p> <p>The Fort St. John LRMP is a sub-regional plan covering approximately 4.6 million hectares that was approved by the B.C. government. The plan was produced through a four-year public process that involved a variety of interest groups. The resulting LRMP provided broad social choices through land use planning and provided objectives and strategies for managing Crown land and resources (both surface and sub-surface).</p> <p>The LRMP Update Project follows the B.C. government's commitment to a Modernized Land Use Planning Program. The LRMP update is a priority project under the umbrella of the provincial program. Growth and increasing demand in the natural resource sectors, increasing management complexity, and relations between the Province and First Nations have led to this Project. A number of independent regional initiatives have been undertaken to address priority issues, and an update to the LRMP will provide the platform for integration and implementation of results from these initiatives.</p> <p>The timing of the LRMP update has also been influenced by Treaty right litigation between Blueberry River First Nation and the Province of B.C. This update is also intended to provide the opportunity for other interested Treaty 8 First Nations to work in partnership with the MFLNRORD in the design and delivery of an updated plan.</p> <p>Updating the LRMP will require contributions from local communities, government, industry, stakeholders and the general public to inform the development of future management directions. A key feature will be enhanced government-to-government collaboration with First Nations including incorporating new land-related management approaches that reflect traditional ecological and cultural information.</p> |



## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

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| Project Phases and Schedule | <p><b>Phase 1 – Scoping: January - December 2019</b></p> <p>During this phase, First Nations and interested parties from local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public were invited to share their interests and concerns related to land use in the Fort St. John LRMP area, as well as their views about the topics and opportunities that an updated LRMP might address.</p> <p>This information will be used to inform the scope of the update project, the form that public involvement might take, and the technical components needed for planning.</p> <p>Comments received from the public during initial engagement activities has been compiled by Urban Systems Ltd. into a “What We Heard” report that was made publicly available in April 2019. The What We Heard report is a thematic summary of input from participating parties including local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public related to the LRMP Update Project. During Phase 1 the Province worked with Treaty 8 First Nations in BC to introduce the LRMP update and identify opportunities for collaboration in the planning process.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Technical Planning: May 2019-May 2021</b></p> <p>In spring 2019, the technical planning work to update the LRMP began. This work will integrate the advice received in the scoping phase with information from First Nations, technical experts and other sources. Involvement of interested parties from local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public will be key components. It is anticipated that producing an updated land use plan will take up two years, into spring 2021.</p> |
| Project Information Links   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial LRMP website: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/</a></li> <li>PDF LRMP Project Overview: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/project-information-sheet/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/project-information-sheet/</a></li> <li>LRMP Phase 1 Stakeholder Engagement What We Heard Report <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf</a></li> <li>1997 Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf</a></li> </ul>   |

## PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

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| Update Highlights           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lions Gate Consulting retained to conduct socio-economic and environmental assessment.</li> </ul> |
| Key Dates                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Be Determined</li> </ul>   |
| Meeting Reference Materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PowerPoint</li> </ul>   |

## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

## STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

| Date Assigned     | Item for Follow Up / Action  | Assigned To  | Status Update                            |
|-------------------|--|--------------|--|
| September 4, 2019 | Finalize draft website for review at October Roundtable – include Q&A tab  | MFLNRORD     | Open                                     |
| September 4, 2019 | Revise Northeast Roundtable TOR to include objective of promoting inclusive socio-economic consideration for all land and resource initiatives | MFLNRORD     | Draft provided with Sept 4, 2019 minutes |
|                   | Look into an information session on Water Sustainability Act   | MFLNRORD     | Open                                     |
|                   | Present LRMP engagement plan at Oct Roundtable   | MFLNRORD/USL | Open                                     |
|                   | LRMP presentation provided to participants   | MFLNRORD     | Closed                                   |
|                   | LRMP engagement, update on regional consultation and website   | MFLNRORD     | Open                                     |
|                   | Determine remaining number of Roundtable sessions  | MFLNRORD     | Closed                                   |





## REGIONAL STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (RSEA)

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| Northeast Roundtable Date:          | November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019  |
| Update Prepared By:                 | Oliver Dann, Project Coordinator, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (EMPR) |
| Updated Presented to Roundtable by: | Mark Graham, Executive Director – ESI, EMPR  |

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| Ministry/Agency             | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (EMPR)   |
| Description                 | <p>Initiated in 2014, the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) is a \$30 million collaborative partnership between the Province, First Nations and industry to produce high quality, accessible and trusted environmental information to ensure a positive environmental legacy. ESI is currently composed of 4 Northern regional forums; the Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment Project (RSEA) is the northeast forum. RSEA was collaboratively developed by FLNRORD, EMPR, MIRR and seven Treaty 8 Nations whose traditional territory intersects with the RSEA study area. Petroleum and Natural Gas industries and associations sit as observers, supporting the RSEA forum through technical assistance and advice.</p> <p>RSEA was developed to credibly assess the effects of natural resource development on the rights of Participating First Nations and to use the results of the assessment to inform and recommend management responses that avoid, minimize, mitigate, offset or otherwise respond appropriately to the effects identified on the exercise of Treaty 8 rights. It is also an avenue to support the implementation of the Provincial Cumulative Effects Framework in the Northeast Region.</p> <p>The scope of work for this regional forum includes the assessment of value components including: Old Forest, Moose, Water, Peaceful Enjoyment, and Environmental Livelihoods. Ultimately, the findings from these assessments are packaged and integrated into a landscape model pilot (Methods Pilot) for assessing the RSEA values against resource development scenarios in the Fort St. John TSA.</p> <p>Management recommendations are set to be finalized in 2020/21 and will range in scale and scope. Major recommendations will be reviewed through existing public/stakeholder consultation processes where appropriate (e.g. the FSJ LRMP) and assessments and analysis from RSEA will be incorporated.</p> |
| Project Phases and Schedule | <p><b>Phase 1 – Preparation: Fall 2015-Spring 2018</b><br/>Involves developing a more detailed and shared understanding of the methods for implementing the RSEA with advice from respected external and independent advisors.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Data Gathering: Spring 2017- Winter 2018</b><br/>Involves engaging the communities and expert data collectors in the identification, collection and validation of relevant data.</p>  |



## REGIONAL STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (RSEA)

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|                           | <p><b>Phase 3 – Analytical: Summer 2018 - Fall 2019</b><br/>Involves the RSEA team and respected external and independent experts in the assessment of current conditions of VCs and the application of implementation methodologies developed in the preparation phase.</p> <p><b>Phase 4 – Recommendations: Fall 2019 - Summer 2020</b><br/>Involves the RSEA team exploring and working towards consensus on recommended management responses to issues and opportunities revealed by the analysis completed in the Analytical Phase.</p> <p><b>Phase 5 – Evaluation: Spring 2020 - Fall 2021</b><br/>Involves evaluating how the RSEA was implemented and recommending improvements should the RSEA continue.</p>  |
| Project Information Links | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESI Website: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/environmental-stewardship-initiative">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/environmental-stewardship-initiative</a></li> <li>• ESI Newsletter: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations/esi_newsletter_-_sept_2019_final.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations/esi_newsletter_-_sept_2019_final.pdf</a></li> <li>• RSEA renewal agreement: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/esi_consolidated_signed_enabling_agreements_final_rsea.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/esi_consolidated_signed_enabling_agreements_final_rsea.pdf</a></li> </ul> |





# Appendix F:

## Summary of Group Exercise on Roundtable Format and Content

SUMMARY OF NOV 6<sup>TH</sup> FEEDBACK ON FORM AND CONTENT OF FUTURE ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

|         | <b>Question 1</b><br>Frequency and Duration<br>of Meetings   | <b>Question 2</b><br>Format / Content of<br>Meetings   | <b>Question 3</b><br>Topics of Interest  |
|---------|--|--|--|
| Group 1 | Full day every 8 weeks   | Hybrid from all 3  | Update from Site C Fish and Wildlife Compensation program<br><br>Follow up to TLE discussions in rural areas with community members  |
| Group 2 | Half day every 8 weeks, flexible to amount needed to be discussed                                    | Determined by our agenda   | Enabling legislation on UNDRIP (socio economic and environmental implications)<br><br>Local Gov clarification on regional land use planning – who is a stakeholder?<br><br>Original LRMP (What was effective? Room for improvement?) |
| Group 3 | 6-8 weeks so that nothing is crammed in  | Province updates, room for Q&A, link into what other opportunities each initiative has for all other engagements, and a better understand groups at the table  | Having group members explain why they are at the table<br><br>Update on engagement re Forest practices code pilot  |
| Group 4 | Don't want to meet if we don't need to, less around Christmas and Summer, length flexible to content | Approve of how questions are being recorded and info is being shared, request to refer to time in the day that their questions will be answered, ability to request agenda items in the calendar invitation and ability to bring experts to speak on topics would be appreciated | and Enabling legislation<br>Information session on where local governments sit<br><br>Clarification on their decision making, is the local government a stakeholder?<br><br>New rules affecting industry                             |

