



# Fisher Management and Recovery Planning

## Introduction

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# About Fisher

- Two genetically distinct populations: Boreal and Central Interior
- Wide-ranging species
- Use specific habitat features across a mosaic of landscapes, including late-successional forests for denning and resting
- Sensitive to landscape modifications
- Been studied for 30+ years



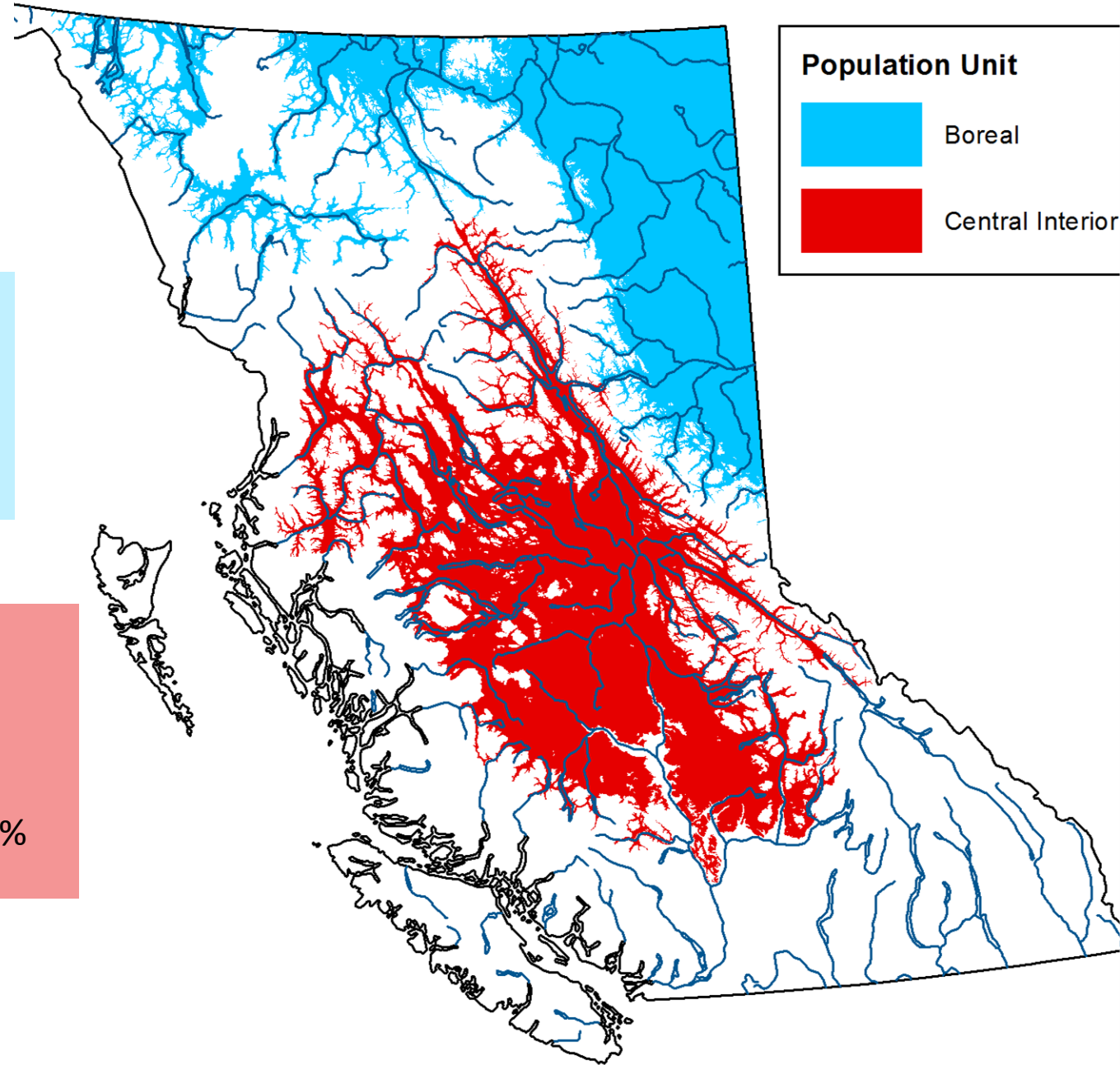
# Fisher Status

## Boreal Population

- Blue-listed
- Future Trends – Anticipate decline by 10-30 %
- Management options remain – can be pro-active

## Central Interior Population

- February 2020 elevated to red-listed by BC CDC
- ~90% decline since pre-contact
- Future trends: - Anticipated further decline by 30-70%



# Province of BC Response

## Since 2009

- Fisher Habitat Extension Program ([www.BCFisherHabitat.ca](http://www.BCFisherHabitat.ca))
  - Information about fishers and tools to support industry and others to enhance fisher habitat
  - Encourages voluntary adoption of strategies to support fisher – been implemented with mixed results

## Under Development

- Proposed regulation change for the Central Interior fisher population
- Landscape Planning Tools: support for large-scale habitat management decisions

## New

- Fisher Management and Recovery Planning
- Provincial-Federal pilot project: use fisher to explore opportunities to improve species at risk management





# Fisher Management and Recovery Planning: Phased Approach for Engagement

1. Introduce the project
2. Exchange of information about fishers with those who have local knowledge
3. Collaborate with ongoing initiatives to:
  - Identify synergies and conflicts with other species and values
  - Explore how fisher management and recovery can help design solutions to broader challenges
4. Flexible engagement to:
  - Identify questions to be pursued through management and recovery planning
  - Develop strategic direction for management and recovery
5. Collaborate with relevant initiatives on implementation of the strategic direction to support coordinated, integrated responses across multiple values



# Initial Engagement in the Northeast

Exploring interest to introduce the project to:

- Kaska Natural Resources Committee
- Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)
- Individual First Nations who are not part of the above forums
- Ft St John Pilot Project Public Advisory Group
- Ft St John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)
- Representatives of Trappers Association, BC Wildlife Federation, Rod and Gun Clubs



# Today

- Are there other groups or forums in the Northeast that might be interested in learning about provincial fisher management and recovery planning?
- Is the Northeast Round Table interested in additional presentations?
  - What questions would you like future presentations to address?

Slides for the other topics you want to present ont





Thank you!