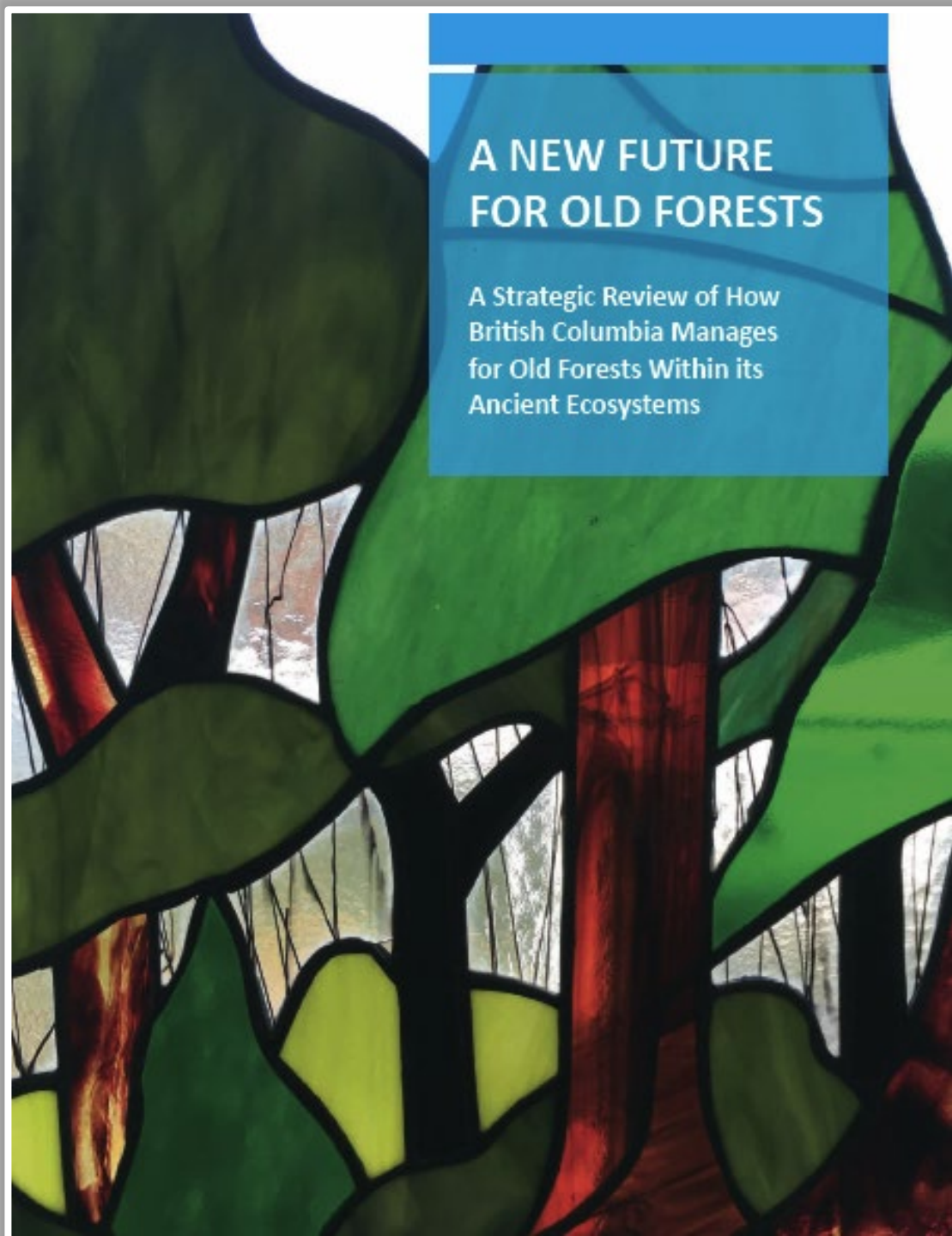


Old Growth Report Implementation Strategy

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Path to Implement Old Growth Recommendations

The recommendations from the Old Growth Strategic Review fall into three categories. Immediate measures that are needed now, elements that are needed to support the change and lastly the components that will make up a Modern Old Growth Strategy for BC. Government has committed to a timeline for starting the work for each of these three phases.

Old Growth Strategic Review – The Path Forward



Deferral Development

The intent of this process is to implement a series of deferral areas that are technically sound and aligned to the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review and have the support of Indigenous Nations. Through this process it will also be important to ensure industry, local government and workers are engaged to support the development of the final deferral package for cabinet decision including socio-economic impact analysis.

Priority Area Recommendation

- The Technical Advisory panel will provide recommendations to the Ministry (confidential)
- Ministry will use the recommendations to inform engagement with Indigenous Nations and licensees and development of deferral areas



Harvest Risk Analysis

- Recommended deferral areas will be reviewed with licensees with tenure in the identified areas to determine harvest plans in the area
- This will be an opportunity to review the analysis done by the Panel, adjust based on licensee data
- Part 13 deferrals will only be used where there is a risk of harvest and licensees are unable to adjust harvest plans



Indigenous Engagement

- Ministry will engage with Indigenous Nations to review the information from the Technical Advisory Panel, and industry plans within the identified areas



Socio-economic Analysis

- Ministry will engage with industry, local governments and workers to discuss the identified areas and determine magnitude of socio-economic impacts and mitigation strategies

Principles for Implementing Deferrals

Respect Indigenous Rights and Title holders

- Final decisions on deferrals will be based on discussion between provincial government and Indigenous governments.
- Deferrals reflect Rights and Title issues and therefore must be at the government-to-government level

Address Areas of High Risk

- As per the report advice, deferrals will be considered “where there is highest risk to permanent biodiversity loss” including assessing if harvesting is proposed within two years. The work of the Technical Advisory Panel will inform these discussions.
- Old growth objectives that don’t need immediate action will be discussed with Indigenous Nations as part of setting broader old growth objectives within traditional territory.

Steps to Develop New Old Growth Strategy

Each of the 14 recommendations will require a process of building a work plan, developing options, engagement and approval.



Critical internal step to ensure we develop options that are SMART

Concurrent Indigenous Engagement

Rights and Title Based Engagement

Engage G2G on recommendations that are primarily focused on improved management and stewardship on the ground.

Policy Shift Based Engagement

Facilitated engagement by Indigenous specialist in covid-appropriate manner.

Multi-Nation forum based engagement that provides Indigenous perspective on required paradigm and policy shifts

- Seek strategies that reflect Rights and Title holders
- Acknowledge engagement pressures from various initiatives
- Acknowledge some Nations have established protocols and processes with Province
- Find efficiencies that respect challenges such as COVID-19

THANK YOU

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