

# Land Use Planning Update

NE Roundtable  
September 27th, 2023



BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

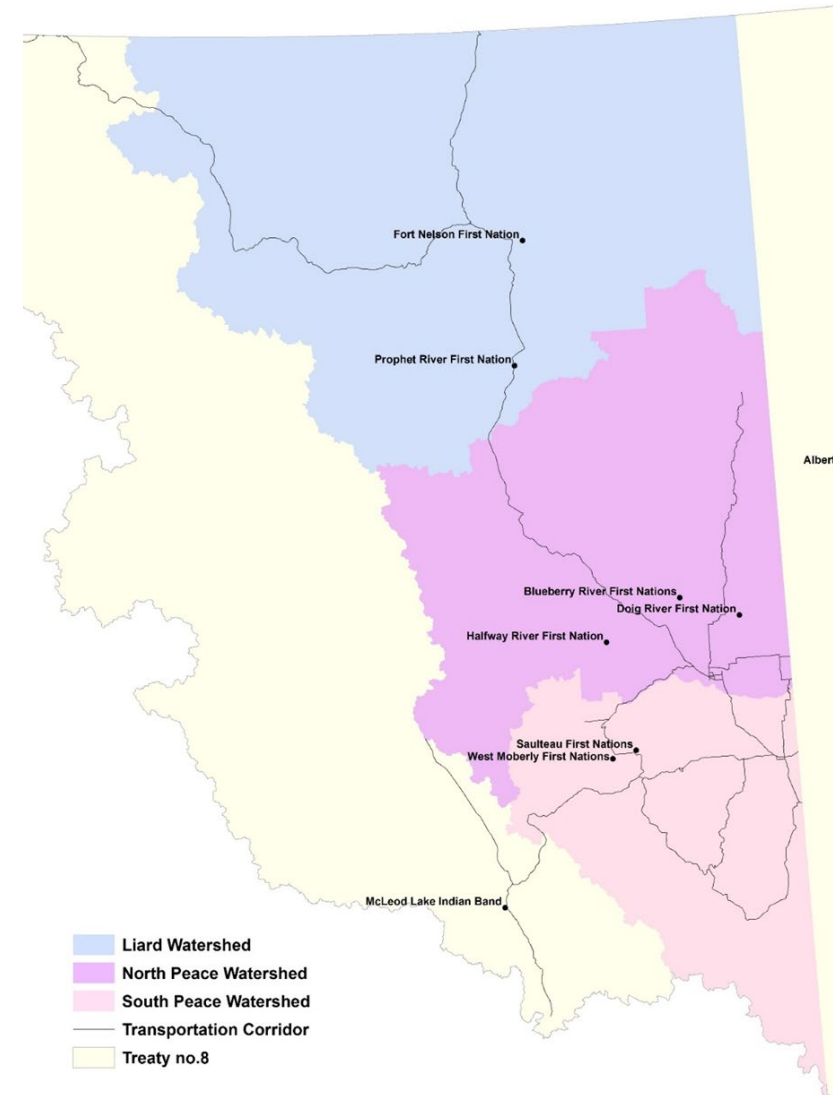
# Land use planning

Land use plans from the 1990s did not adequately recognize or protect Treaty 8 rights. Treaty 8 First Nations treated as a stakeholder at the table, not independent governments with constitutionally protected rights.

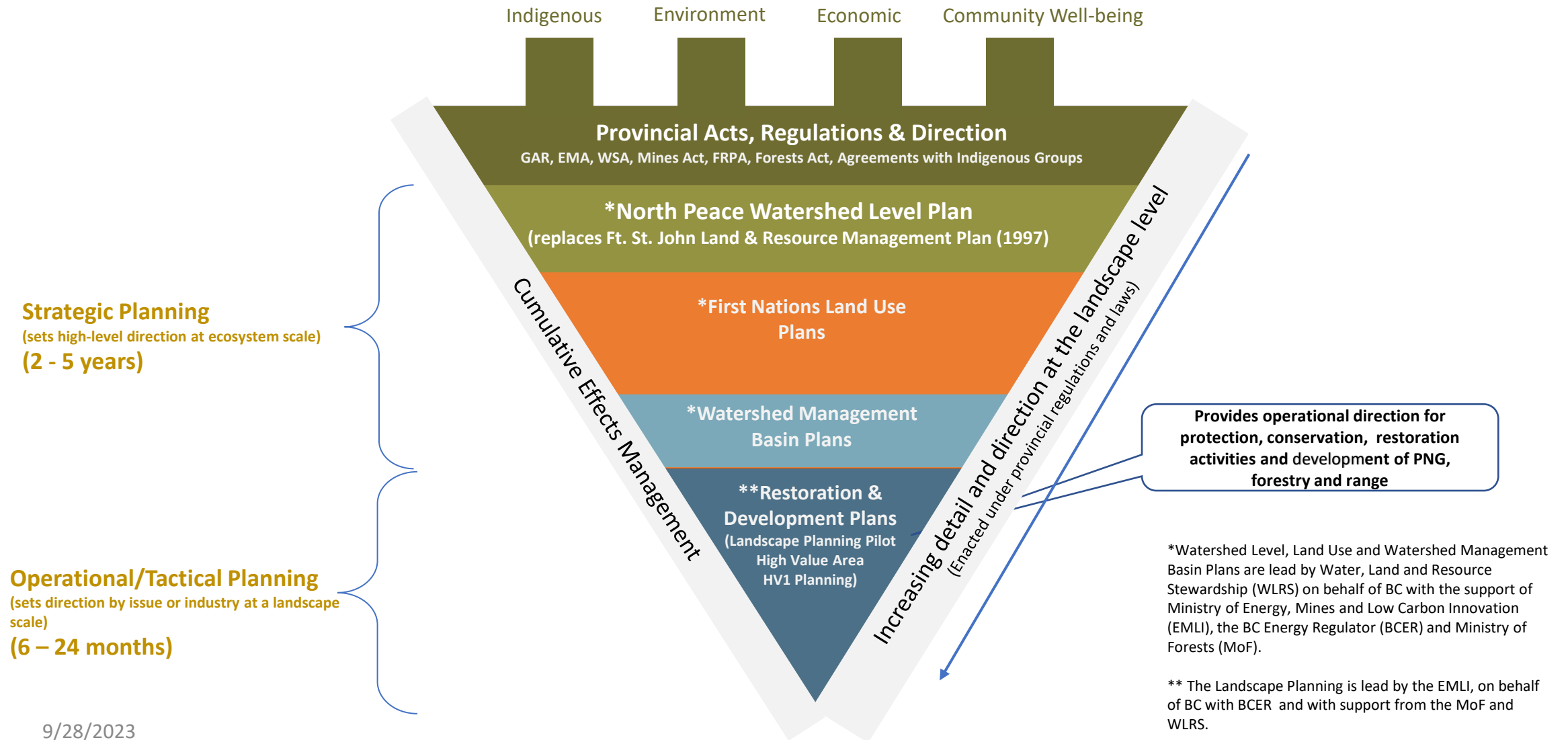
The Treaty 8 Consensus Document and the Blueberry Implementation Agreement identify new land measures and planning commitments to establish land use direction in a manner that protects Treaty Rights.

## Path Forward:

- Develop new land use plans in the Liard, North Peace and South Peace areas.
- Work with BRFN in watersheds of greatest interest = Watershed Management Basin plans or “WMB plans.”
- High Value Area planning and protections (HV1a, b, c)
- Areas for new protection proposals (Map 2 Consensus)
- Enhanced Management Zones (Consensus)
- First Nations Land Use Plans
- Landscape Planning Pilots



# NORTH PEACE - LANDSCAPE PLANNING ACTIVITIES



# Current Land Use Planning Activities

Land use plans and “WMB plans” are complex and will take years bringing multiple sectors, Nations and the public together, covering larger areas. To provide greater continuity for activities now, and a practical approach to shared decision making, a different approach is being advanced.

## PATH FORWARD:

- Interim Measures – areas for new protection proposals; enhanced management areas; HVI
- ‘Restoration and development plans’ with Nations and industry:
  - Landscape Planning pilots with one or more sectors
  - HVI Plans with BRFN, focused on PNG activities (new intensive, up front planning approach).
- Project scoping

Today

# Future State – better rights protection via management measures & conservation

