# **Operational Planning Update** HV1 Plans and Landscape Planning Pilots

NE Roundtable February 2024



### **Topics**

- Context
- High Value Plans (HV1)
- Landscape Planning Pilots



### Context

- The BRFN Implementation Agreement (BRFN IA) establishes several measures to address the cumulative effects of past & future resource disturbances in BRFN's exercise of Treaty Rights
- A series of hierarchical Plans (Land Use Plans, Watershed Management Basin (WMB) Plans, and High Value Plans (HV1) are being collaboratively developed by BRFN and the Province to:
  - manage the cumulative impact of industrial development on BRFN's Treaty Rights
  - ensure those impacts do not infringe Treaty Rights and that Treaty Rights are respected by decision makers
- The Consensus Document commits Government and Treaty 8 Nations to Land Use Planning and exploring shared decision making through Landscape Planning Pilots that focus primarily on Forestry and PNG development.



## High Value Plans (HV1)

- HV1 plans are operational plans being that will provide direction in provincial decision-making in the High Value areas.
  - PNG focus
  - No commercial forest harvesting allowed in HV1
- Plan Purposes (summarized from the IA)
  - Protect at least 60% of the Plan Area: target larger, contiguous, undeveloped areas for protection from New Disturbance
  - Identify up to 40% of the Plan Area where PNG development may occur, and the conditions under which development could occur in those areas
  - Determine the total amount of required restoration, and identify restoration priorities within the Plan Area





## High Value Plans (HV1)

- Required Plan Content (summarized from the IA)
  - Existing PNG footprint and anticipated new Oil and Gas Activity
  - Existing and planned protection and restoration areas
  - Key common infrastructure/utility corridors and any applicable restrictions for future development access
  - Development areas where future development may occur
  - Thresholds, criteria and rules that will apply to development in the development areas.
- BC and BRFN agreed to engage with industry to design and deliver the plan for coordinated restoration and development. Treaty 8 First Nations with overlapping consultation areas were also engaged.





#### **Current State**

- Initial draft plan circulated to impacted third parties in January
- Ongoing engagement with industry and First Nations
- Targeting shared decision in mid-March.
- Implementation and effective date anticipated for late June





### Landscape Planning Pilots

BC currently has agreements to advance operational plans with a PNG and/or Forestry focus with three Treaty 8 Nations

- SFN: target shared decision in June 2024; anticipate third party engagement to begin in May 2024.
- HRFN: anticipate resumed planning and updated timeline in spring 2024.
- PRFN: target shared decision in fall 2024.



#### **Questions???**

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