

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, straight trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow. The image is used as a background for the title and subtitle.

Modernizing **Forest Policy** in British Columbia

*Tackling today's challenges while
preparing for tomorrow's opportunities*



Why we need to modernize old policy



B.C.'s forestry policy framework, is now two decades old and inadequate to address today's challenges.

- Timber supply is decreasing because of wildfires, beetle salvage, and withdrawals from the timber-harvesting land base
- Sawmill overcapacity remains, while value-added and secondary manufacturing have not grown significantly
- Modernizing mills to stay competitive has led to a pattern of job losses in rural communities
- Concentrated forest tenure holdings limit the province's ability to achieve its objectives
- The value of tenure is very high (4-7x more expensive than 2003)
- The Declaration Act requires us to advance policy change with Indigenous peoples. This means *consultation* and *cooperation*

Goals of a modernized forest policy

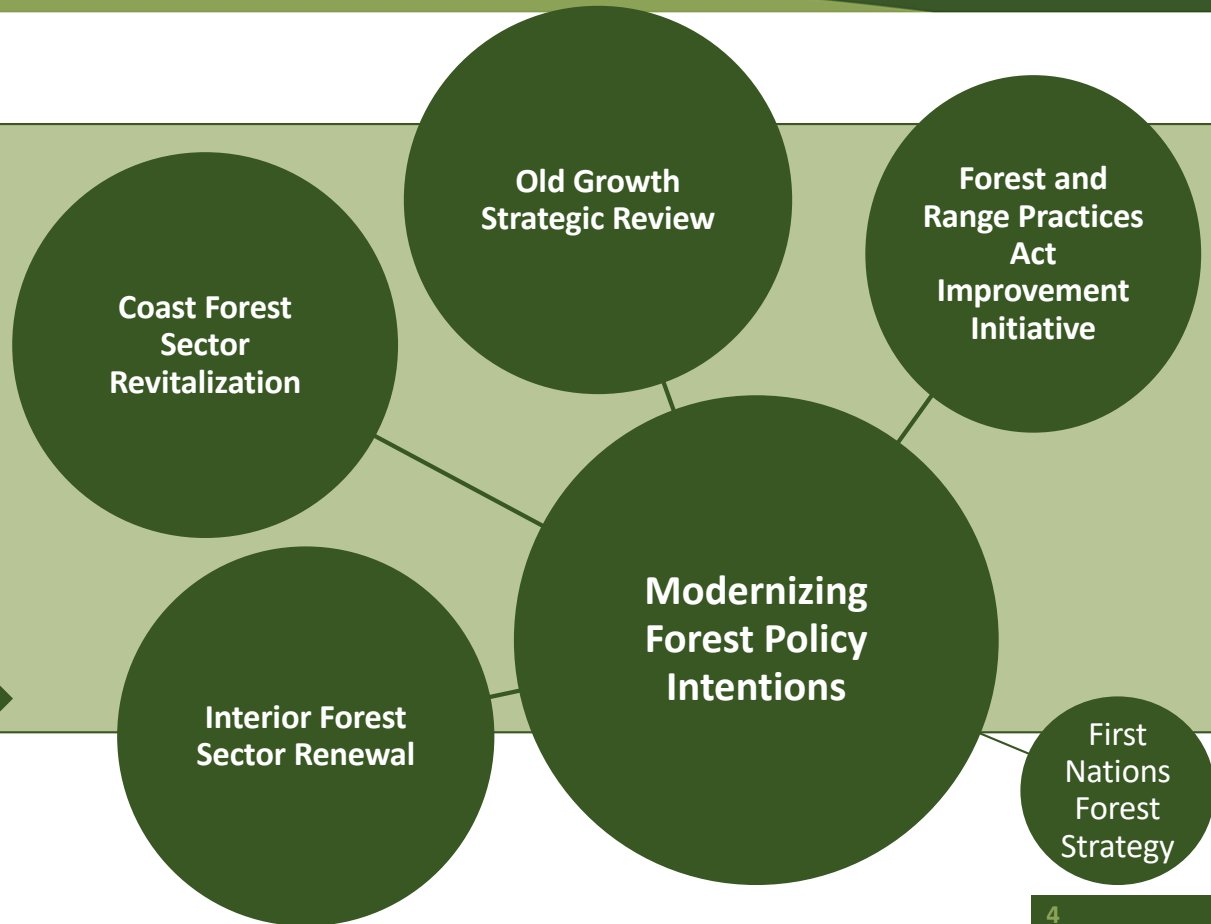


1. Increase our emphasis on **sustainability** and **stewardship** of our fibre supply
2. Take meaningful action on **reconciliation** with Indigenous peoples
3. Increase inclusivity for **communities** interested in the forest sector and forest management, from tenure to local manufacturing
4. Continue to be **competitive** on the global stage, keeping in mind those who invest in B.C. and provide good-paying jobs
5. Ensuring British Columbians receive **fair return** on their assets

Our plan is based on what we've heard

Modernizing Forest Policy intentions build on conversations with **Indigenous Nations, local government, industry, labour, interest groups, and the general public**

Across several forestry related initiatives



Laying the Foundation **for Change**



Our guiding principles



1. **Increasing**
participation
in the forest sector



2. **Enhancing**
stewardship
and sustainability



3. **Strengthening**
the social contract

Increase and diversify **participation**



Goals: Increasing Forest Sector Participation

- Creating future tenure opportunities
- Providing clarity on compensation
- Creating flexibility when forest licences need to be reduced
- Revising tenure disposition considerations
- Enhancing revenue oversight for log exports
- Evolving BCTS policy on maximum sales restrictions

Managing public land **together**



Goals: Enhancing stewardship and sustainability

- Old Growth and FRPA commitments.
- Re-integrating cultural fire
- Advancing apportionment
- Reviewing the cut control process
- Improving accountability in tenure management
- Increasing discretion in authorizing activities (harvest, roads)
- Silviculture management and innovation

Supporting our communities, **long term**



Goals: Strengthening the social contract

- Tenure replaceability conditions
- Increasing fibre access for value-added
- Promoting wood and mass timber
- Revising area-based tenure-specific pricing policy
- Strengthening compliance and enforcement
- Protecting good jobs

Supporting our communities, **long term**



Goals: Strengthening the social contract

- Modernizing tenure replaceability conditions
- Increasing fibre access for value-added domestic manufacturers
- Promoting the use of wood and mass timber
- Revising area-based tenure-specific pricing policy
- Strengthening compliance and enforcement
- Protecting good jobs

Modernizing Forest Policy: First year at a glance

*In consultation and cooperation
with Indigenous peoples and
governing bodies*

Engagement Timeline and Topics

Spring / Summer
June to August 2021

Fall
Sept to Dec 2021

Winter
Jan to March 2022

Policy Intentions*

- Create future tenure opportunities (IP1)
- Provide clarity on compensation (IP2)
- Create flexibility when forest licenses need to be reduced (IP3)
- Revise tenure disposition considerations (IP4)
- Enhance revenue oversight for log export (IP5)
- Continue to improve the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) (IP8)
- Advance apportionment (IP10)
- Improve accountability in tenure management (IP12)
- Increase discretion in authorizing activities (IP13)
- Support silviculture management and innovation investments (IP14)
- Modernize tenure replaceability conditions (IP15)
- Initiate a higher value product and innovation sector-ministry working group (IP16a)

- Evolve BC Timber Sales (BCTS) policy for max sales restrictions (IP6)
- Re-integrate prescribes and cultural fire into forest management (IP9)
- Initiate process to minimize slash burning (IP16b)
- Develop a timber sales program focused on value added manufacturers (IP16c)
- Revise area-based tenure-specific pricing policy (IP18)
- Strengthen compliance and enforcement (IP19)

- Review the cut control process (IP11)
- Improve accountability in tenure management (IP12)
- Promote the use of wood and mass timber (IP17)

*Numbering is as per the Modernizing Forest Policy Intentions Paper

Thank You - Questions

