

A VISION FOR CHANGE: GOVERNMENT POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE FOREST SECTOR



Transforming the Forest Sector & Modernizing Forest Policy



What's the vision?

A diverse, competitive and sustainable forest sector, grounded in reconciliation with First Nations

- Forest management is evolving – focus on stewardship & sustainability
- **The forest industry is also transitioning and restructuring, with a focus on value and diversity**



Future Forest Industry – A Vision

- Focus on **diversity** and **value**:
 - **More value** from trees we harvest (jobs, economic & other benefits)
 - More **diverse industry** – all sizes of businesses, in all communities
 - More fibre **manufactured** and **remanufactured** in BC
 - More **innovation** – new ‘higher-value’ products, bioproducts
 - Improved **utilization** of all fibre, and less ‘waste’
 - Increased **First Nations** participation and partnership in the industry
 - **Thriving communities**, supported by a transformed forest sector



Modernizing **Forest Policy** in British Columbia

*Setting The Intention and Leading
the Forest Sector Transition*

Modernizing Forest Policy – Goals



Guiding Principles



1. Increasing participation in the forest sector



2. Enhancing stewardship and sustainability



3. Strengthening the social contract



Key accomplishments

- Guiding Principle – **Improving Stewardship & Sustainability:**
 - Bill 21 & 23: Improving forest management through changes to the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, and the introduction of Forest Landscape Planning (IP8)
 - Launching a new Cultural and Prescribed Fire program (IP9)
 - Implementing the Old Growth Strategic Review (IP7)



Key accomplishments

Guiding Principle – **Increasing forest sector participation**

- Bill 28: Changing the *Forest Act* to enable a redistribution tool with a fair compensation framework (IP1 & 2)



Key accomplishments

Guiding Principle – **Strengthening the social contract**

- New BC Timber Sales Value-Added Manufacturing Program (IP16)
- New auditing system for log exporters to ensure they pay their full fee-in-lieu of domestic manufacturing (IP5)
- Launch of BC's Mass Timber Action Plan (IP17)



Other accomplishments

- Increasing First Nations Participation and Partnership
- Investing in FESBC and the new Wildfire Salvage Opportunities Agreement (WSOA)
- Strengthening log and lumber export regulations (MFPR)
- Supporting investment through Manufacturing Jobs Fund



What's ahead?

- Continuing to implement the 20 Intentions
- Continuing to enhance BC Timber Sales & CatVA
- Value-Added Accelerators
- Working with the Value-Added Wood Coalition and other industry associations (BCCFA!) on solutions & strategies

**THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?**



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What else (can we do)?

- New silviculture and forestry practices can:
 - Provide access to previously unavailable fibre
 - Increase timber supply over time.
 - Improve utilization (i.e. less 'waste')
- Enhancing BC Timber Sales will improve access to fibre
- Expanding what is economic to access and harvest
- Supporting innovation through continued investment
 - New products, bioproducts, higher value products
 - Finding ways to use under-utilized fibre sources
 - Continued work with Value-Added manufacturers
- Other policy and programs to increase supply of and access to fibre