



Integrated Land Management Bureau

Service Plan Summary
2008/09-2010/11



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Message

from the Minister

It is my pleasure to present the Integrated Land Management Bureau's 2008/09-2010/11 Service Plan summary brochure. This plan outlines the strategic priorities and key initiatives for the Bureau over the next three years.

Over the last five years British Columbians have marshalled their efforts and energy to turn the province into an economic powerhouse and a centre for social innovation and improvement. Today we live in a world redefined by enormous shifts in our demographic, economic and environmental makeup.

At the heart of the government's agenda lies this simple question: what can we do to secure the future for our children and our grandchildren?

This is a time for partnership; for action.

For example, through a unique partnership approach with First Nations, local governments and key stakeholders, we have completed several land-use plans and agreements, and established an implementation plan for the successful recovery of mountain caribou.

We have worked together to preserve vast areas of wilderness, to create the KITASOO spirit bear conservancy and to pioneer ecosystem-based management. Together with the federal government and private non-profit organizations we have established the \$120 million Conservation Investment and Incentives Initiative Fund which is aimed at preserving the integrity of the Great Bear Rainforest. The province's \$30 million contribution to the fund is being directed toward economic development opportunities for First Nations' businesses involved in activities such as sustainable fisheries, forestry and tourism.

Government actions call for long-term vision, not short-term experience. Today's youth are wondering what the future holds for them. A critical problem facing us today is the issue of global warming and climate change.

Since 1997 greenhouse gas emissions have continued to grow here in British Columbia and across Canada. Voluntary regimes have not worked. Our government, led by Premier Gordon Campbell, has a bold and unprecedented plan to achieve a 33 percent reduction target of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

The Province has set aggressive targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy conservation that require changes in our thinking and approach. Our ministry will support the achievement of these targets in part by developing a carbon inventory and reporting system for other ministries to record their progress in reducing gas emissions and by supporting the use of Crown land for the development of alternative energy projects.

Over the coming years, government will work closely with you as we explore ways to provide British Columbians with a range of options aimed at encouraging environmentally responsible choices. Our actions will mean more jobs, new investments and, ultimately, greater prosperity for British Columbians.



Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Agriculture and Lands
February 15, 2008

Purpose of the Bureau

Crown land in British Columbia covers 94 per cent of the province. This publicly owned land and its natural resources are major contributors to the economic, social and environmental health of the province. The Integrated Land Management Bureau plays a key role in facilitating coordinated access to both Crown land and its resources, furthering government's commitment to a strong economy, vibrant communities, environmental stewardship and the development of a strong, mutually supportive relationship with First Nations.

The Integrated Land Management Bureau provides an array of services to the public and to other government agencies involved in using and managing Crown land and natural resources. The Bureau's clients range from those seeking access for business, community, recreational or other purposes to those interested in the effective environmental stewardship of land and resources. The Bureau assists clients in many ways, including: coordinating access to tenures, permits, licences, Crown land sales and grants; coordinating multi agency consultation engagement agreements with First Nations on land and resource issues including implementation of land use planning agreements; managing and providing land and resource information; and coordinating recovery planning for broad-ranging species-at-risk.

Established in 2005, the Bureau is hosted by and accountable to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands. Enjoying relative independence, the Bureau's services to the public are provided on behalf of numerous provincial ministries. Five ministries generally oversee the work of the Bureau as an advisory board: Agriculture and Lands; Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Environment; Forests and Range; Tourism, Sport and the Arts. The Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation contribute occasional oversight. The Bureau also provides corporate leadership on behalf of government towards the sustainable management of natural resources and co-ordination of related information.

In addition, the Bureau has nine regional FrontCounter BC offices, providing a single-window access point for over 100 different types of authorization applications related to natural resources on behalf of the ministries and other agencies it serves¹. FrontCounter BC services cover this wide range of natural resource authorizations while integrating Crown land use, land-use planning, provision and analysis of related information. In a similar capacity, the

Bureau's web-based Natural Resource Information Centre provides a single window to the province's common land and resource information products and services.

In effect, the Bureau is the primary provincial source for authoritative land, resource and geographic data and application services.

ILMB Vision

World-leading, natural resource service delivery that exceeds expectations and provides business certainty for our clients.

Bureau Mission

Deliver leading edge, timely, client-friendly and responsive integrated natural resource information and services that support a vibrant B.C. economy, healthy communities and a sustainable environment

¹The ministries have a mandate to adjudicate non-*Land Act* natural resource authorizations. They review and make decisions on the applications. The Bureau tracks the progress of applications and communicates the results to the client. In the case of applications for new and replacement land tenures under the *Land Act* or Crown land sales, the Bureau also adjudicates these applications on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Strategic Context

Several key issues and market trends will impact the Bureau's planning and delivery of services over the coming years:

Balancing the Competing Demands for Land Use: The Bureau is tasked with finding a balance in managing the economic, social and environmental activities undertaken on Crown land in a way that is beneficial to the province.

Continued Market Demand for Natural Resources: High North American and international market demand for natural resources continues to result in ongoing requests for the Bureau to facilitate access, planning and allocation of Crown land to meet the needs of communities, First Nations and economic development.

Economic Development Opportunities on Crown Land: Despite the current uncertainty of the U.S. housing market, demand for housing in B.C. remains strong. This demand, plus low interest rates, low vacancy rates and a growing population, has placed further pressure on making Crown land available.

Engagement of First Nations: The Province continues to engage, consult and accommodate First Nations interests and values while providing responsible access to land and resources. Advancing First Nations interests and values is part of the province's commitment to the New Relationship with Aboriginal people.

Climate Change: The challenge of climate change has led to significant growth in the interest and business of alternative forms of energy. The Province is currently managing an increased number of independent power project applications on Crown land. This demand is expected to continue for the next 10 to 15 years.

Meeting Demands for Ongoing Technological Changes and the Increasingly Sophisticated Needs of Clients: The Bureau maintains a wealth of resource information through a number of systems and services available to industry, businesses, individuals and various levels of government. Access to this information and services needs to be seamless, easy to understand and timely. Managing client expectations, setting priorities and co-ordinating information sources across government is an ongoing Bureau priority.

Species-at-Risk Coordination: British Columbia is Canada's most biologically diverse province and is home to a number of broad-ranging species-at-risk such as the northern spotted owl, mountain caribou and marbled murrelet. These species are at risk due to a variety of factors including the increase in the province's population and its inherent encroachment on wildlife habitat, increased resource activity in rural areas, and the environmental impacts of the mountain pine beetle epidemic and climate change. The Province has taken significant steps to implement sustainable species-at-risk recovery plans with effective cross government co-ordination. Clear, practical decisions need to be made to address population declines of these species, incorporate First Nations interests, accommodate federal species-at-risk legislation and bring land and resource-use certainty to resource-based activities.



Mountain Caribou

Goals

Objectives & Strategies

GOAL ONE: Citizen-centred delivery of natural resource applications, Crown land availability and information services

Objective 1.1

Service excellence for clients seeking natural resource information and authorizations

Strategies

- Provide effective pre-application and application completion services to customers and Ministry clients.
- Support small businesses which rely on Crown land and resources.
- Advance First Nations' values in the administration of Crown land tenures.
- Co-ordinate the development of independent power projects to support BC Energy Plan and Climate Change initiatives

Performance Measure # 1	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Client satisfaction rating as determined by client survey	71%	75%	80%	83%	86%

Data Source: FrontCounter BC Client Satisfaction Survey

Objective 1.2

Excellence in building partnerships with local governments and First Nations

Strategies

- Build efficient and timely land and resource development consultation and accommodation mechanisms with First Nations.
- Provide effective and efficient administration of Crown land sale partnerships with First Nations and communities

Performance Measure # 2	2007/08 Forecast	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target
Number of partnerships and/or agreements with First Nations and local governments undertaken to make Crown land available for community development and/or facilitate greater involvement of First Nations in land and resource development.	25 (under review)	30 (under review)	35 (under review)	40 (under review)

Data Source: Free Crown Grants and First Nation partnerships

Objective 1.3

Provision of FrontCounter BC services in accordance with service agreements with partner agencies

Strategies

- Improve service to client agencies by meeting or exceeding performance targets.
- Expand FrontCounter BC services to customers and client agencies by facilitating improved business processes, developing a "Virtual FrontCounter" and encouraging client agencies to adopt higher tier services.

Performance Measure # 3	2007/08 Forecast	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target
Percentage of natural resource applications prepared for adjudication that are processed under agreed turn-around times with other agencies.	85%	90%	90%	90%

Data Source: FrontCounter BC Authorization Tracking System



FrontCounter BC Office



Docks at Abousat

GOAL TWO: Sustainable natural resource management through streamlined inter-agency First Nation coordination, planning, and decision-making

Objective 2.1

Government's commitments to finalize strategic land-use decisions fulfilled

Strategies

- Facilitate effective implementation and revision of approved strategic land-use plans with First Nations.
- Lead regionally based Inter-Agency Management Committees and First Nation Consultation Teams to optimally co-ordinate First Nation involvement and government interests in the management of provincial natural resources.
- Improve corporate business relationships by supporting cross-agency collaboration, corporate referral approaches and improved government engagements with First Nations.
- Meet corporate legal obligations through the implementation of treaty and legal agreements.

Objective 2.2

Excellence in co-ordinating multi-agency engagement with First Nations on land and resource management

Strategies

- Co-ordinate engagement with First Nations in government-to-government negotiations when developing strategic engagement and consultation agreements.
- Co-ordinate provincial First Nations consultation and accommodation on land and resource management.

Performance Measure # 4	2007/08 Forecast	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target
Number of strategic engagement agreements reached with First Nations.	Haida Gwaii, Morice and Sea-to-Sky Phase II	6 ²	Under Review	Under Review

Data Source: ILMB

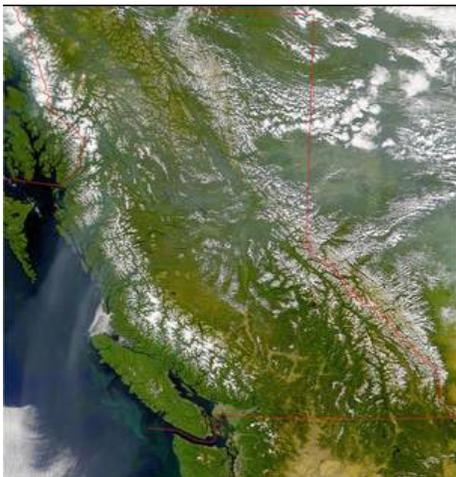
²The names of the agreements haven't been finalized yet

Objective 2.3

Approved species recovery plans implemented

Strategies

- Co-ordinate and facilitate corporate implementation of government decisions on northern spotted owl and mountain caribou.
- Continue co-ordination of provincial government involvement in federally led marbled murrelet recovery plan development.



Satellite Photo of B.C.



Map showing Urban-Agriculture Interface

GOAL THREE: Integrated land and resource information

Objective 3.1

Excellence in the provision of provincial land and resource information services to (i) clients external to government and (ii) internal clients

Strategies

- Expand government clients to include all ministries using geographic information by providing infrastructure, expertise and corporate leadership in the provision of spatial information services.
- Develop corporate information and data management tools for government.
- Add value to Bureau clients through facilitating and delivering effective products and services across the province.

Performance Measure # 5	2007/08 Estimated Baseline	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target
Percentage growth in government and citizen access to corporate land and resource geographic information	17,300 sessions and two million hits per month ³	20 percent average increase over 2007/08 base	20 percent average increase over 2008/09	20 percent average increase over 2009/10

Data Source: GeoBC and Web Map Services

³The baseline consists of an average taken from the number of sessions that users have accessed the GeoBC main page and key corporate tools, plus the number of hits recorded through accessing the Web Map Service. A session is defined as when a user has accessed the following corporate tools providing cross ministry information contained within GeoBC: iMapBC, Integrated Land and Resource Registry, Distribution Service and Base Map Online Store.



Contact Information

For more information on the Service Plan and on other ministry Service Plans please visit:

<http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2008/serviceplans.htm>

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