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on OLD GROWTH

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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9:00 – 9:15	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
9:15 – 9:45	OVERVIEW
9:45 – 10:15	BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH FRAMEWORK (RECOMMENDATION 2)
10:15 – 10:45	OPEN SESSION: GENERAL DISCUSSION
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:15	OVERVIEW: WHAT'S UNDERWAY (RECOMMENDATION 13 AND 14)
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AGENDA

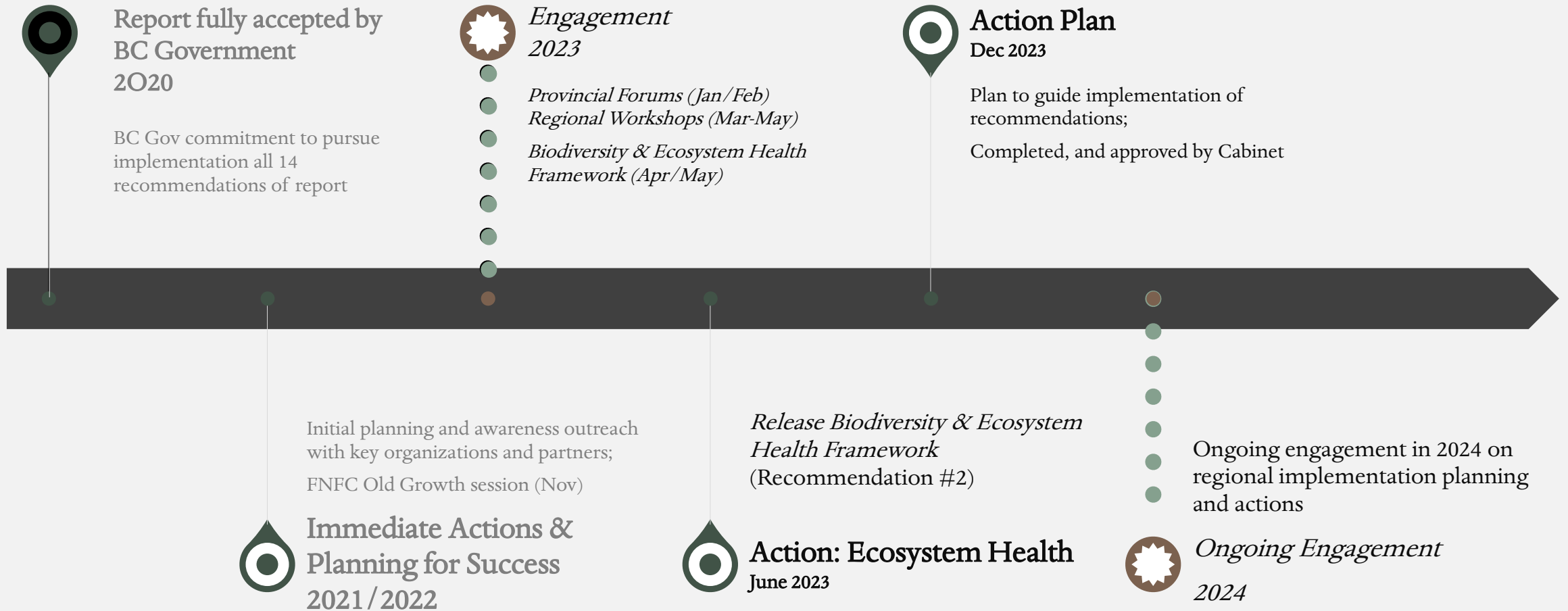
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GENERAL OVERVIEW



Roadmap 2020 - 2024



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BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM
FRAMEWORK
(RECOMMENDATION 2)



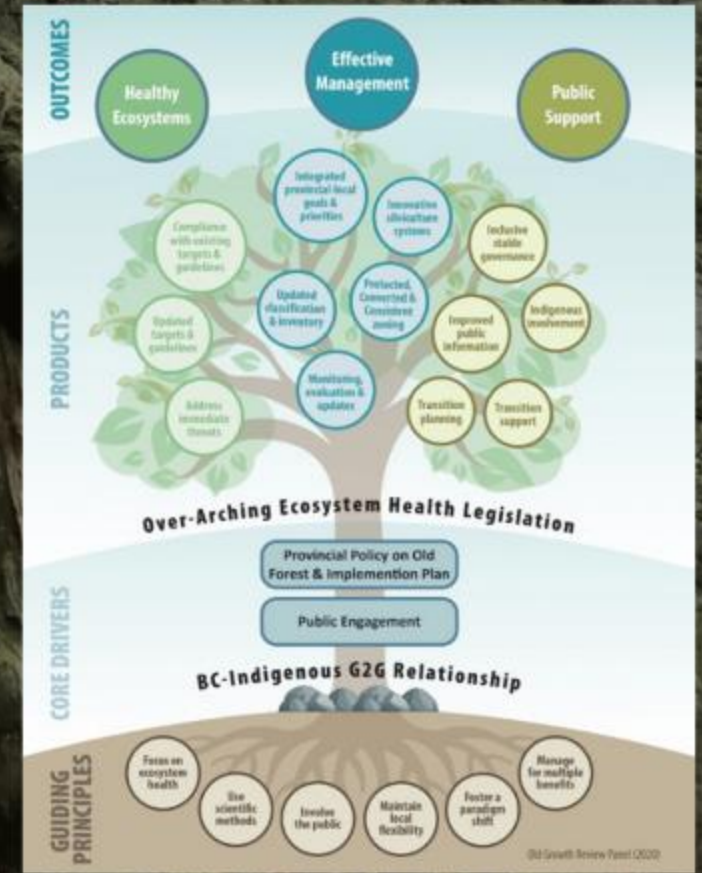
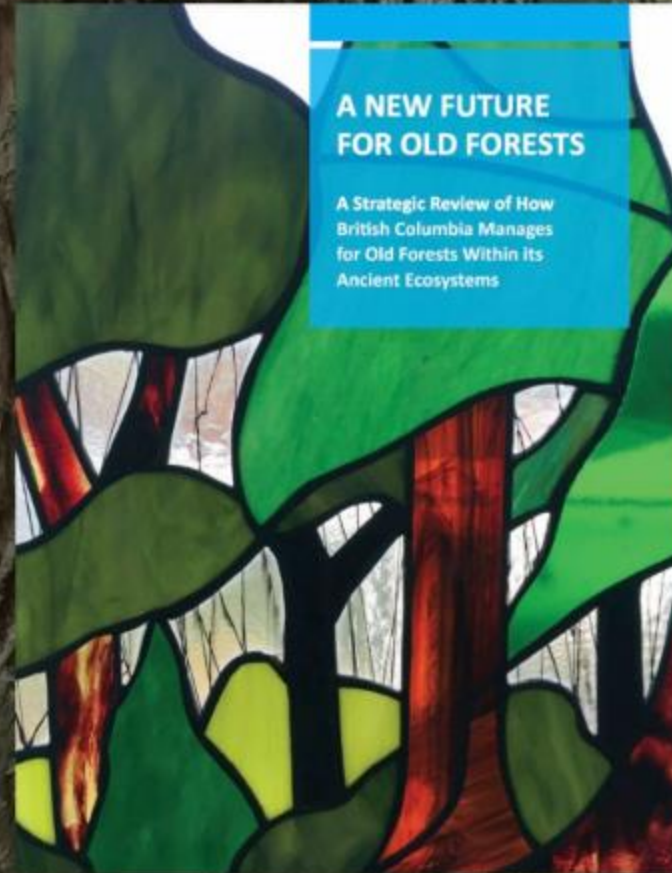
Overview

- Background
- Approach
- Overview of ideas around a Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework
- Related Initiatives and relationship to Framework
- Next Steps



A NEW FUTURE FOR OLD FORESTS

A strategic review of British Columbia's management of Old Forests.



Recommendation #2

- Recommendation #2 to *“declare the conservation and management of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia ... as an overarching priority and enact legislation that legally establishes this priority for all sectors”*.
- Applies to all sectors and ecosystem types



B.C. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework

Recommendation #2 involves transformative change across all sectors and ecosystem types.

Approach:

- Province to develop a BC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework to manage for ecosystem health and minimize biodiversity risks (Phase 1)
- Develop/update legislation and other enabling tools to implement the Framework (Phase 2).



Supporting broader goals and values



Reconciliation and Building Relationships

- Advance Indigenous perspectives and values
- Traditional knowledge, collaborative partnerships



Socio-economic resilience

- Acknowledgment of ecosystem services and value
- New businesses
- Transformative industry and sector improvements
- "Indigenomics"
- Bioeconomy



Climate Change

- Soil and biodiversity regeneration helps carbon management



Individual, community, and societal health

- Physical health
- Mental health (including Environmental action)



Broader integration of values

- Biodiversity values, but also cultural, spiritual and aesthetic and others.

Co-ordinating and building with other initiatives

A New Direction for Wildlife and Habitat Stewardship in BC

British Columbia has the greatest diversity of species, ecosystems and habitats of any province in Canada.

The Province's biodiversity is globally significant and includes species not found anywhere else on earth.

It is special – it is important.

Our rich natural diversity is inextricably linked to our history, our way of life, and our prosperity.

Wildlife provides us with social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits.

But it is more than that.

For many of us, wildlife and habitat are intrinsic to our identity and our way of being.

Our province's rich natural abundance is a gift and a responsibility.



A Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia



Policy Intentions Paper
December 2022



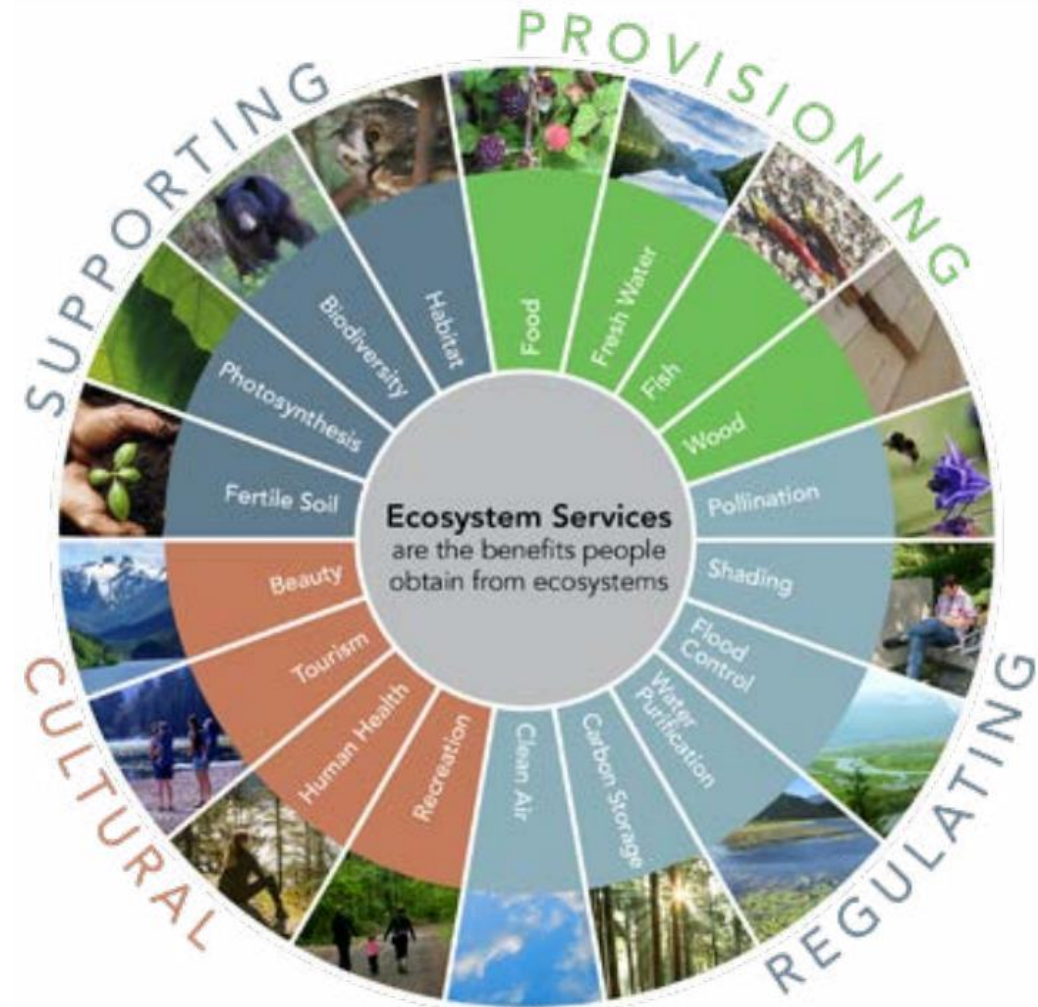
Watershed Security Strategy
and Fund Discussion Paper:

What We Heard

STRATEGY	ECOSYSTEM HEALTH VISION
Together for Wildlife	<i>Thriving wildlife</i> in their habitats, <i>resilience</i> to change, reduced threats to native species
Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast	Ecosystem-based management, <i>ecological integrity</i> , human well-being
Watershed Security Strategy and Fund	<i>Healthy watersheds, biophysical</i> indicators together with human <i>social, environmental,</i> and <i>economic</i> systems
Coastal Marine Strategy	<i>Healthy</i> and <i>productive</i> coast, biodiversity, stability, ecosystem function that delivers a range of <i>benefits for people</i>
Flood Strategy	<i>Ecosystem services</i> and environmental <i>sustainability</i> linked to <i>public health</i> and safety
Modernized Land Use Planning	Connection between healthy ecosystems and <i>well-being of communities, Reconciliation</i>
Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy	<i>Species</i> and <i>ecosystem resilience</i> , core principles laid out through <i>human values</i> and needs

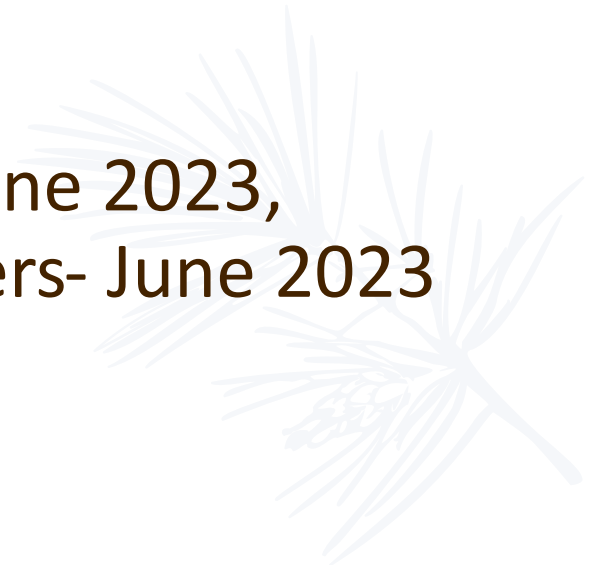
Metro Vancouver's Ecological Health Framework

- This Framework provides guiding principles, goals, and strategies to help achieve the vision of *“a beautiful, healthy, and resilient environment for current and future generations in Metro Vancouver.”*
- It identifies ways the region can sustain local ecosystem services through the management of parks, watersheds, water resources, waste, air quality, and more.
- The Framework creates a foundation for integrating ecological health into Metro Vancouver's corporate decision making, and sets requirements for monitoring, reporting and review.



Next Steps

- Regional engagement and collaboration sessions with First Nations and multi-sectors (including ENGOs, UBCM, industry sectors and organizations)- Late March-May 2023
- Framework focused webinars with First Nations and multi-sectors – April to early May
- Draft co-developed Framework expected by early June 2023, followed by consultation with Rights and Title Holders- June 2023





OPEN SESSION: GENERAL DISCUSSION

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WHAT'S UNDERWAY
SEE ATTACHMENT





OPEN SESSION: GENERAL DISCUSSION



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Upcoming Multisectoral Workshops

Date	Location
April 25	Prince George
May 2	Virtual via Zoom
May 4	Fort St. John
May 10	Terrace
May 25	Burns Lake

Workshops for Biodiversity Framework (Virtual)

April 18; April 28; May 4

Input on Old Growth Strategic Review Recommendations

We look forward to receiving your input.



Thank
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