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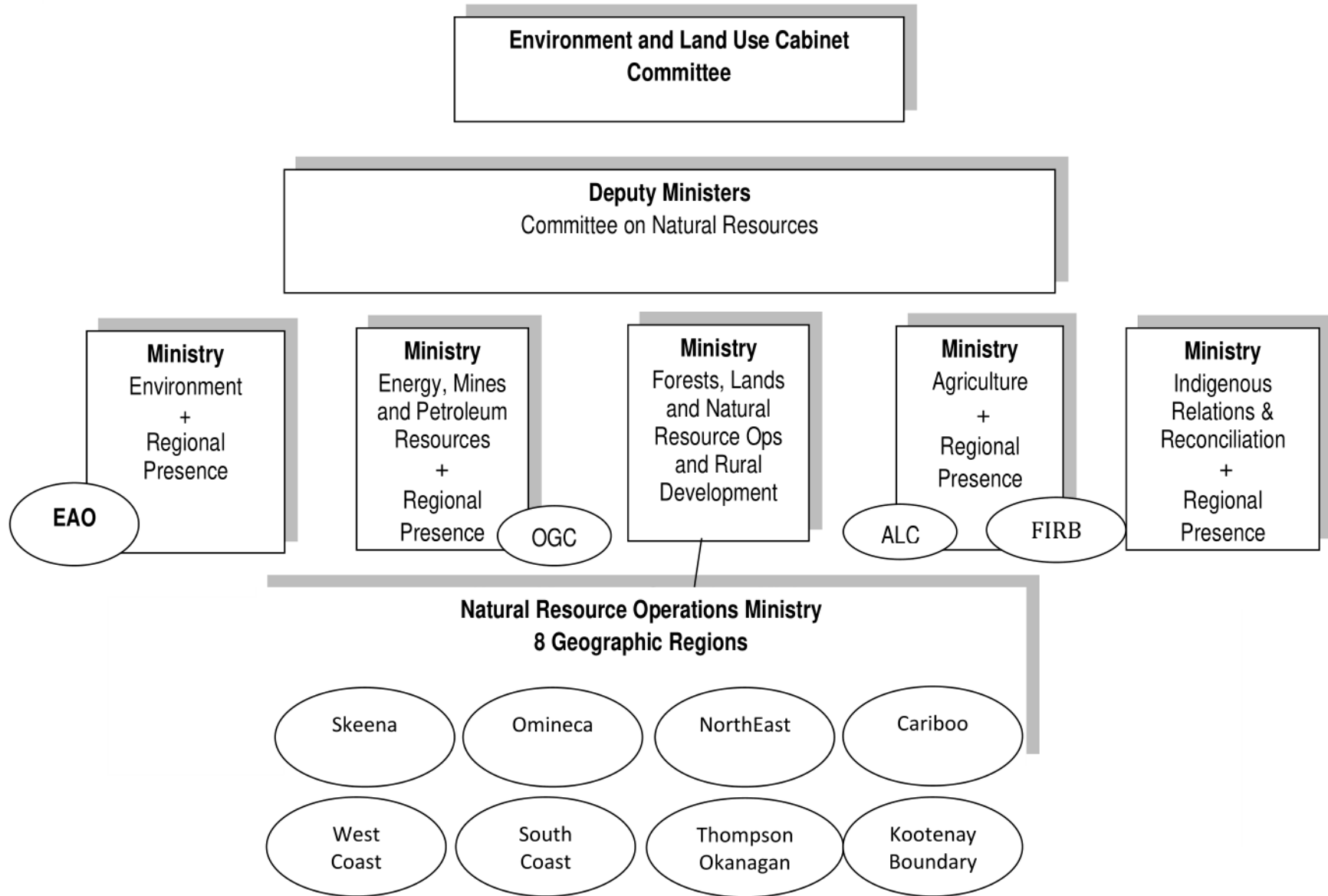
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Organizational Structure to Support Natural Resource Sector Integration



Crossover Functions with Emergency Management BC include: Public Safety, Emergency Services, Wildfire Services, Flood Response, Environmental Emergencies



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NATURAL RESOURCE MINISTRIES

Roles & Responsibilities

Natural Resource Ministries

The BC Public Service's natural resource ministries – Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Agriculture; Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Environment (including the Environmental Assessment Office); and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. All Natural Resource Ministries (NRM) report to the Environment and Land Use Committee.

Each ministry has its own mission and goals, set out in annual Service Plans, and collectively the NR regulates and influences activities on 94% of the province's land base. NRM ministries are responsible for administering over 130 provincial statutes that provide for the sustainable management and protection of the Province's natural resources and reconciliation with First Nations.

The ministries making up the NRM have been structured to streamline government processes for critical natural resource industries to better attract global investment, enabling BC to make integrated resource management decisions on the whole of the land base. The natural resource sector generates nearly \$3 billion in direct annual revenue to the Province through mining, oil, gas, electricity, forestry, agriculture, tourism and recreation. The sector's combined annual operating expenses are approximately \$1.3 billion, and its work both directly and indirectly benefits the economic, environmental and social health of our Province.

Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)

ELUC, a legislated committee under the *Environment and Land Use Act*, is mandated to ensure that all aspects of preservation and maintenance of the natural environment are fully considered in the administration of land use and resource development. The Committee is responsible for providing direction to the natural resource ministries that balances economic development and stewardship by setting priorities for the land base, managing land use conflicts and providing strategic advice to Cabinet on policies, programs, operations and legislation that impact the natural resource sector. This advice includes consideration of budgetary implications as well as implementation and communication strategies.

The committee is responsible for reviewing Cabinet submissions, requests for legislation and business plans from the natural resource ministries.

Membership (as of September 2020): Honourable George Heyman (Chair), Honourable Scott Fraser (Vice Chair), Honourable Doug Donaldson, Honourable Bruce Ralston, Honourable Lana Popham, Honourable Claire Trevena

Deputy Minister Committee for Natural Resources (DMCNR)

Deputy Minister Committee for Natural Resources is responsible for supporting the Environment and Land Use Committee and for providing it with information and recommendations on policy and operational issues in support of its mandate. This support includes ministries working together to apply resources to highest sector priorities as guided by ELUC, such as sharing and/or collaborating on resources to meet critical government objectives, advancing the one-decision maker approach to authorizations and permits, reviewing high-level business plans to ensure that natural resource operations priorities are being met, and improving and gaining support for ELUC submissions.

Membership (as of September 2020): John Allan (Chair), Fazil Mihlar (EMPR), Kevin Jardine (ENV), Doug Caul (MIRR), Tom Ethier (AGRI), Christine Kennedy (JEDC), Elenore Arend (EAO), Rick Manwaring (FLNR), Grant Main (TRAN) and Paul Jeakins (OGC).

