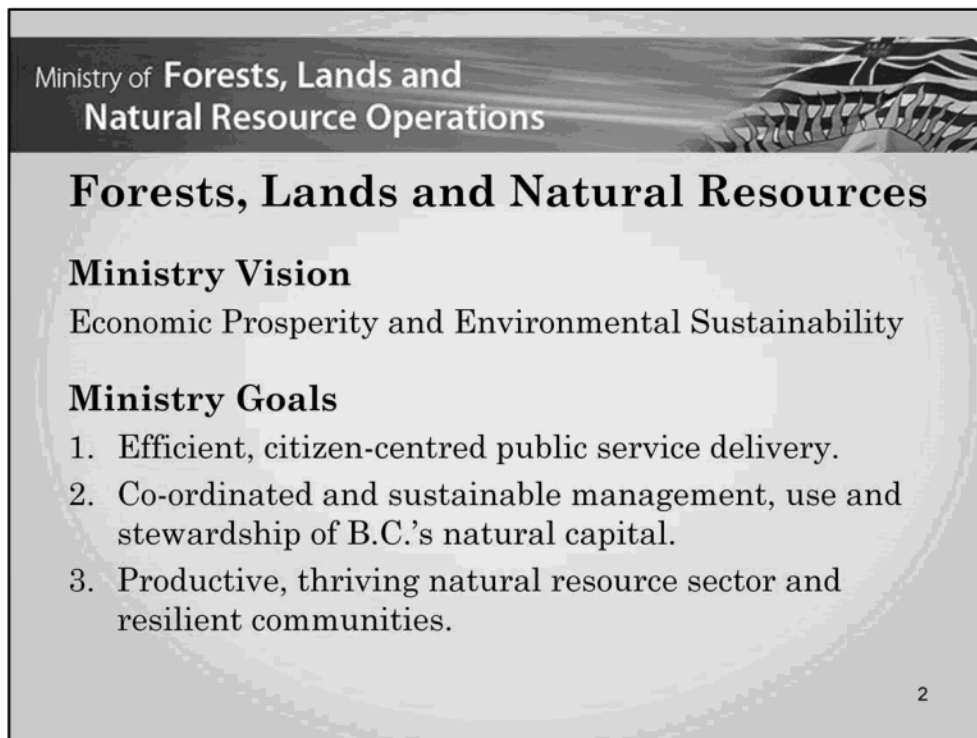


Good morning. I am Tom Either, ADM of Resources Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources.

Our Ministry is a very large ministry with responsibility for delivering many services to the natural resource use sectors.



Ministry Vision

The Ministry vision is for Economic Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability

Ministry Goals

The ministry's goals are to have

1. Efficient, citizen-centred public service delivery.
2. Co-ordinated and sustainable management, use and stewardship of B.C.'s natural capital.
3. Productive, thriving natural resource sector and resilient communities.

Together these goals, includes finding new ways to improve how the Ministry can provide services to the Guide Outfitting sector and ensure that the guide outfitting sector and BC's smaller communities can continue to benefit from BC's wildlife and wilderness.

Resource Stewardship Division

Resource Management Objectives

- Lead the implementation and coordination of land, resource and ecosystem management actions
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Resource Management objectives

Resource stewardship is responsible for natural resource management objectives.

We provide interdivisional coordination in the implementation of practical and innovative approaches to addressing resource stewardship challenges and opportunities.

We work to achieve the integration of stewardship principles and elements that enables the Ministry to realize the Ministry's Vision.

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Resource Stewardship Division

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The Resource Stewardship Division is responsible for managing wildlife and fish. This responsibility includes managing for conservation and stable population of wildlife and the use wildlife.

We manage through:

1. Legislation and Regulation requirements Policy & procedures (use and allocation),
2. Species management plans,
 - Wolf management plan should be finalized soon
 - Kootenay-Boundary Mule Deer Management Plan just completed
3. Inventory and population/stock assessments,
Significant funding to support big game inventory since 2011
 - 2011: \$865K to help remove barriers to development
 - 2012: \$895K with \$500K from LBIS
 - 2013: \$400K plus \$250K for fish stock assessment
 - 2014: \$1M to be allocated to big game (\$750K) and fish (\$250K)
4. Technical and scientific support on allocation of wildlife including hunting, trapping, falconry, captive wildlife, wildlife viewing and support on recreational opportunities for angling,
5. Research fish & wildlife populations, and
 - \$430K this year for moose with MFLNRO contributing \$350K
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Guiding in BC

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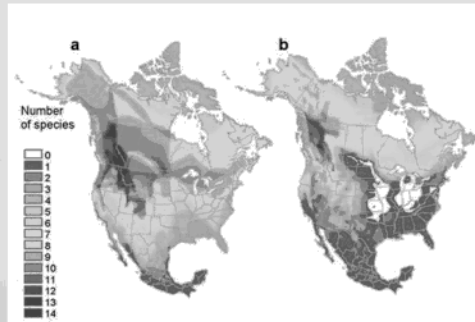
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Management of Guiding

- BC manages wildlife for conservation, and Aboriginal, resident and commercial harvest
- Requirements for Non-residents to use a guide
- Exclusive commercial use areas (territories)
- Allocation and Quota system
- Licencing Guides
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We manage the guiding industry by:

1. Requiring non-residents to use a licenced guide;
2. Issuing authorization for exclusive commercial use areas (territories) for up to 25 years;
3. Allocation and quotas for wildlife harvests, which is sometimes seen as a limitation and others time viewed as an advantage;
4. Licencing Guides – to ensure quality guiding;
5. Requirements and condition on guiding activities, for the protection of BC's wildlife; and
6. Requirements for reporting to manage the harvests and help with population estimates.

Many changes have occurred in the last few years. We are looking forward to some changes currently in the legislature now; such as, Corporations being able to hold certificates

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The Economy

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Sector's Contribution to Stewardship

- Contributes to management and conservation of wildlife
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Business Security

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- Guiding makes environmentally sound economic use of BC's wildlife resources
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