Natural Resource Permitting Project (NRPP) Report-back and Treasury Board Submission Overview

Presentation to DMCTT, March 4, 2016
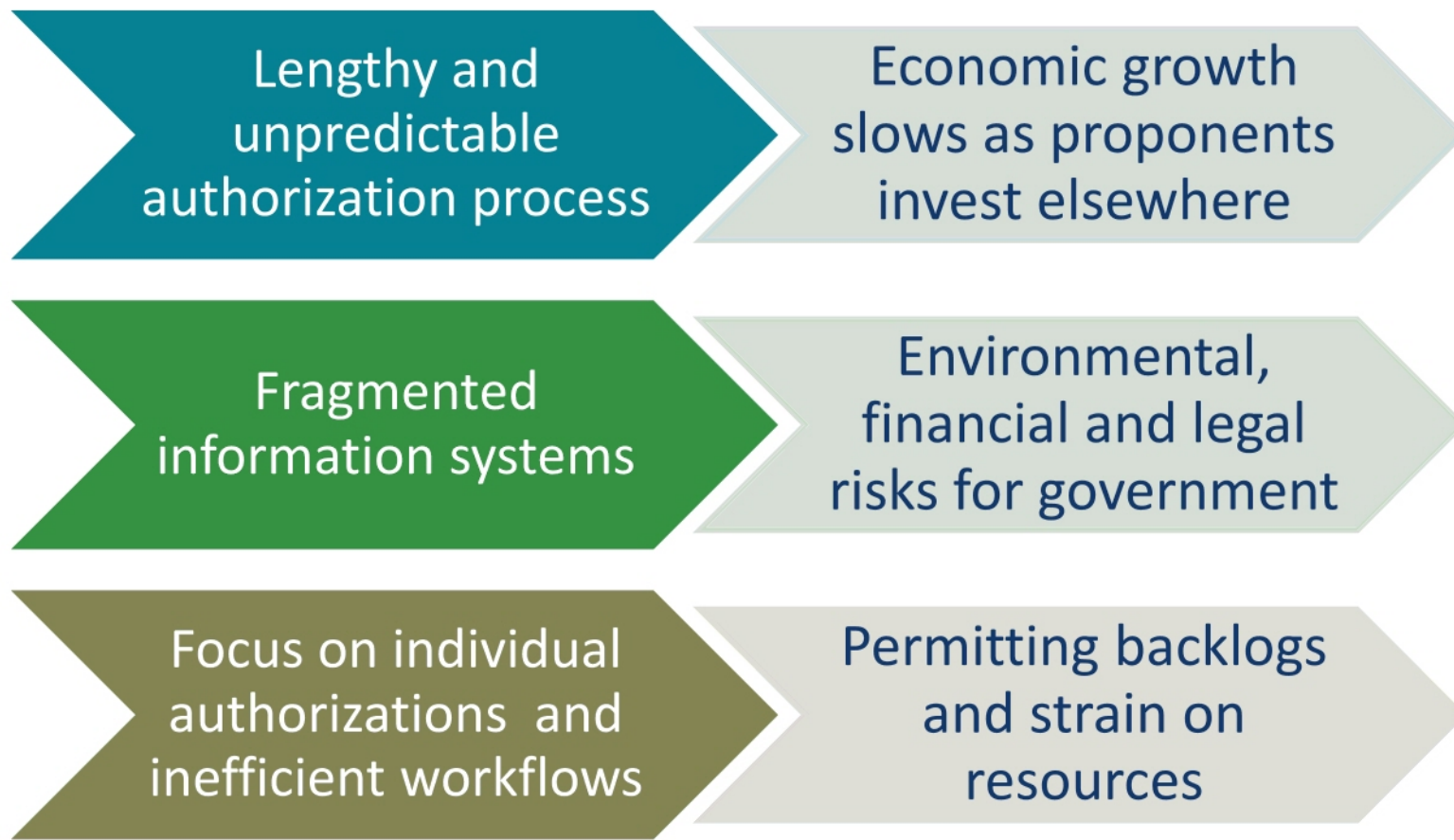
Meeting Purpose

1. **For information**: Report back to DMCTT

   - NRPP overview

   - FY15/16 accomplishments

   - Drivers of success

2. Present Treasury Board submission [s.12]

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The NRS is challenged to meet service delivery expectations

Duplicative and antiquated legislation, business processes and systems constrain our ability to integrate sector services

Lengthy and unpredictable authorization process

Economic growth slows as proponents invest elsewhere

Fragmented information systems

Environmental, financial and legal risks for government

Focus on individual authorizations and inefficient workflows

Permitting backlogs and strain on resources

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Sector integration enables getting to the right decision faster

Improve how clients interact with the NRS

- More open data and self-service options
- A single registration process and logon
- Digital document management
- Predictable process
- Guidance

Change the way the land base is managed

- Integrated management of *activities*: a more client focused approach
- Cumulative effects and landscape-level objective information upfront

Make NRS decisions more timely and durable

- Information is more complete, accessible and consolidated
- Integrated regulations, processes and systems prevent gaps and conflicts in decision making
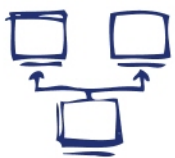
Improved services NRPP will deliver

Enhanced Tools: NRS Online Services

Apply online for authorizations (licences, permits and tenures)

Upload, submit & manage digital documents

Manage one account for all services, including finances & communications

Search for opportunities to do a natural resource activity

Streamlined & Predictable Process

Understand all the requirements for a given activity, in a given location, before making an application

Inform decisions with online maps, including resource stewardship & First Nations consultation information

Understand the cost and time to get permission for an activity

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FY15/16 Accomplishments

- Year 2 of the initiative has been delivered on time, on scope and on budget

- Key accomplishments:

  - Clients can now access NRS Online Services for guidance, information and map-based data to support applications for authorizations

  - Clients, staff and the public can access a map view of the most current information available on the land base through an online tool; 290 data layers are now accessible through NRS Online Services

  - Hunters will be able to register online for the Limited Entry Hunt in mid-April 2016, which will greatly reduce paper-based processes and manual effort

  - Legislation will be introduced in Spring 2016 to move selected Fish and Wildlife authorizations to a criteria based notification model; this transformative regulated self-service model will increase efficiency, reduce staff workloads, and shorten processing and approval times for clients from months to days

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Summary: Current Status

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Drivers of Success

Following the direction from Treasury Board and DMCTT, the NRPP initiative has demonstrated success and achieved its commitments to date as a result of strong governance, effective program leadership and regular external reviews. Key features of NRPP that contribute to a substantial reduction in delivery risk include:

- A focus on robust project management and change management throughout the life of the initiative

- Proactive independent third party reviews at regular intervals, aligned with the Office of the Chief Information Officer

- Regular and ongoing releases of technology solutions, versus waiting to "go live" at the end of the initiative

- Clear approval gates and off-ramps for government decision-makers

- Regular engagement with proponents, clients, and staff to ensure the tools and services being delivered will meet their needs and expectations

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NRPP Context and Submission History

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Alignment to Government Priorities

- Our submission is aligned to the original business case scope and is based on engagement meetings held with sector ADMs in late 2015

- Our submission supports government priorities, including:

  - **Reducing red tape and achieving BC Jobs Plan objectives** – removing barriers to investment, and reducing the backlog of key authorizations in order to support job creation and stimulate economic development, especially in rural communities

  - **Improving service delivery** – making it easier to do business with the Natural Resource Sector

  - **Enhancing public transparency** – proactively making information such as mine safety data available online

  - **Supporting First Nations relationships** – making consultation information available in one location and supporting effective engagement with BC's First Nations

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Treasury Board Submission – Option 1

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Treasury Board Submission – Options 2 and 3

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Delivery Components (Phase 2)

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