

**From:** [Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Llewellyn-Thomas, Marnie ENV:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Background - FW: Change to Mid May - Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight) et al re ESA  
**Date:** May 22, 2020 8:17:13 AM

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Hi

In case you need this background. All I know is that Jennifer called Lisa at Organizing for change. I do not have her tele number. Hope this helps.

The attendees that are on Kevin's invite are as follows.

Simon Nixon - [snixon@ecojustice.ca](mailto:snixon@ecojustice.ca),

James Casey' [jcasey@birdscanada.org](mailto:jcasey@birdscanada.org)

Sarah Otto [otto@zoology.ubc.ca](mailto:otto@zoology.ubc.ca)

John Bergenske' [john@wildsight.ca](mailto:john@wildsight.ca)

Charlotte Dawe [charlotte@wildernesscommittee.org](mailto:charlotte@wildernesscommittee.org)

Andrea Inness' [andrea@ancientforestalliance.org](mailto:andrea@ancientforestalliance.org)

'Tim Burkhardt' [Tim@y2y.net](mailto:Tim@y2y.net)

Johnny Mikes' [johnny@coasttocascades.org](mailto:johnny@coasttocascades.org)

Jay Ritchlin' [jritchlin@davidsuzuki.org](mailto:jritchlin@davidsuzuki.org)

Jens Wieting' [jens@sierraclub.bc.ca](mailto:jens@sierraclub.bc.ca)

Greg Ferguson' s.22

[lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org)

Tamsin Baker s.22

Let me know if you need anything else. And as discussed let me know when I can cancel the meeting.

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**From:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
**Sent:** May 4, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** 'John Bergenske'  
**Cc:** 'lisa@organizingforchange.org' ; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Change to Mid May - Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight) et al re ESA  
Hi John

We will be ready to schedule your meeting in early June. I will list Kevin and Jennifer's availability and we can go from there.

June 3, 11:00 or 3:00

June 4, 11:00 or 3:00

June 5, after 1:00 is wide open

If you need me to look at June 8 – 12, I am happy to do so.

Thanks again for your patience during these times.

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**From:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 15, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** 'John Bergenske' <[john@wildsight.ca](mailto:john@wildsight.ca)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Change to Mid May - Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight) et al re ESA  
Yes thank you John. I will check in with the team and let you know when they are ready for a meeting/call. Thanks so much for your patience.

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**From:** John Bergenske <[john@wildsight.ca](mailto:john@wildsight.ca)>

**Sent:** April 15, 2020 11:42 AM

**To:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** lisa matthaus <[lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Change to Mid May - Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight) et al re ESA  
Coleen,

Lisa has spoken to Jennifer and we understand the unfortunate delay. Please let us know as soon as possible about a time to reschedule.

Thanks,

john

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On Apr 14, 2020, at 3:09 PM, Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX  
<[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Lisa and John – apologies for this change again.

I have been advised to reschedule your group to Mid May. It seems that we are still in the throws of the COVID crisis.

I am working with the team to set up different dates and times but I am not able to advise of those new/dates yet. I will connect with you early May to find a suitable time for this meeting to happen.

I apologize for this - thank you

Coleen

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**From:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** April 14, 2020 1:39 PM

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**Cc:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Thank you Lisa noted.

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**From:** [lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org) <[lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org)>

**Sent:** April 14, 2020 11:49 AM

**To:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** 'John Bergenske' <>

**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Hi, Coleen – also wanted to flag that Celine Trojand, who works with me at OFC, will be joining the call, as will James Casey with Birds Canada. I'll add them to the calendar invitation unless you have any objections.

Lisa

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**Sent:** April 9, 2020 11:38 AM

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**Cc:** 'John Bergenske' <[john@wildsight.ca](mailto:john@wildsight.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Hi, Coleen – Andrea Innes from Ancient Forest Alliance is also going to be joining this call. I'll add her to the calendar item but wanted to give you a heads up. Let me know if that's a concern.

Lisa

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**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Thank you

My invite only shows John but that's ok as we can confirm the attendees closer to the date of meeting.

At this time this is my list;

External Attendees:

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Jay Ritchlin David Suzuki Foundation

Charlotte Dawe Wilderness Committee

Jens Wieting Sierra Club BC

Mark Worthing Sierra Club BC

Tim Burkhart Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

Johnny Mikes Conservation Northwest

Bruce Passmore Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Michelle Connelly Conservation North

Eddie Petryshen Wildsight

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Don't know if you were getting acceptances with the old one? Did you have everyone bcc'd on it? I'm assuming that's why I got it, but it wasn't showing up in my Google calendar (I think because it was a bcc). But everyone should be able to see the one I sent out, including the RSVPs. Hope that doesn't confuse things further.

Lisa

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**Sent:** April 1, 2020 12:59 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Yes John and I are getting mixed up ..

Yes please send to your attendees.. appreciate the help.

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**From:** [lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org) <[lisa@organizingforchange.org](mailto:lisa@organizingforchange.org)>

**Sent:** April 1, 2020 12:53 PM

**To:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

Hi, Coleen – are you trying to set this up and send the invitation to our ESA listserv? You won't be able to email to that address, it's only accessible by people on the list. If this calendar information is correct – Apr 15 1:30-2pm, at that phone number below – I'm happy to share it with the list. There are a lot more people on that list than have RSVP'd for the call, so there's a chance more will join.

The other option is I can send the calendar information to just those folks that have RSVP'd, the ones listed below, I have all their email addresses. I can copy you on that email so you'll have them as well.

Let me know if you want me to help out, would be good to get this set up.

Hope you're staying well!

Lisa

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**From:** Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX <[Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Coleen.Gooderham@gov.bc.ca)> **On Behalf Of**

Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX

**Sent:** April 1, 2020 12:44 PM

**To:** 'esa\_bc@organizingforchange.org'; 'John Bergenske'

**Subject:** Conference Call with John Bergenske (Wildsight)

**When:** April 15, 2020 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Dial in: 1-877-353-9184 Participants.15 (Mark is the moderator)

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**To:** [Davis, Celine ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Deck for ENGO session Wed  
**Date:** June 1, 2020 8:59:00 AM

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**From:** [Davis, Celine ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Dale, Alec R ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Deck for ENGO session Wed  
**Date:** June 1, 2020 9:05:06 AM

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Hi,

Just doing some final edits to the PPT. Can send it by 10 this am. You have the eapproval with the IN?

Would you like me to send you the PPT via email and you can replace the IN for the PPT?

Re: dashboard, I have encouraged the team to use a trello board. We can discuss what we may need for a dashboard.

We can discuss later.

Celine

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**To:** [Dale, Alec R ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Attached RE: Deck for ENGO session Wed  
**Date:** June 1, 2020 10:03:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [2020-06-03 Wildsight and interest groups SAR update.pptx](#)

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Alec,

PPT attached for your review. We used the same slides for the conversation with the TFW FN Advisory Forum last Thursday.

Celine

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# Update on Species at Risk Policy Development

Wildsight and other interest groups

June 3, 2020



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## Agenda

- Introductions and welcome
- Purpose
- Context
- Proposed approach
- Engagement during COVID
- Timelines & next steps



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## Purpose

- Provide overview of current approach to SAR and two policy projects to progress the Minister's SAR mandate
  - Conservation Priorities and Species Listing
  - Updating B.C.'s Approach to Environmental Mitigation & Habitat Offsets



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## Context – What We Heard

### Engagement on SAR April to August 2018 – Key Themes

Common Themes:	Stakeholder Specific Themes:	Indigenous Nations:
<p><b>A balanced &amp; holistic view</b> – Shift to area-based / multi-species approaches</p> <p><b>Funding</b> – fund adequately / innovatively and support programs that are already working</p> <p><b>Innovation</b> – Ensure ability to innovate &amp; be flexible with approaches</p> <p><b>Proactive</b>– Prevent species from becoming at risk is best option</p> <p><b>Regional scale</b> – Accurately reflect regional variation</p> <p><b>Conservation Focus</b> – need to protect species &amp; habitat</p>	<p><b>Industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Certainty</b> – Clear rules &amp; understanding</li> <li>▪ <b>Consistency</b> – Fairness across sectors</li> </ul> <p><b>ENGOS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Science-based</b> – Decisions based on science</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> – Meaningful engagement; Indigenous perspectives &amp; participation through-out</p> <p><b>Indigenous knowledge</b> – Complement western science at all stages</p> <p><b>Capacity Building</b> – not just financial</p>



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**April – Aug 2018:**  
Engagement on  
species at risk  
legislation with  
Indigenous Nations,

# stakeholders and public

## Consistently heard that we need to take the time to do it right.

- **Reconciliation** – Gov’t commitment to meaningful reconciliation requires Indigenous perspectives & participation throughout legislation development and program implementation.
- **Indigenous Information** – Indigenous & local knowledge needs to complement western science at all stages of the program
- **Regional Scale** – A province-wide scale cannot accurately reflect regional variations
- **Certainty** – Clear rules & understanding of how they fit with other legislation (harmonization)
- **Consistency** – Fairness across sectors

- **Balance** – Consider economic impacts to businesses & families
  
- **Conservation Focus** – Less concern for socio economic
  
- **Proactive** – Prevent species from becoming at risk
  
- **Science-based** – Decisions based on science
  
- **Holistic View** – An ecosystems/multi-species approach is needed; Species-by-species approach is inadequate to protect species & habitat
  
- **Guidance** – Provide clarity & consistency for land users
  
- **Balance** – Consider economic impacts to businesses & families
  
- **Promote innovation** – Allow for innovation in land use practices to better achieve conservation outcomes
  
- **Funding** – Funding for Indigenous participation; Support & partner with stewardship programs already happening

## Proposed Approach to Progress SAR Mandate

- Focus on two priority policy projects
- Working with ECCC on renewed federal mandate for SARA Modernization
- Continue to support current government priority initiatives that will result in benefits to biodiversity and species management



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Based on what we heard – prioritized two policy projects for 2020/2021:

- 1) renewal of the BC approach to prioritization (listing) of species at risk, and
- 2) consistent implementation of mitigation and offsetting for development activities in BC.

### **Renewed federal mandate for *Species at Risk Act* Modernization**

- The Province of BC will work with the federal government to identify opportunities for pilot projects to better align federal and provincial approaches with a goal to enhance species protection and recovery.
- Much has been learned through the Southern Mountain Caribou process and those learnings could be applied to other species and projects moving forward.

### **Projects that will provide benefits to biodiversity and species management:**

- FRPA amendments
- Land Use Planning and Modernized Land Use Policy (regional pilots and the more strategic Framework)
- Together for Wildlife Strategy (Wildlife Act amendments)



Both EMP and CPSL have these key challenges

- B.C. has a uniquely important role in conservation nationally and globally.
- B.C.'s current legislative framework for addressing species at risk & environmental mitigation spans many acts, regulations and policies across multiple ministries & agencies.
- We need to be sensitive to the different sectors and ensure that we are supporting economic development while ensuring that we are improving conservation outcomes.

## Project 1: Conservation Priorities and Species Listing

- Update and strengthen SAR listing processes in B.C. and propose a more coordinated approach for focusing effort on priority habitats and/or species.
- The project will focus on the following three main milestones: a legal review and analysis, developing a listing prioritization framework, and finally a draft policy paper by December 2020.



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## Project 1: Conservation Priorities and Species Listing

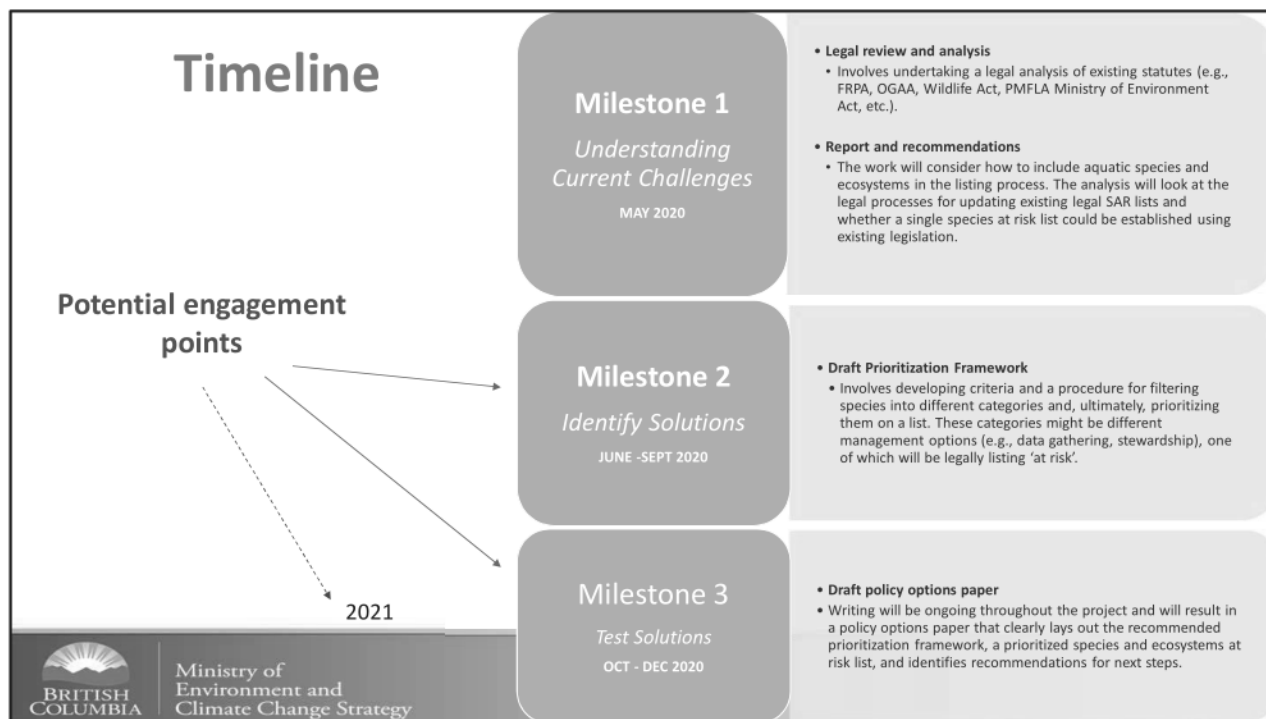
Three main milestones:

1. Legal review and analysis
2. Listing prioritization framework
3. Draft policy options paper (December 2020)



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1. Focus on current legislation and what is possible with our existing authorities (ENV can update SAR lists for WA, FRPA, and OGAA)
  1. Are there benefits to having one overall provincial list (not grouped by sector). Where would this list sit - in current legislation?
2. What considerations are there for prioritizing species (and ecological communities, groups of species) for legal listing (and other conservation actions)?



Emphasize there will be broader opportunities for engagement in 2021

## Project 2: EMP Policy Review

- Review the Environmental Mitigation Policy & Procedures (EMP) and propose long-term solutions for habitat offsets that are strategic, landscape-level, and transparent in order to address key challenges across the natural resource sector.
- Solutions may be regulatory and non-regulatory, and will be determined through exploring all mitigation tools, including financial offsets and area based approaches within the current regulatory structure.



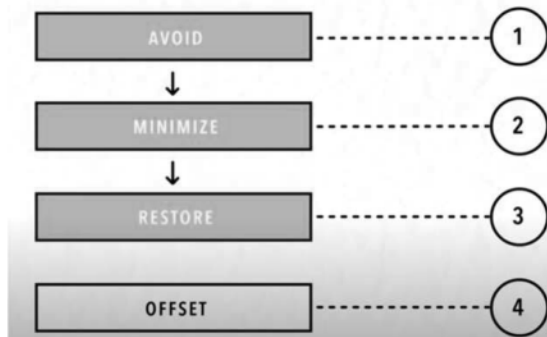
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## Project 2: EMP Policy Review

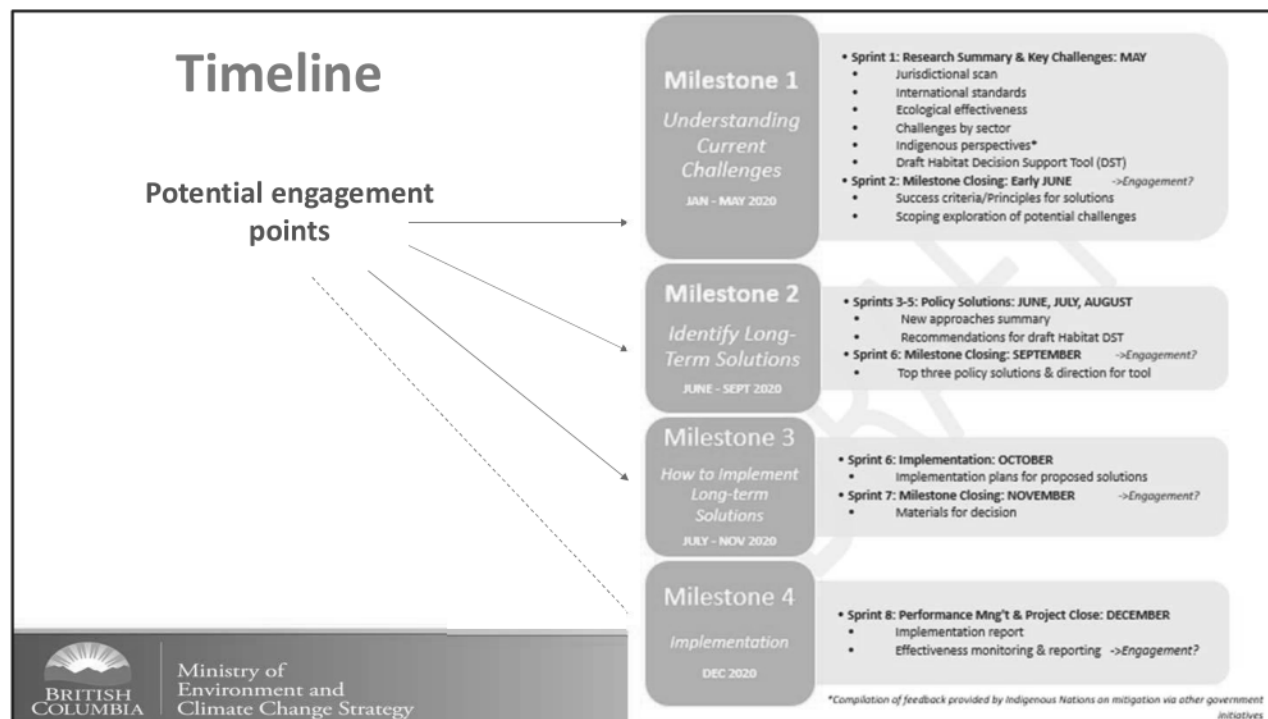
### History of EMP in BC

- **2015:** EMP endorsed by NR Board
- **2014/15/16:** provincial training
- **2017-2020:** Piloting of draft habitat decision support tool to support convos on ecological equivalence with offsets
- **2019/20:** Challenges noted by Indigenous Nations, mining, oil & gas

### Mitigation Hierarchy



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## Proposed Engagement

- Aiming for collaborative policy development– mindful of COVID-19 response
- Provide options for Indigenous Nations engagement through existing forums and tables; similar approach for stakeholders



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### **Assess interest and capacity for engagement through existing relationships and continue development of policy options with new engagement avenues**

- Provide options for engagement with Indigenous nations where there are existing relationships, forums and conversations.
- Reach out to existing forums and tables where the management of species is being discussed.:
  - One such opportunity exists in the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum.
  - Other opportunities may include Land Use Planning pilot projects, such as the Nicola Watershed and as part of the Mining Reform project.

As the B.C. web pages related to SAR are out of date, an update could be done in June to highlight the ongoing work related to SAR, as well as the two policy priority projects. This online update could be complemented, later in the fall, by two SAR update webinars for Indigenous nations and stakeholders that participated in the engagement on the development of SAR legislation.

## Timeline & Next Steps

- Aiming for completion of policy options papers in December 2020.
- Initiating engagement with Indigenous Nations and key industry sectors in late May/early June
  - Through existing forums and tables (e.g., Land Use Planning Pilots, Mining Reform projects)
  - Introducing projects to the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum



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Staff will continue to revisit and adapt engagement plans to match what is possible and appropriate with COVID-19 recovery efforts throughout project timelines.

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How did that go by the way?

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It went well. They had good questions and are interested in engaging on both policies. They are looking to strike a working group to engage with the teams, but will come back to us once they have discussed their work plan in more detail.

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Hey, I am just wondering about taking out some of the detail in this for the ENGOs and wondering about time to present, James suggested 30 min, but we should likely only take 10-15 minutes of that for presentation, so wondering if we can cut a few slides.

Some thoughts:

1. I think we can lose the Agenda slide as James already had one in the invite and so introductions etc., will already be done by the time we do the deck
2. For reasons James mentioned, lets call it simply an options paper on slide 7 vs. policy paper (slide 8 has policy options paper, but I think options paper is even cleaner)
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- **Regional Scale** – A province-wide scale cannot accurately reflect regional variations

- **Certainty** – Clear rules & understanding of how they fit with other legislation (harmonization)
- **Consistency** – Fairness across sectors
- **Balance** – Consider economic impacts to businesses & families
- **Conservation Focus** – Less concern for socio economic
- **Proactive** – Prevent species from becoming at risk
- **Science-based** – Decisions based on science
- **Holistic View** – An ecosystems/multi-species approach is needed; Species-by-species approach is inadequate to protect species & habitat
- **Guidance** – Provide clarity & consistency for land users
- **Balance** – Consider economic impacts to businesses & families
- **Promote innovation** – Allow for innovation in land use practices to better achieve conservation outcomes
- **Funding** – Funding for Indigenous participation; Support & partner with stewardship programs already happening

## Proposed Approach to Progress SAR Mandate

- Focus on two priority policy projects
- Working with ECCC on renewed federal mandate for SARA Modernization
- Continue to support current government priority initiatives that will result in benefits to biodiversity and species management



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Based on what we heard – prioritized two policy projects for 2020/2021:

- 1) renewal of the BC approach to prioritization (listing) of species at risk, and
- 2) consistent implementation of mitigation and offsetting for development activities in BC.

### **Renewed federal mandate for *Species at Risk Act* Modernization**

- The Province of BC will work with the federal government to identify opportunities for pilot projects to better align federal and provincial approaches with a goal to enhance species protection and recovery.
- Much has been learned through the Southern Mountain Caribou process and those learnings could be applied to other species and projects moving forward.

### **Projects that will provide benefits to biodiversity and species management:**

- FRPA amendments
- Land Use Planning and Modernized Land Use Policy (regional pilots and the more strategic Framework)
- Together for Wildlife Strategy (Wildlife Act amendments)



Both EMP and CPSL have these key challenges

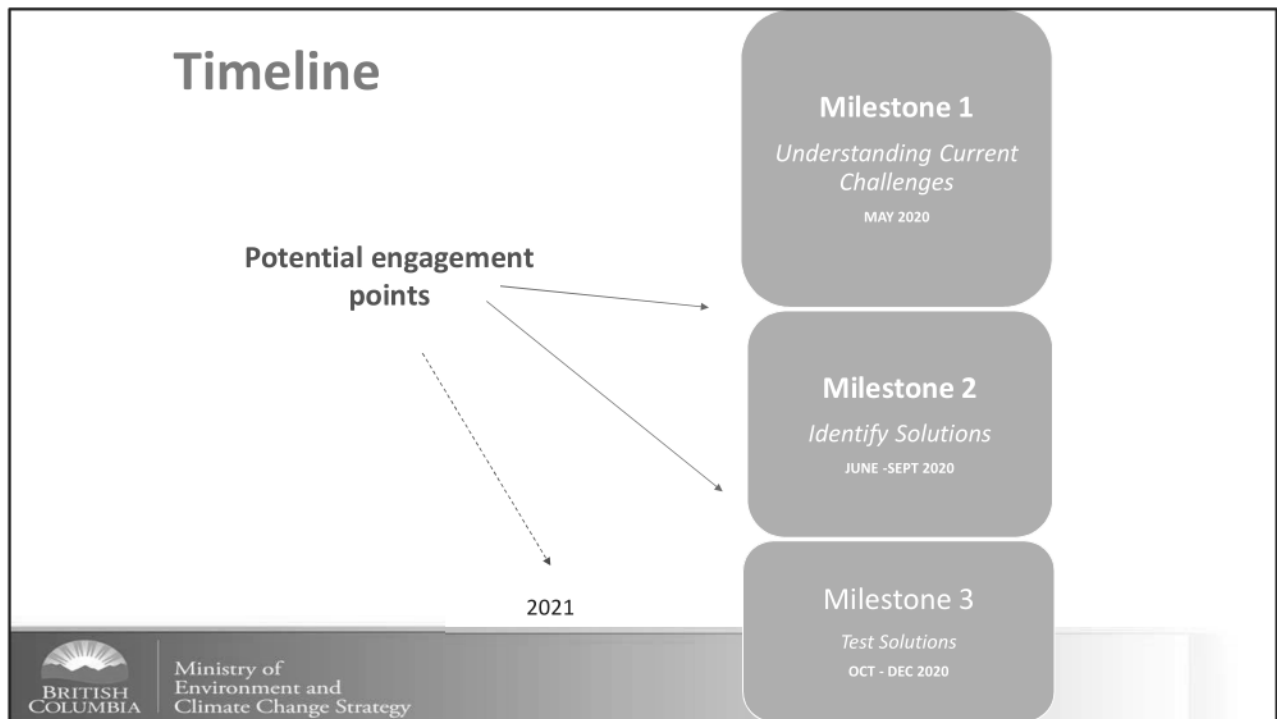
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- B.C.'s current legislative framework for addressing species at risk & environmental mitigation spans many acts, regulations and policies across multiple ministries & agencies.
- We need to be sensitive to the different sectors and ensure that we are supporting economic development while ensuring that we are improving conservation outcomes.

## Project 1: Conservation Priorities and Species Listing

- Update and strengthen SAR listing processes in B.C. and propose a more coordinated approach for focusing effort on priority habitats and/or species.
- The project will focus on the following three main milestones: a legal review and analysis, developing a listing prioritization framework, and finally a draft options paper by December 2020.



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### **Milestone 1**

#### **•Legal review and analysis**

- Involves undertaking a legal analysis of existing statutes (e.g., FRPA, OGAA, Wildlife Act, PMFLA Ministry of Environment Act, etc.).

#### **•Report and recommendations**

- The work will consider how to include aquatic species and ecosystems in the listing process. The analysis will look at the legal processes for updating existing legal SAR lists and whether a single species at risk list could be established using existing legislation.

### **Milestone 2**

#### **•Draft Prioritization Framework**

- Involves developing criteria and a procedure for filtering species into different categories and, ultimately, prioritizing them on a list. These categories might be different management options (e.g., data gathering, stewardship), one of which will be legally listing 'at risk'.

### **Milestrone 3**

- Draft policy options paper**

- Writing will be ongoing throughout the project and will result in a policy options paper that clearly lays out the recommended prioritization framework, a prioritized species and ecosystems at risk list, and identifies recommendations for next steps.

## Project 2: EMP Policy Review

- Review the Environmental Mitigation Policy & Procedures (EMP) and propose long-term solutions for habitat offsets that are strategic, landscape-level, and transparent in order to address key challenges across the natural resource sector.
- Solutions may be regulatory and non-regulatory, and will be determined through exploring all mitigation tools, including financial offsets and area based approaches within the current regulatory structure.



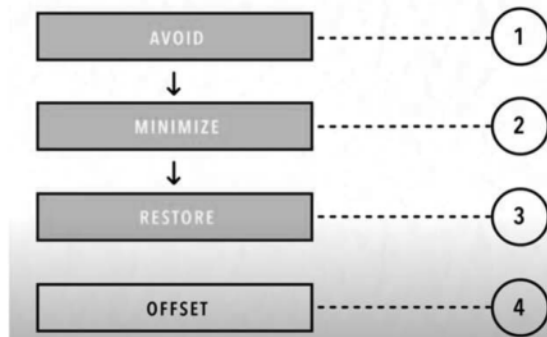
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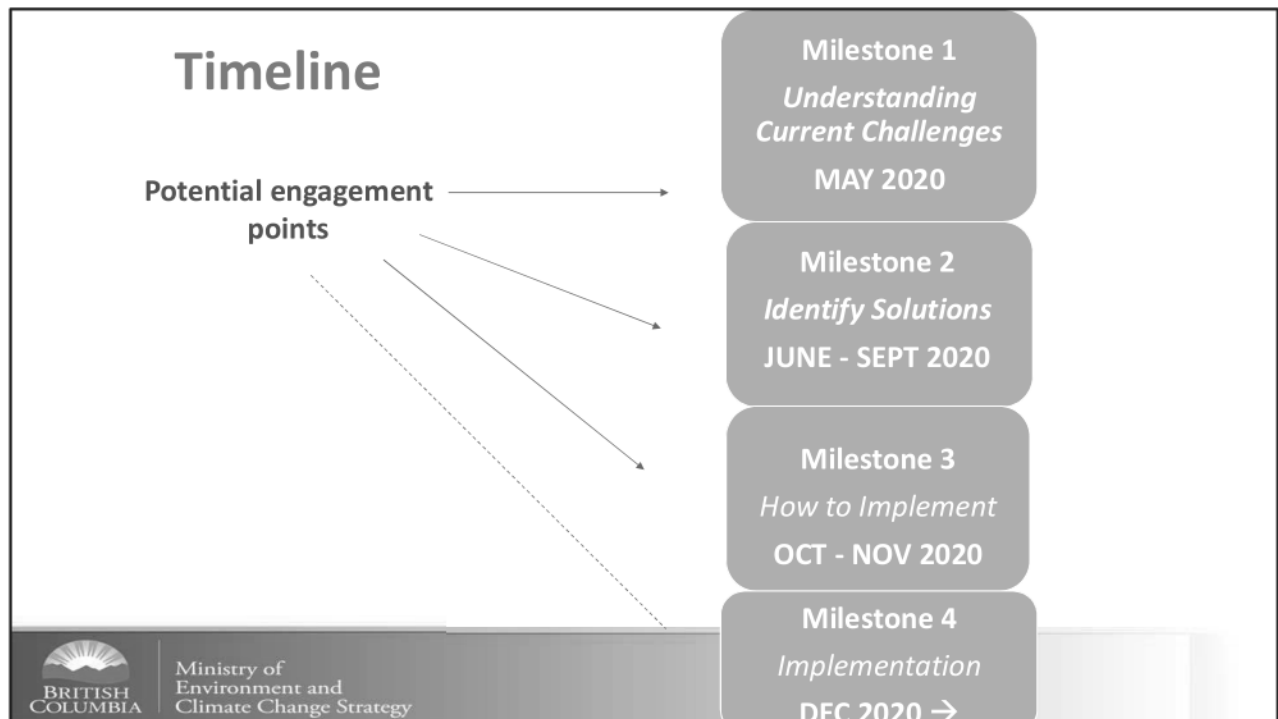
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- **2015:** EMP endorsed by NR Board
- **2014/15/16:** provincial training
- **2017-2020:** Piloting of draft habitat decision support tool to support convos on ecological equivalence with offsets
- **2019/20:** Challenges noted by Indigenous Nations, mining, oil & gas

### Mitigation Hierarchy



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### **Milestone 1: Understanding Current Challenges**

#### **Sprint 1: Research Summary & Key Challenges: MAY**

- Jurisdictional scan
- International standards
- Ecological effectiveness
- Challenges by sector
- Indigenous perspectives
- Draft Habitat Decision Support Tool (DST)

#### **Sprint 2: Milestone Closing: Early June ->Engagement**

- Success criteria/Principles for solutions
- Scoping exploration of potential challenges

### **Milestone 2: Identify Long-Term Solutions**

#### **Sprints 3-5: Policy Solutions: JUNE, JULY, AUGUST**

- New approaches summary
- Recommendations for draft Habitat DST

#### **Sprint 6: Milestone Closing: SEPT ->Engagement**

- Top three policy solutions & direction for tool

### **Milestone 3: How to Implement Long-Term Solutions**

#### **Sprint 7: Implementation: OCT**

- Implementation plans for proposed solutions

#### **Sprint 8: Milestone Closing: NOV**      *->Engagement*

- Materials for decision

### **Milestone 4: Implementation**

#### **Sprint 9: Performance Mng't & Project Close: DEC**

- Implementation report
- Effectiveness monitoring & reporting

## Timeline & Next Steps

- Aiming for completion of options papers in December 2020.
- Initiating engagement with Indigenous Nations and key industry sectors/stakeholders in late May/early June
  - Through existing forums and tables



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### **Assess interest and capacity for engagement through existing relationships and continue development of policy options with new engagement avenues**

- Provide options for engagement with Indigenous nations where there are existing relationships, forums and conversations.
- Reach out to existing forums and tables where the management of species is being discussed.:
  - One such opportunity exists in the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum.
  - Other opportunities may include Land Use Planning pilot projects, such as the Nicola Watershed and as part of the Mining Reform project.

As the B.C. web pages related to SAR are out of date, an update could be done in June to highlight the ongoing work related to SAR, as well as the two policy priority projects. This online update could be complemented, later in the fall, by two SAR update webinars for Indigenous nations and stakeholders that participated in the engagement on the development of SAR legislation.

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Based on what we heard – prioritized two policy projects for 2020/2021:

- 1) renewal of the BC approach to prioritization (listing) of species at risk, and
- 2) consistent implementation of mitigation and offsetting for development activities in BC.

### **Renewed federal mandate for *Species at Risk Act* Modernization**

- The Province of BC will work with the federal government to identify opportunities for pilot projects to better align federal and provincial approaches with a goal to enhance species protection and recovery.
- Much has been learned through the Southern Mountain Caribou process and those learnings could be applied to other species and projects moving forward.

### **Projects that will provide benefits to biodiversity and species management:**

- FRPA amendments
- Land Use Planning and Modernized Land Use Policy (regional pilots and the more strategic Framework)
- Together for Wildlife Strategy (Wildlife Act amendments)



Both EMP and CPSL have these key challenges

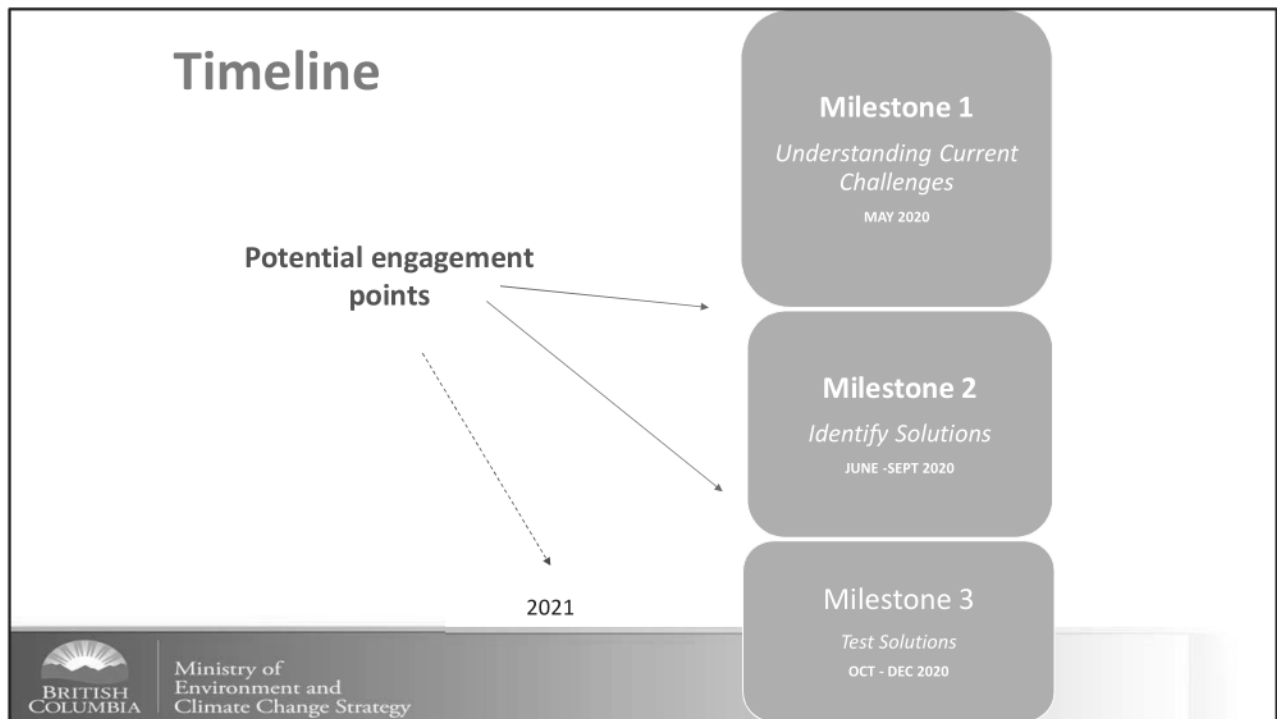
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### **Milestone 1**

#### **•Legal review and analysis**

- Involves undertaking a legal analysis of existing statutes (e.g., FRPA, OGAA, Wildlife Act, PMFLA Ministry of Environment Act, etc.).

#### **•Report and recommendations**

- The work will consider how to include aquatic species and ecosystems in the listing process. The analysis will look at the legal processes for updating existing legal SAR lists and whether a single species at risk list could be established using existing legislation.

### **Milestone 2**

#### **•Draft Prioritization Framework**

- Involves developing criteria and a procedure for filtering species into different categories and, ultimately, prioritizing them on a list. These categories might be different management options (e.g., data gathering, stewardship), one of which will be legally listing 'at risk'.

### **Milestone 3**

- Draft policy options paper**

- Writing will be ongoing throughout the project and will result in a policy options paper that clearly lays out the recommended prioritization framework, a prioritized species and ecosystems at risk list, and identifies recommendations for next steps.

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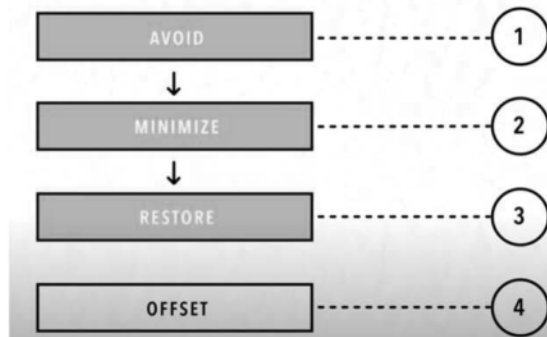
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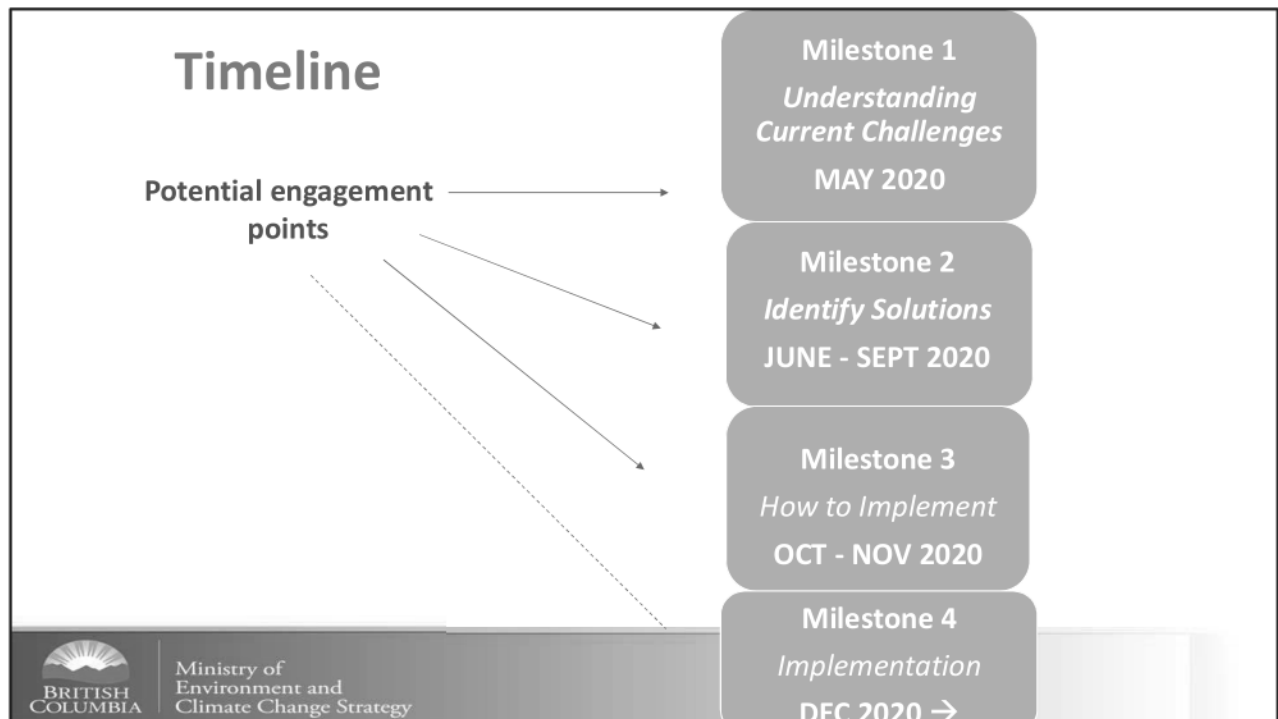
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### **Milestone 1: Understanding Current Challenges**

#### **Sprint 1: Research Summary & Key Challenges: MAY**

- Jurisdictional scan
- International standards
- Ecological effectiveness
- Challenges by sector
- Indigenous perspectives
- Draft Habitat Decision Support Tool (DST)

#### **Sprint 2: Milestone Closing: Early June ->Engagement**

- Success criteria/Principles for solutions
- Scoping exploration of potential challenges

### **Milestone 2: Identify Long-Term Solutions**

#### **Sprints 3-5: Policy Solutions: JUNE, JULY, AUGUST**

- New approaches summary
- Recommendations for draft Habitat DST

#### **Sprint 6: Milestone Closing: SEPT ->Engagement**

- Top three policy solutions & direction for tool

### **Milestone 3: How to Implement Long-Term Solutions**

#### **Sprint 7: Implementation: OCT**

- Implementation plans for proposed solutions

#### **Sprint 8: Milestone Closing: NOV**      *->Engagement*

- Materials for decision

### **Milestone 4: Implementation**

#### **Sprint 9: Performance Mng't & Project Close: DEC**

- Implementation report
- Effectiveness monitoring & reporting

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### **Assess interest and capacity for engagement through existing relationships and continue development of policy options with new engagement avenues**

- Provide options for engagement with Indigenous nations where there are existing relationships, forums and conversations.
- Reach out to existing forums and tables where the management of species is being discussed.:
  - One such opportunity exists in the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum.
  - Other opportunities may include Land Use Planning pilot projects, such as the Nicola Watershed and as part of the Mining Reform project.

As the B.C. web pages related to SAR are out of date, an update could be done in June to highlight the ongoing work related to SAR, as well as the two policy priority projects. This online update could be complemented, later in the fall, by two SAR update webinars for Indigenous nations and stakeholders that participated in the engagement on the development of SAR legislation.

Staff will continue to revisit and adapt engagement plans to match what is possible and appropriate with COVID-19 recovery efforts throughout project timelines.

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## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**DATE:** May 28, 2020

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

**ISSUE:** Follow up meeting with Sierra Club BC, Ancient Forest Alliance and Wilderness Committee regarding old growth management

### BACKGROUND:

- The independent old growth panel submitted their recommendations report to Minister Donaldson at the end of April 2020. The report is being internally reviewed but has not yet been publicly released.
- The Minister met with environmental non-government organizations including the Sierra Club BC, Ancient Forest Alliance and Wilderness Committee (the ENGOs) on April 2, 2020 to discuss their perspectives on old growth management. The ENGOs continue to lobby for increased protection of old growth across BC. The ENGOs presented a highly-critical account of old growth management over the last decades.
- A follow up meeting with the ENGOs was held on April 16, 2020 with ADM Tom Ethier and Executive Director Brian Bawtinheimer. The ENGOs reiterated their interest in increased protection and wish to see a moratorium on 14 "hot spots" on Vancouver Island.
- The ENGOs are aware the Minister has received the report and it is expected they will question the Minister on publicly releasing the report and whether the provincial government will endorse the recommendations.

### DISCUSSION:

The old growth report has 14 recommendations ranging from shorter-term tactical actions (e.g. protect most rare stands; improve compliance and monitoring) to long-term complex shifts (e.g. ecosystem-priority forestry; new zoning structures). Economic impacts from the recommendations have not been assessed but are potentially significant should longer-term shifts occur.

The report will be a challenge for government considering the strong interest in old growth for economic objectives, forestry dependent communities and jobs, habitats and species at risk, First Nation cultural values and use, and tourism.

The ministry has retained outside contracted help from former Deputy Ministers Larry Pedersen and Derek Thompson who are developing a government response options paper for consideration. Rick Jeffrey has been hired to liaise with industry to better understand their approach to the old growth process. Economists Robert Prins and Jim Hackett are available to assist in an economic overview of the recommendations.

The ENGOs may raise a recently released report on old growth by Karen Price, Rachel Holt and Dave Daust (Appendix 1). The report is an enhanced version of the written submission by Price and Daust which is available under the written submission section of the EngageBC website. In the coming weeks, staff will review the report against the previous written submission to determine if any new information is provided or whether it is enhanced information previously provided.

No new information on the old growth report or future process can be given to the ENGOs at this time. The Minister did commit to engaging with them at the appropriate time, along with engagement with First Nations and industry. It is expected the ENGOs will request the Minister to release the report in the near future.

#### MINISTRY RESPONSE:

Although specific discussion on the report content, timing of release, and engagement process cannot be provided, the Minister could reiterate the following messages:

- Once again thanking the ENGOs for their participation in the panel process and their continued interest in this issue.
- Building a consensus on managing old growth forests has been a challenge for more than 30 years. This is a problem many years in the making and it won't be solved immediately.
- It will take some time to review the panel's recommendations and determine the best way forward – we remain committed to releasing the report no later than the end of October as per the terms of reference.
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#### Attachment:

Appendix 1: Report "*BC's Old Growth Forests: A Last Stand for Biodiversity*" by Price, Holt and Daust

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**April 2020**

**Karen Price, Ph.D., Rachel F. Holt, Ph.D., R.P.Bio  
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Wildsight and other interest groups

June 3, 2020



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## Purpose

- Provide overview of current approach to SAR and two policy projects to progress the Minister's SAR mandate
  - Conservation Priorities and Species Listing
  - Updating B.C.'s Approach to Environmental Mitigation & Habitat Offsets



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# Context – What We Heard

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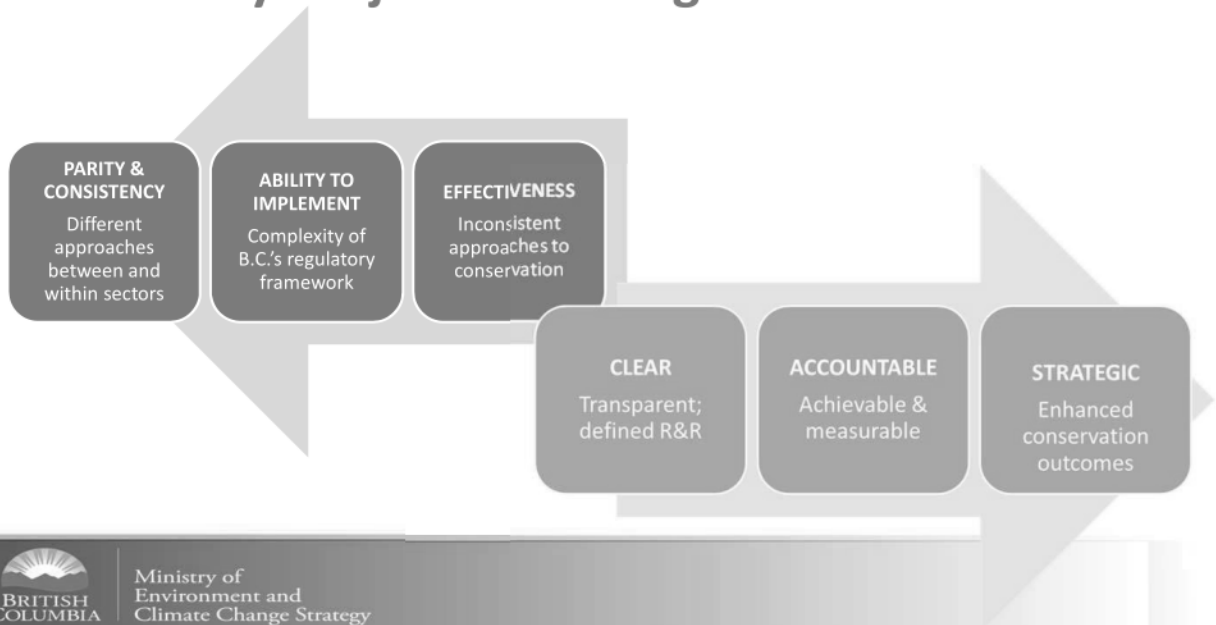
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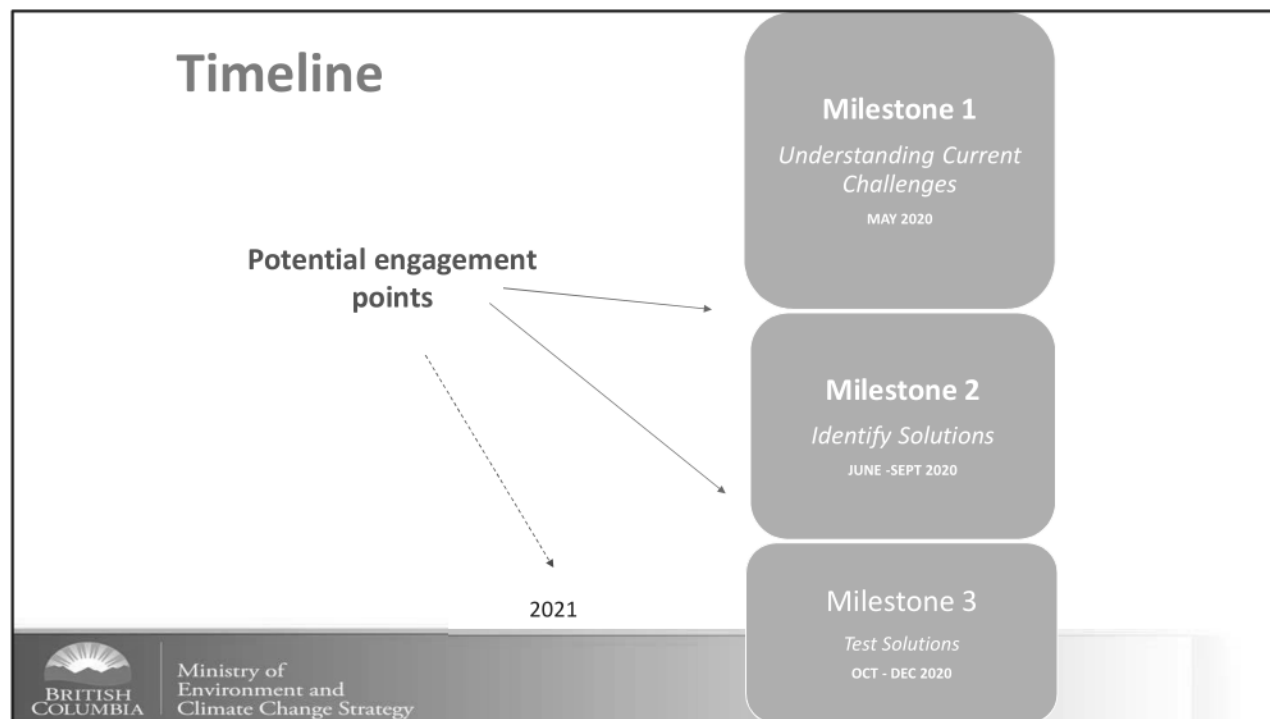


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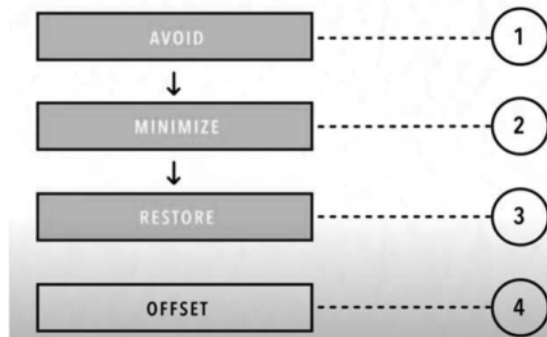
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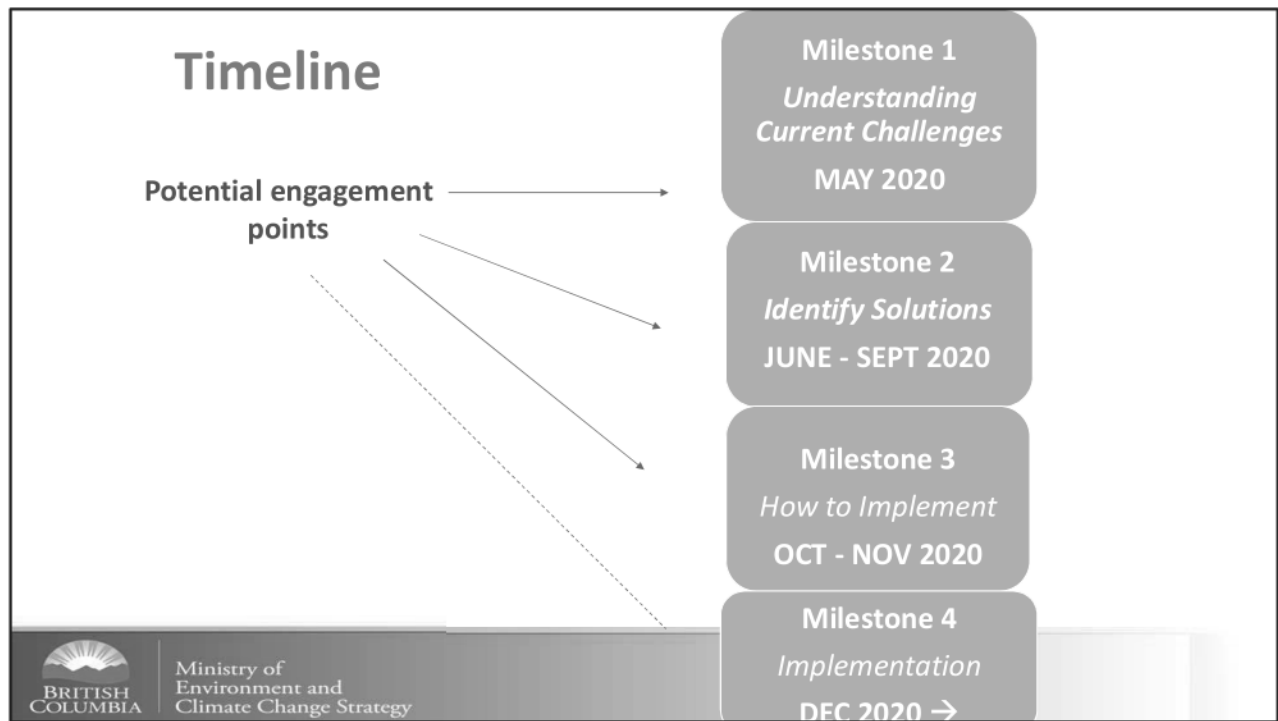
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FYI meeting is actually only 45 min not an hour per agenda (James will fix it) so you will likely need to shoot for 10-12 min to walk through the deck. Will just need to play by ear on timing, you can speed up or adjust as needed.

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**Subject:** RE: Conf call: Meeting with Widsight and other Interests Groups  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 6:02:44 PM  
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As part of our meeting tomorrow, Celine will be providing an update on two ministry policy projects. Attached is the deck that she will be taking us through.

Thanks – and looking forward to talking tomorrow.

-----Original Appointment-----

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**Cc:** Standen, Jim ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Conf call: Meeting with Widsight and other Interests Groups  
**When:** June 3, 2020 3:00 PM-3:45 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Toll-free | Skype

In advance of the Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 3pm, I just wanted to send a quick note to everyone introducing myself in this new role of Assistant Deputy Minister for Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy. Jennifer McGuire has moved on to (my previous role at) the Ministry of Agriculture.

I did have a chance to talk with the Minister about direction on this file, and am looking forward to working through this with you. We only have 45 minutes scheduled, but I see this as a launch meeting for further work.

As a high-level agenda, I would propose:

1. Opening remarks – 15 minutes (James Mack)
2. Update on key projects and discussion – 30 minutes (Alec Dale and staff)
3. Discussion on Next steps – 15 minutes

Let me know if you have any comments on this approach and looking forward to speaking with you on Wednesday.

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# Update on Species at Risk Policy Development

Wildsight and other interest groups

June 3, 2020



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## Purpose

- Provide overview of current approach to SAR and two policy projects to progress the Minister's SAR mandate
  - Conservation Priorities and Species Listing
  - Updating B.C.'s Approach to Environmental Mitigation & Habitat Offsets



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# Context – What We Heard

## Engagement on SAR April to August 2018 – Key Themes

Common Themes:	Stakeholder Specific Themes:	Indigenous Nations:
<p><b>A balanced &amp; holistic view</b> – Shift to area-based / multi-species approaches</p> <p><b>Funding</b> – fund adequately / innovatively and support programs that are already working</p> <p><b>Innovation</b> – Ensure ability to innovate &amp; be flexible with approaches</p> <p><b>Proactive</b> – Prevent species from becoming at risk is best option</p> <p><b>Regional scale</b> – Accurately reflect regional variation</p> <p><b>Conservation Focus</b> – need to protect species &amp; habitat</p>	<p><b>Industry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Certainty</b> – Clear rules &amp; understanding</li> <li>▪ <b>Consistency</b> – Fairness across sectors</li> </ul> <p><b>ENGOS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Science-based</b> – Decisions based on science</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> – Meaningful engagement; Indigenous perspectives &amp; participation through-out</p> <p><b>Indigenous knowledge</b> – Complement western science at all stages</p> <p><b>Capacity Building</b> – not just financial</p>



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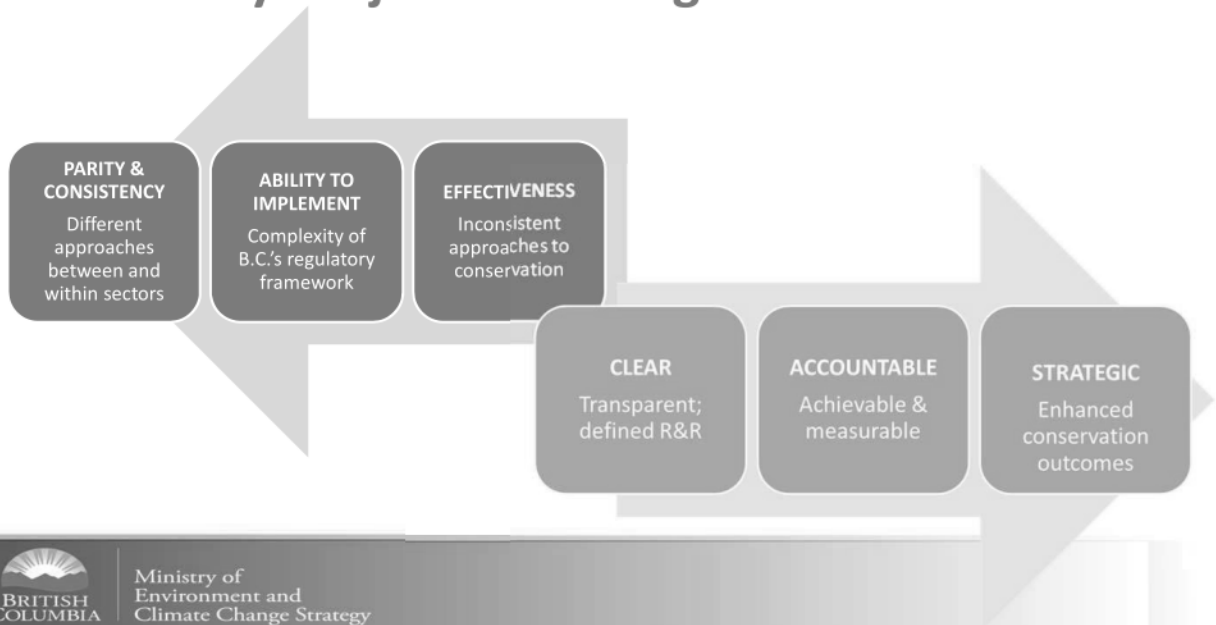
## Proposed Approach to Progress SAR Mandate

- Focus on two priority policy projects
- Working with ECCC on renewed federal mandate for SARA Modernization
- Continue to support current government priority initiatives that will result in benefits to biodiversity and species management



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## Policy Projects Challenges & Outcome

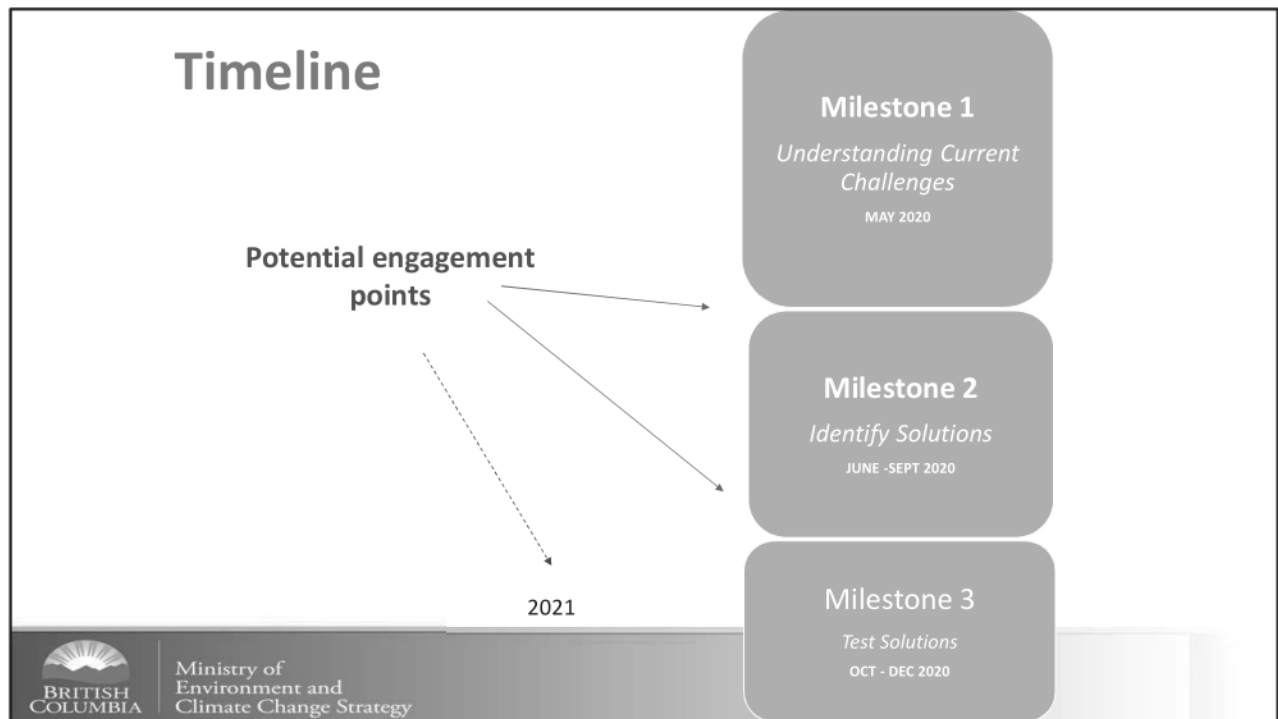


## Project 1: Conservation Priorities and Species Listing

- Update and strengthen SAR listing processes in B.C. and propose a more coordinated approach for focusing effort on priority habitats and/or species.
- The project will focus on the following three main milestones: a legal review and analysis, developing a listing prioritization framework, and finally a draft options paper by December 2020.



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## Project 2: EMP Policy Review

- Review the Environmental Mitigation Policy & Procedures (EMP) and propose long-term solutions for habitat offsets that are strategic, landscape-level, and transparent in order to address key challenges across the natural resource sector.
- Solutions may be regulatory and non-regulatory, and will be determined through exploring all mitigation tools, including financial offsets and area based approaches within the current regulatory structure.



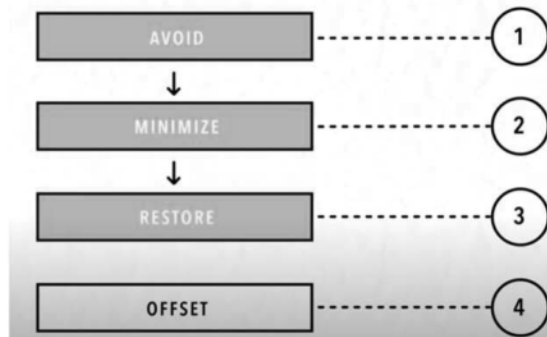
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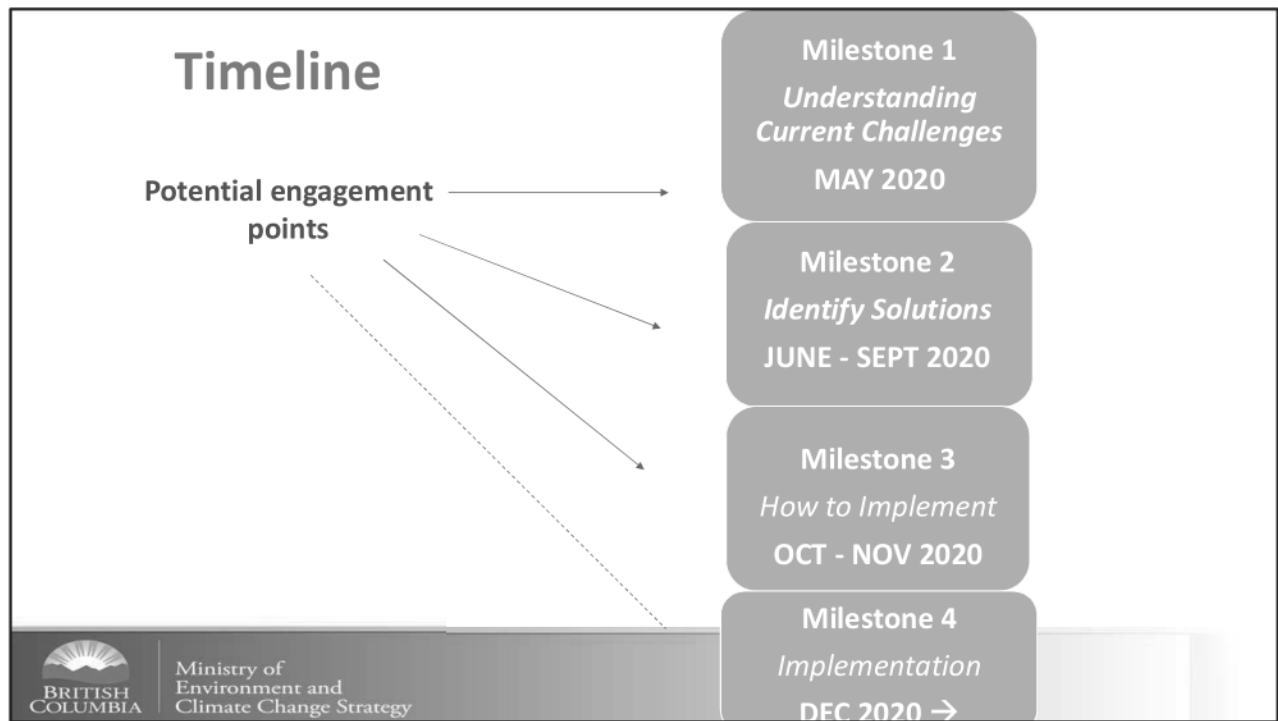
### History of EMP in BC

- **2015:** EMP endorsed by NR Board
- **2014/15/16:** provincial training
- **2017-2020:** Piloting of draft habitat decision support tool to support convos on ecological equivalence with offsets
- **2019/20:** Challenges noted by Indigenous Nations, mining, oil & gas

### Mitigation Hierarchy



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## Timeline & Next Steps

- Aiming for completion of options papers in December 2020.
- Initiating engagement with Indigenous Nations and key industry sectors/stakeholders in late May/early June
  - Through existing forums and tables
  - What works best?



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**Subject:** Meeting with ENGOs re: species at risk  
**Date:** June 3, 2020 5:23:04 PM

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Kevin,

We met with the group of ENGOs as organized with John/Wildsight and Lisa/Organizing for Change.

We stuck to the plan of introducing our task of

- advancing good work on species at risk in the time left in this mandate, and
- engaging with ENGOs on this work.

We also presented on the two projects that we are working on (listings; offsets and mitigation) and asked them to give us advice on the best way to work with them on this.

Overall, it went as expected:

- Definitely a message of frustration in delayed action on this file and that legislation is unlikely to come forward this mandate
- A mostly positive reaction on the ministry's task described above and agreement that this is the right course of action right now
- Some were critical of the choice of projects. Offsets was viewed as the last policy choice to be taken and that we should be prioritizing habitat protection
- General sense of urgency and that the province needs to take action on habitat protection now while this work happens.

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**Date:** June 9, 2020 9:19:48 AM  
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Hi Marnie,

Thank you! Attached is the email I had sent you with the materials before this meeting was rescheduled from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,



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Hi Carly,

Attendees will remain the same for ESSPD. Will FLNRORD material be forthcoming?

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Hi Marnie,

Please see updated table for rescheduled meeting, as MDD requested to move it. Please advise if

your attendees will remain the same.

Coleen - Kevin is now unable to attend but for this meeting I don't think it will be an issue as this is mainly a FLNRO topic.

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Materials	Y
Date/Time	<b>Pre-brief:</b> June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00am <b>Meeting:</b> June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 9:15am
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**Subject:** MR: MGH/MDD mtg w/ Sierra Club, AFA, WC (357921) - June 8, 9:15am

Hi Marnie,

Please see table below for booked meeting. Please confirm if James will be the only ESSP attendee, and let me know if an eapps is required. FLNRO is preparing materials and will be sharing them with me in advance of the meeting. I wanted to note that Jeremy attended a previous meeting with these groups on a similar topic (CLIFF 357024), but him and Kevin advised that this falls more under ESSP and that James is the best person to attend.

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Yes, thx, Carly. Sounds great.

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Hi Kevin,

Though Jeremy attended the last meeting on this, he has advised that this item would fall under James Mack and that he would be best suited to attend. Please advise if you agree, and I will action over to James and his team.

Thank you,  
Carly

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## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**DATE:** May 28, 2020

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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**April 2020**

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Attached. No change in material just meeting date

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Hi Marnie, is there material prepared for the joint Ministers meeting on Thurs am 9:15-10:15 (would have come from FLNRORD).

Thanks  
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Hi Marnie,

Thank you! Attached is the email I had sent you with the materials before this meeting was rescheduled from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,



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Hi Carly,

Attendees will remain the same for ESSPD. Will FLNRORD material be forthcoming?

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Hi Marnie,

Please see updated table for rescheduled meeting, as MDD requested to move it. Please advise if

your attendees will remain the same.

Coleen - Kevin is now unable to attend but for this meeting I don't think it will be an issue as this is mainly a FLNRO topic.

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Materials	Y
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Please see table below for booked meeting. Please confirm if James will be the only ESSP attendee, and let me know if an eapps is required. FLNRO is preparing materials and will be sharing them with me in advance of the meeting. I wanted to note that Jeremy attended a previous meeting with these groups on a similar topic (CLIFF 357024), but him and Kevin advised that this falls more under ESSP and that James is the best person to attend.

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Hi,

Process for joint material :

Lead Ministry program area...Director>ED>ADM>Lead DMO>otherDMOs> to be sent down

This material had already come to us from our DMO via FLNRORD DMO and is in your calendar. Once I receive approved material from our DMO I send it along to staff that require it.

Alec & Leah would've both been sent this previously

Marnie

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Hello!

I just received the attached agenda for the 9:15 meeting with ENGOs from FLNRO. Maybe MGH shared this with James in the pre-brief already, but I wanted to pass it along.

Thank you,



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## **Agenda**

Meeting, June 11, 2020

Forest Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Minister Doug Donaldson;  
Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Minister George Heyman;  
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### **Attendees**

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### **Introduction**

- Introductory remarks; Minister Donaldson, Minister Heyman
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### **Discussion**

FLNRORD - updates on current initiatives

- Report of the Old Growth Strategic Review – Received
- Next steps

ENGO – initiatives

- Working collaboratively on development and implementation of a provincial old-growth strategy based on panel recommendations
  - immediate measures
  - long-term
- Working collaboratively on FRPA amendments and regulations
- IPCAs and support for First Nations seeking to protect their land from resource extraction
- TIME DEPENDENT
  - Provincial plans - restructuring of the economy and forest industry post-pandemic
  - Big Tree Protection Policy

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Charlotte Dawe	Wilderness Committee	
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Hi Alec,

I attached the draft IN so you can review ahead of including it in e-approval. I used the previous draft IN (attached – I started to edit it and then saved a new copy) and the PPT we worked on with James to develop the current note.

Available to discuss.

Thanks

Celine

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
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INFORMATION NOTE**

June 18, 2020

CLIFF/eApprovals #:

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**ISSUE:** Confirming Species at Risk (SAR) Policy Development Direction

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) conducted engagement with Indigenous nations and stakeholders on SAR legislation between April to August of 2018 in response to the Minister's 2017 mandate letter. Through these engagement efforts, a diverse range of interests and concerns around protection and management of SAR were communicated (Attachment 1).

An overarching theme across all responses was the need to take the time to develop the most effective approaches to conserve British Columbia's species at risk. Public feedback was compiled in a draft summary report which was planned to be released in March 2019. However, the release was paused to avoid potential conflicting public messaging while engagement on Southern Mountain Caribou draft agreements was ongoing.

Based on this feedback and current realities, ENV staff continued to develop conservation policies and tools to improve outcomes for SAR and to support several cross-agency conservation initiatives.

Two policy areas were selected for effort in 2020/2021:

- Renewal of British Columbia (B.C.)'s approach to listing SAR. The objective of this project is to update and strengthen provincial species at risk listing processes and propose a more coordinated approach for focusing efforts on priority habitats and/or species; and
- Update Provincial Environmental Mitigation and Habitat Offset Policy. This project will review and update the provincial policy and provide a consistent approach to mitigation and habitat offsetting that will consider economic development and conservation outcomes.

ENV staff met with Wildsight and other Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGOS) on June 3, 2020 to discuss the two priority policy projects and the proposed engagement approach. ENGOS were generally supportive of the two projects but are seeking a senior political commitment to new SAR legislation. ENGOS are also interested in further discussion of key topics that could form part of a SAR legislation.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### Ongoing SAR work

As part of the two priority policy projects, GBA+ and economic implications assessments will be conducted. In addition to these projects, the Ecosystems Branch is also supporting and working on several B.C. Government initiatives that will provide better conservation outcomes for SAR. These include: Together for Wildlife Strategy; amendments to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Wildlife Act*; Modernized Land Use Planning; and Mining Regulatory Reform.

The federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has a mandate to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing *Species at Risk Act* and assess the need for modernization. B.C. is working with ECCC to better align federal and provincial approaches through a potential pilot project with a goal of enhancing species conservation while balancing social and economic objectives.

### Proposed Engagement

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## **NEXT STEPS:**

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**Attachment 1:** Key themes form SAR Engagement 2018

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INFORMATION NOTE**

June 15<sup>8</sup>, 2020  
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**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**ISSUE:** Confirming Update on Species at Risk (SAR) Policy Development Direction – June 15 Meeting

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) conducted engagement with Indigenous nations and stakeholders on SAR legislation between April to August of 2018 in response to the Minister's 2017 mandate letter. Through our engagement efforts, we heard a diverse range of interests and concerns around protection and management of SAR. We also clearly heard the need to take the time to develop the most effective approaches to conserve British Columbia's species at risk.

Based on this feedback and current realities, the Ministry's approach to improve outcomes for SAR is focusing on developing key policies and tools and supporting several cross-agency conservation initiatives.

Two policy areas were selected for effort in 2020/2021:

- 1) Renewal of British Columbia (B.C.)'s approach to listing SAR; and
- 2) Consistent implementation of mitigation and offsetting for development activities in B.C.

**DISCUSSION:**

Conservation Priorities and Species Listing project (Attachment 1):

This project will involve:

- Reviewing the process for updating SAR lists in B.C. statutes, including the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, *Wildlife Act*, *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and the *Private Managed Forests Lands Act*.
- Developing options for introducing a new provincial SAR list (in an existing statute) that would simplify the management of SAR in B.C.
- Developing a draft policy framework to align and update provincial listing processes. This will ultimately allow for clearer management direction for species that are at risk and a method to prioritize management actions (including listing), resulting in better outcomes for those species and ecosystems.
- Working with the federal government to better align federal and provincial legal listing of SAR.

Provincial Environmental Mitigation and Habitat Offset Policy (Attachment 2):

This project will involve:

- Reviewing and updating the provincial Environmental Mitigation Policy (EMP) to provide a consistent approach to mitigation and habitat offsetting that considers economic development and conservation outcomes.
- Working collaboratively with Indigenous nations and stakeholders using existing engagement forums to address challenges related to mitigation and habitat offsetting, and through an inter-agency project team that is advising on policy development.
- Supporting the re-boot of economic development through increased clarity, transparency, and guidance for industry, with the aim of enabling project approvals with a focus on the mining industry.

GBA+, and business and economic implications assessments will be conducted as part of these projects.

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# Progress Update on Species at Risk Work

Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment  
and Climate Change Strategy  
June 15, 2020

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## Context

- Unlikely to introduce SAR legislation within current mandate
- Renewed federal mandate for SARA modernization – B.C. working with ECCC
- ENV proceeding on following:
  - Advance policy projects
  - Engaging with ENGOs on policy projects and SAR interests
  - Working on government initiatives advancing better outcomes for SAR



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## Purpose

- Provide progress update on SAR work including two policy projects:
  - Conservation Priorities and Species Listing
  - Updating B.C.'s Approach to Environmental Mitigation & Habitat Offsets
- Seek direction on issues and next steps



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## Progress on work supporting SAR mandate

- Engaged with Indigenous nations, ENGOs and stakeholders on SAR legislation April-August 2018
- Ideas on what should be included as part of legislation from ENGOs and Indigenous nations
- Selected two policy projects based on engagement to date
- Recently met with Wildsight and other ENGOs (June 3, 2020) - presented projects and proposed engagement approach
- Working closely with FLNRORD on projects supporting SAR (e.g., FRPA amendments)



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# April – Aug 2018 Engagement – What we Heard:

- Engagement on  
species at risk

# legislation with Indigenous Nations, stakeholders, and public

- Consistently heard that we need to take the time to do it right:

## **Key themes:**

- Reconciliation
- Certainty/clarity
- Innovation
- Proactive
- Science-based/Indigenous Knowledge

Prioritized two policy projects for 2020/2021:

- 1) renewal of the BC approach to prioritization (listing) of species at risk, and
- 2) consistent implementation of mitigation and offsetting for development activities in BC.

Projects were selected based on feedback from engagement on SAR legislation and on the likelihood of these to offer clear and positive conservation outcomes as well as supporting economic development.

**Renewed federal mandate for *Species at Risk* Act Modernization**

- The Province of BC will work with the federal government to identify opportunities for pilot projects to better align federal and provincial approaches with a goal to enhance species protection and recovery.
- Much has been learned through the Southern Mountain Caribou process and those learnings could be applied to other species and projects moving forward.

**Projects that will provide benefits to biodiversity and species management:**

- FRPA amendments
- Land Use Planning and Modernized Land Use Policy (regional pilots and the more strategic Framework)
- Together for Wildlife Strategy (Wildlife Act amendments)

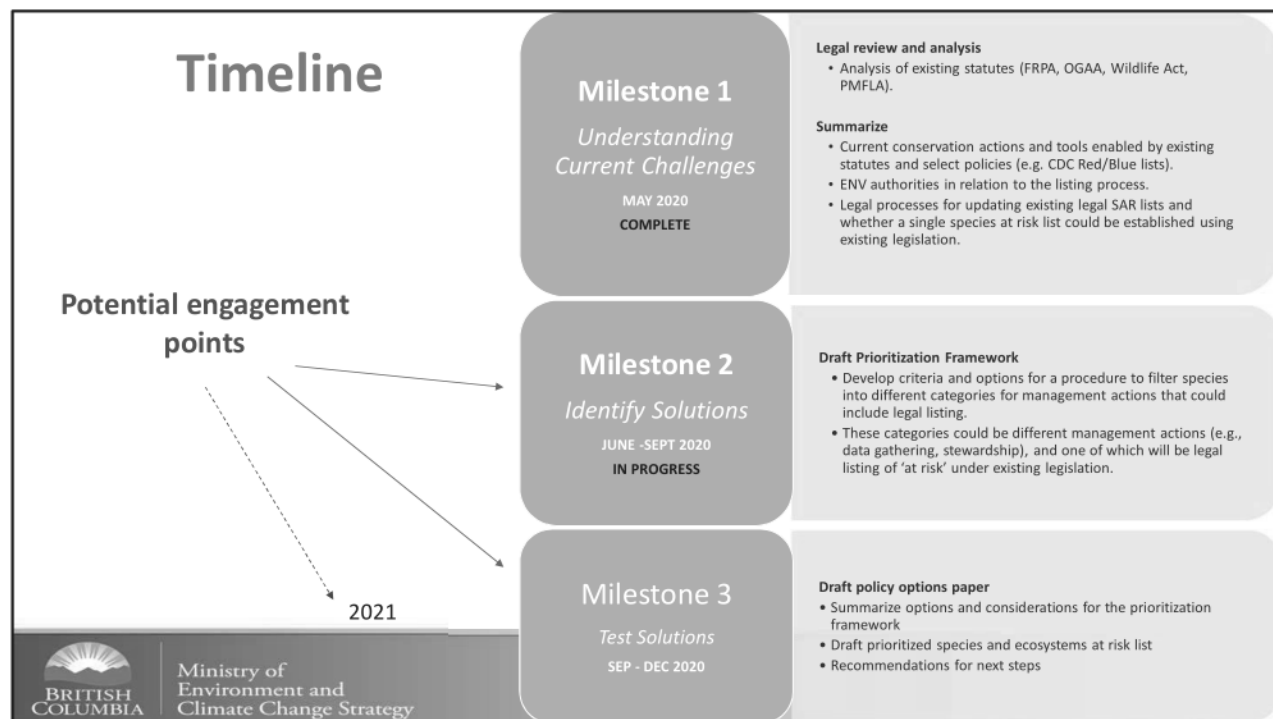
## Project 1: Conservation Priorities and Species Listing

- Update and strengthen SAR listing processes in B.C. and propose a more coordinated approach for focusing effort on priority habitats, threats, and actions.
- The project will focus on the following three main milestones: a legal review and analysis, developing a listing framework, and finally a draft options paper by December 2020.



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- Celine to speak to project approach



Emphasize there will be broader opportunities for engagement in 2021

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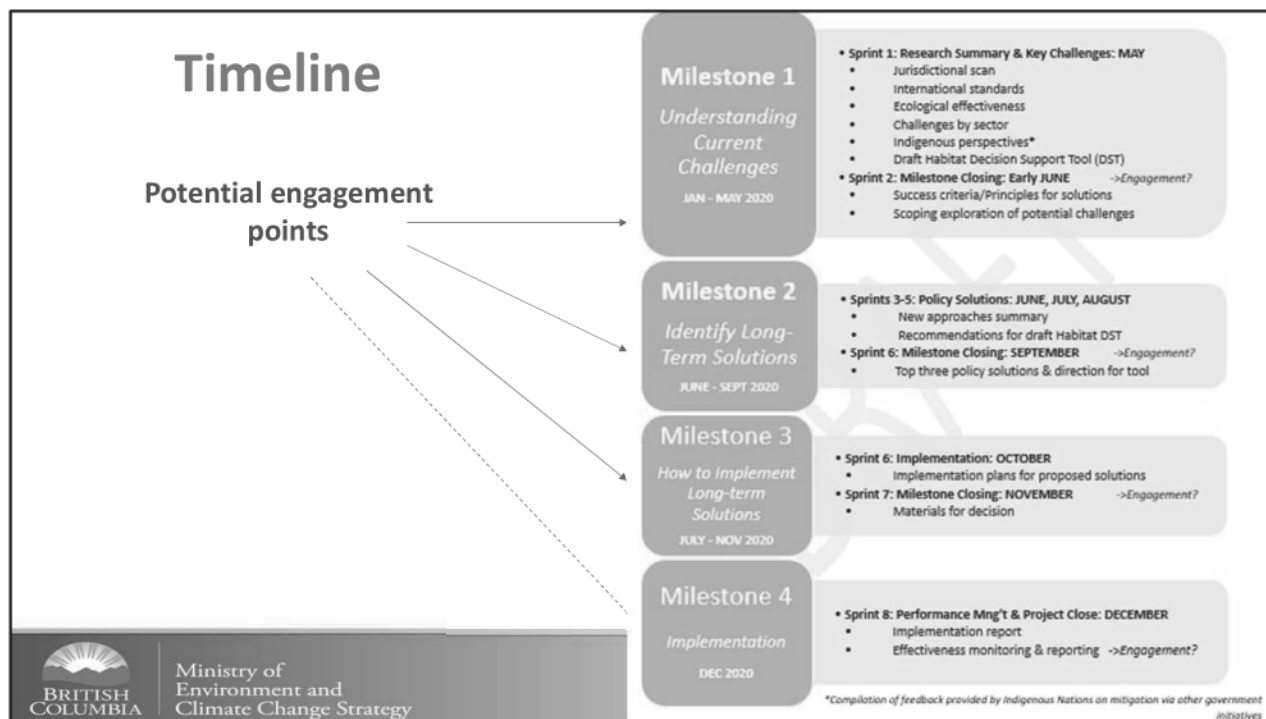
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- Working closely with FLNRORD colleagues to identify criteria and a procedure for prioritizing species into different management categories., Broader engagement with other internal agencies will take place through an inter-agency advisory group and PSARC.
- An introduction to the project and early considerations was shared with the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum at the end of May. Looking at additional opportunities for Indigenous engagement through land use planning pilots and the advisory group that was providing thoughts on potential SAR legislation.
- Broader Indigenous engagement will occur with the first draft of the policy intentions paper.
- Targeted engagement with industry, ENGOs and local governments will occur in a virtual environment, depending on availability due to COVID response.

## Project 2: EMP Policy Review

- Review the Environmental Mitigation Policy & Procedures (EMP) and propose long-term solutions for habitat offsets that are strategic, landscape-level, and transparent in order to address key challenges across the natural resource sector.
- Solutions may be regulatory and non-regulatory, and will be determined through exploring all mitigation tools, including financial offsets and area based approaches within the current regulatory structure.



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## Provincial Environmental Mitigation and Habitat Offset Policy:

- Advancing policy work on exploring potential solutions, including compensation frameworks and an area based approach to offsetting will take place in summer 2020.
- Strong linkages have been made to align policy work with modernizing land use planning and FRPA amendment initiatives.
- Opportunities to engage on policy development was shared with the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum at the end of May, and will be shared with Ktunaxa, Tahltan, West Moberly and Sauteau First Nations (These First Nations are currently involved in mitigation work through project approvals and the Partnership Agreement and have expressed interest in this policy project).
- Engagement will occur with MABC and AME through the Mining Regularly Reform project this summer. Staff are in the process of confirming timelines.
- Engagement with other stakeholders will be limited and depend on interest and capacity.

## Engagement to date

- Aiming for collaborative policy development– mindful of COVID response
- Providing options for Indigenous nations and key stakeholders engagement (industry sectors, agriculture and local governments) – currently reaching out to existing forums and tables
- Discussed policy projects with Wildsight and other ENGOs
- Presented policy projects to Together for Wildlife Indigenous Advisory Forum



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### **Assess interest and capacity for engagement through existing relationships and continue development of policy options with new engagement avenues**

- Provide options for engagement with Indigenous nations where there are existing relationships, forums and conversations.
- Reach out to existing forums and tables where the management of species is being discussed.:
  - One such opportunity exists in the Together for Wildlife Indigenous Forum held in May.
  - Other opportunities may include Land Use Planning pilot projects, such as the Nicola Watershed and as part of the Mining Reform project.

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Hello Carly,

Attached is what Minister requested from Ecosystems as follow up to the briefing. I did not add it to Eapprovals item as we're still awaiting that from DMO.

Marnie for

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*Assistant Deputy Minister – Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy  
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Thank you,



**Carly Morgan**

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James Casey	Birds Canada	Looking for action on habitat protection
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Sarah Otto	University of BC	Two projects are good, but would like to see a confirmation of BC Government commitment to develop SAR legislation - could be in next mandate, but would like to explore ideas around habitat protection
John Bergenski	Wildsight	Habitat offsetting is not enough, need to look at all aspects of environmental mitigation
Charlotte Dawe	Wilderness Committee	
Joe Foy	Wilderness Committee	
Andrea Inness	Ancient Forest Alliance	
	Yellowstone to Yukon	
Tim Burkhart	Conservation Initiative	Policy projects are not enough, need to include tools that look at habitat protection
	Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative	
Johnny Mikes		Important to look at habitat protection
		Discussed concern that, although we have an Env. Mitigation Policy hierarchy, the focus on offsets may lead to industry simply going to offsets first. Also that true habitat offsets are hard to find when there is limited habitat available. Suggested a review of the EMP effectiveness should be conducted prior to work on offsets. Mentioned other Gov't initiatives, in particular the old growth strategy, and the need to make the broader connections between initiatives
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Jens Wieting	Sierra Club BC	
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Lisa Matthaus	Organization for Change	
Tamsin Baker	South Coast Conservation	
Michelle Connolly	Conservation North	

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Thanks Marnie!

I provided this to the MO and followed up on the meeting request I had sent them earlier today.

Have a great weekend



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Hi James, here is the first cut at a note for the Minister's meeting with PJH. I think it has all the elements he noted on the call, just not sure if we have structured it optimally, so appreciate your feedback on it. Marnie, I suspect this will be coming as an e-App request from DMO once the meeting with Premier is set, so I am sending via email to avoid confusion in e-apps. If you would like us to put in e-Apps we easily can.

Thanks  
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**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
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INFORMATION NOTE**

June 18, 2020

CLIFF/eApprovals #: 358436/

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**ISSUE:** Confirming Species at Risk (SAR) Direction and Messaging with Premier Horgan

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) conducted engagement with Indigenous nations, stakeholders, and the public on SAR legislation between April to August of 2018, in response to the Minister's 2017 mandate letter commitment to "Enact an endangered species law and harmonize other laws to ensure they are all working towards the goal of protecting our beautiful province." A diverse range of interests and concerns were communicated (Attachment 1).

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Based on this feedback and current realities, ENV staff continue to develop alternate conservation policies and tools to improve outcomes for SAR and to support several cross-agency conservation initiatives.

Two policy areas were selected for effort in 2020/2021:

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- Update Provincial Environmental Mitigation and Habitat Offset Policy. This project will review and update the provincial policy and provide a consistent approach to mitigation and habitat offsetting that will consider economic development and conservation outcomes.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

### Ongoing SAR work

The Ecosystems Branch is supporting several B.C. Government initiatives that will provide better conservation outcomes for SAR. These include: Together for Wildlife Strategy; amendments to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Wildlife Act*; Modernized Land Use Planning; and Mining Regulatory Reform.

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### Proposed Engagement

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### Advancing Internal Work on SAR Legislation

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## **NEXT STEPS:**

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Got it.

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Via Mobile

On Jun 22, 2020, at 5:11 PM, Mack, James ENV:EX <[James.Mack@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Mack@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I think the issue here is whether they'll request a formal meeting. MGH will still raise strategy with PJH and his colleagues so needs our product just the same

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Thanks Marnie, we will be ahead of the game if needed.

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Hi Melissa/Marnie,

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Thanks,

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**Location:** Toll-free | Skype

**Start:** Wed 2020-06-03 3:00 PM

**End:** Wed 2020-06-03 3:45 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Mack, James ENV:EX

**Required Attendees:** 'snixon@ecojustice.ca'; 'jcasey@birdscanada.org';  
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Alec Dale; Davis, Celine ENV:EX

**Optional Attendees:** Standen, Jim ENV:EX

**Categories:** Important - MO/DMO/ADM Mtgs

In advance of the Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 3pm, I just wanted to send a quick note to everyone introducing myself in this new role of Assistant Deputy Minister for Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy. Jennifer McGuire has moved on to (my previous role at) the Ministry of Agriculture.

I did have a chance to talk with the Minister about direction on this file, and am looking forward to working through this with you. We only have 45 minutes scheduled, but I see this as a launch meeting for further work.

As a high-level agenda, I would propose:

1. Opening remarks – 15 minutes (James Mack)

2. Update on key projects and discussion – 30 minutes (Alec Dale and staff)
3. Discussion on Next steps – 15 minutes

Let me know if you have any comments on this approach and looking forward to speaking with you on Wednesday.

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**End:** Thu 2020-06-11 9:15 AM

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**Attendees:** James Mack, Alec Dale

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**Subject:** RE: material for Min meeting on Thurs am?  
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Attached. No change in material just meeting date

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Hi Marnie, is there material prepared for the joint Ministers meeting on Thurs am 9:15-10:15 (would have come from FLNRORD).

Thanks  
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For Monday's 9:00 pre-brief and 9:15 meeting.

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Hi Marnie,

Attached please find materials from FLNRO for the below mentioned meeting (and pre-brief at 9:00am). These have already been shared with the MO by FLNRO.

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## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**DATE:** May 28, 2020

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

**ISSUE:** Follow up meeting with Sierra Club BC, Ancient Forest Alliance and Wilderness Committee regarding old growth management

### BACKGROUND:

- The independent old growth panel submitted their recommendations report to Minister Donaldson at the end of April 2020. The report is being internally reviewed but has not yet been publicly released.
- The Minister met with environmental non-government organizations including the Sierra Club BC, Ancient Forest Alliance and Wilderness Committee (the ENGOs) on April 2, 2020 to discuss their perspectives on old growth management. The ENGOs continue to lobby for increased protection of old growth across BC. The ENGOs presented a highly-critical account of old growth management over the last decades.
- A follow up meeting with the ENGOs was held on April 16, 2020 with ADM Tom Ethier and Executive Director Brian Bawtinheimer. The ENGOs reiterated their interest in increased protection and wish to see a moratorium on 14 "hot spots" on Vancouver Island.
- The ENGOs are aware the Minister has received the report and it is expected they will question the Minister on publicly releasing the report and whether the provincial government will endorse the recommendations.

### DISCUSSION:

The old growth report has 14 recommendations ranging from shorter-term tactical actions (e.g. protect most rare stands; improve compliance and monitoring) to long-term complex shifts (e.g. ecosystem-priority forestry; new zoning structures). Economic impacts from the recommendations have not been assessed but are potentially significant should longer-term shifts occur.

The report will be a challenge for government considering the strong interest in old growth for economic objectives, forestry dependent communities and jobs, habitats and species at risk, First Nation cultural values and use, and tourism.

The ministry has retained outside contracted help from former Deputy Ministers Larry Pedersen and Derek Thompson who are developing a government response options paper for consideration. Rick Jeffrey has been hired to liaise with industry to better understand their approach to the old growth process. Economists Robert Prins and Jim Hackett are available to assist in an economic overview of the recommendations.

The ENGOs may raise a recently released report on old growth by Karen Price, Rachel Holt and Dave Daust (Appendix 1). The report is an enhanced version of the written submission by Price and Daust which is available under the written submission section of the EngageBC website. In the coming weeks, staff will review the report against the previous written submission to determine if any new information is provided or whether it is enhanced information previously provided.

No new information on the old growth report or future process can be given to the ENGOs at this time. The Minister did commit to engaging with them at the appropriate time, along with engagement with First Nations and industry. It is expected the ENGOs will request the Minister to release the report in the near future.

## MINISTRY RESPONSE:

Although specific discussion on the report content, timing of release, and engagement process cannot be provided, the Minister could reiterate the following messages:

- Once again thanking the ENGOs for their participation in the panel process and their continued interest in this issue.
- Building a consensus on managing old growth forests has been a challenge for more than 30 years. This is a problem many years in the making and it won't be solved immediately.
- It will take some time to review the panel's recommendations and determine the best way forward – we remain committed to releasing the report no later than the end of October as per the terms of reference.
- The panel was clear that engaging with First Nations, industry, non-government organizations and the public on any proposed policy shifts was paramount, and we are building an engagement strategy for these conversations.
- We need an approach and solutions that respect and understand the benefits of old growth to biodiversity in our forests and that includes First Nations, communities, industry and the public.

## Attachment:

Appendix 1: Report "*BC's Old Growth Forests: A Last Stand for Biodiversity*" by Price, Holt and Daust

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**April 2020**

**Karen Price, Ph.D., Rachel F. Holt, Ph.D., R.P.Bio  
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