

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
BULLETS**

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SUBJECT: Bullets on SAR for Consultation Committee Meeting

BULLET RESPONSE:

- We understand the concerns for the delay. We certainly want to take rapid action on this file, but that needs to be balanced with the need to align with other related initiatives and to ensure we are addressing the interests of Indigenous people in the development and implementation of this legislation.

Alignment

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- We need to ensure SAR legislation fits into those processes and systems.
- While SAR legislation deals with a unique and specific subset of issues on the ground, it has a very broad scope. We need to think about all of the pieces together and take the time to align the different pieces of legislation correctly.
- Other legislation likely to be influenced: *Wildlife Act*; *Forest & Range Practices Act*; as well as consequential amendments to numerous other statutes including transportation, tourism, mining, oil & gas.

Indigenous Nations

- We have a unique opportunity to demonstrate commitment to UNDRIP, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and 10 Draft Principles by collaborating with indigenous peoples on components of the legislation to meet their interests.

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- We want to ensure we have time to build something better via ongoing conversations and collaboration with indigenous groups.
- There are discussions underway to create an group of indigenous experts to advise on SAR and wildlife.
- We want to ensure the legislation allows for the things that Indigenous nations are telling us are important: partnerships; oversight; importance of indigenous knowledge; participation in decision making; and taking a regional/place-based approach.

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