



# **Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship**

## **TRANSITION BINDER**

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## Minister's Transition Binder

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## NATURAL RESOURCE MINISTRIES

### Roles & Responsibilities

#### Natural Resource Ministries

There are six (6) BC Public Service's natural resource ministries – Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Agriculture and Food; Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Environment and Climate Change Strategy (including the Environmental Assessment Office); Forests; and Land, Water and Resource Stewardship. All Natural Resource (NR) ministries report through to the Environment and Land Use Committee.

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

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

#### Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)

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

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

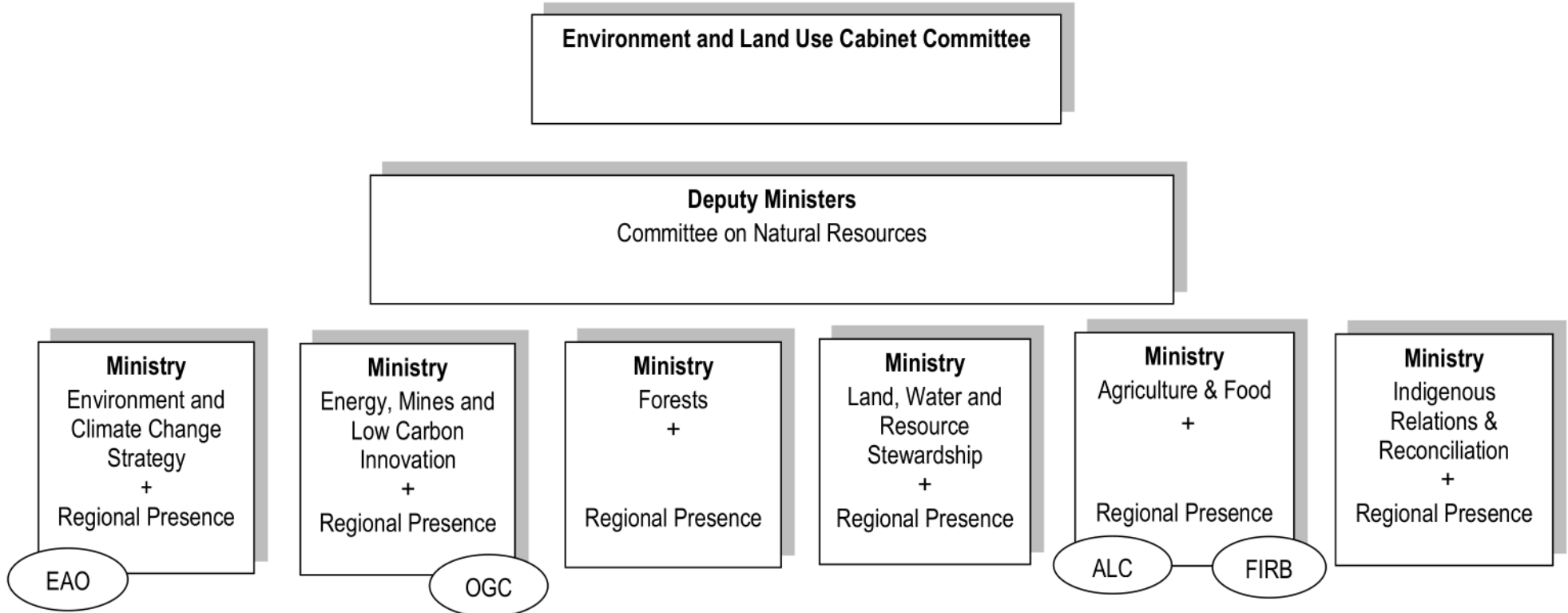
**Membership:** Honourable Josie Osborne (Chair), Honourable Murray Rankin (Vice Chair), Honourable Katrine Conroy, Honourable Rob Fleming, Honourable George Heyman, Honourable Lana Popham, Honourable Bruce Ralston

**Deputy Minister Committee for Natural Resources (DMCNR)**

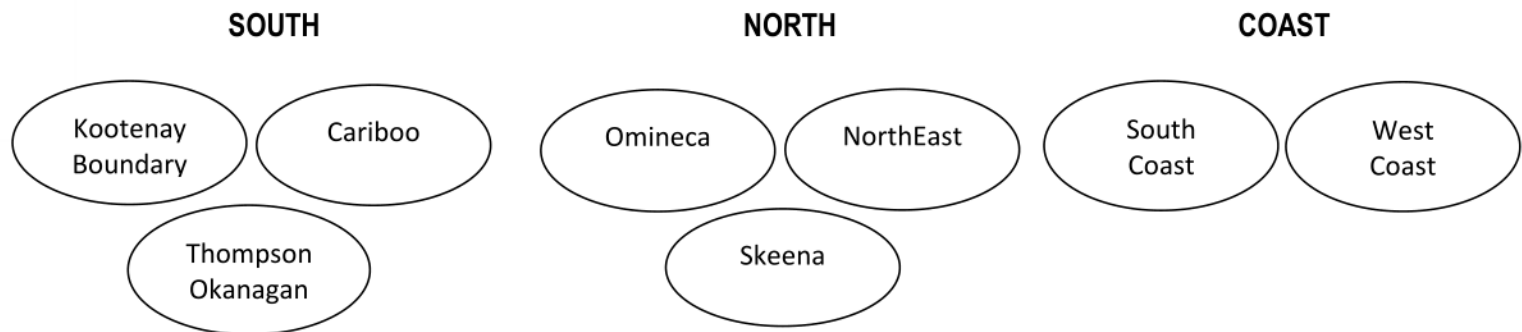
The Deputy Minister Committee for Natural Resources is responsible for supporting the Environment and Land Use Committee and for providing it with information and recommendations on policy and operational issues in support of its mandate. This support includes ministries working together to apply resources to highest sector priorities as guided by ELUC, such as sharing and/or collaborating on resources to meet critical government objectives, undertake strategic approaches to sustainably enhance the Natural Resource Ministries' permitting regime, reviewing high-level business plans to ensure that natural resource operations priorities are being met, and improving and gaining support for ELUC submissions.

**Membership (as of February 2022):** Lori Halls (Chair), Rick Manwaring (Vice Chair), Fazil Mihlar (EMLI), Kevin Jardine (ENV), Eamon O'Donoghue (FLNR), Doug Caul (MIRR), Peter Pokorny (AGRI), Bobbi Plecas (JERI), Elenore Arend (EAO), Kaye Krishna (TRAN), Tara Richards (EMBC), Eric Kristianson (PREM).

# Organizational Structure to Support Natural Resource Sector Integration



## Natural Resource Operations Ministry 8 Geographic Regions



EAO: Environmental Assessment Office  
 OGC: Oil and Gas Commission  
 ALC: Agricultural Land Commission  
 FIRB: Farm Industry Review Board

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