

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Draft Sustainability Principles for Resource Management in British Columbia

**Open Cabinet Meeting
May 22, 2002**



Why Sustainability?

- Improve integration of economic and environmental goals to maximize benefits to current and future generations
- Ensure that a vibrant economy is re-established but not at the expense of the environment
- Improve public and investor confidence in resource management to secure access to international markets
- Protect resource sector jobs, improve community well-being and provide new opportunities for First Nations

What is Sustainability?

... *“Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs...”*
(Brundtland Commission - 1987)

Relationship to Government's Strategic Plan

“A government that is innovative, results oriented and accountable”

Goal 1 - A strong and vibrant economy

Goal 2 - A supportive social infrastructure

Goal 3 - Safe, healthy communities and a sustainable environment

Vision of Sustainable Resource Management

To optimize economic development of the province's natural resources, protect ecosystem integrity and enhance community well-being for all British Columbians, now and in the future

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- Integration
- Efficiency
- Accountability
- Transparency

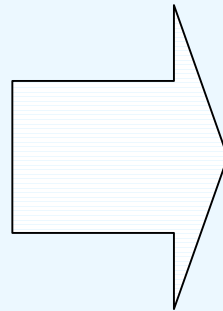
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- Innovation
- Continual Improvement
- Shared Responsibility
- Science-Based Decision Making
- Competitiveness
- Certainty

Key Sustainability Shifts

From

Individual, uncoordinated
resource management
decisions
Uneven and inconsistent
standards and policies
between fed/prov/mun.
governments
Prescriptive, command and
control regulations



To

Integrated, coordinated
government -wide
approach to resource
management
Harmonized approach to
sustainability across all
levels of government
Performance-based
regulations

Proposed Pilot Projects

- Aquaculture
- Land Use Plans
- Discussion papers on the Working Forest and resource use planning initiatives

Options for Cabinet

Option #1 - Do not approve the principles and require more analysis

Option #2 - Approve the sustainability principles for initial application and consultation

Recommendation - Option #2

Proposed Next Steps

- Application of the sustainability principles to pilot projects
- Workshop on “*Governance for Sustainability*”
- June 2002
- Consultation - Summer 2002
- Revised Principles to Cabinet - Fall 2002
- Implementation - Beginning in Fall 2002