

BC Timber Sales Opportunities Review

Questions and Answers

Q1. Why didn't the review include more far-reaching opportunities?

Some far-reaching opportunities were brought forward during the review, but it was clear from the survey of BCTS clients and customers that they largely believe BCTS should not stray too far from its core mandate and consider improvements/refinements only if they do not undermine the delivery of that mandate. With the Opportunities Review complete, government's new platform in place and a review of BCTS' role and effectiveness about to begin, it is within government's scope to confirm the BCTS mandate or consider changes, but for that we will have to wait for the upcoming review.

Q2. When will the ministry/BCTS act on the recommendations?

BCTS has acted on all of the recommendations to some degree. For example, the report recommends increasing efforts to build awareness and understanding of BCTS and lists options such as more effectively engaging First Nations. BCTS is working to increase understanding of the program and is preparing additional tools to engage First Nations and others.

Q3. Will the Opportunities Review lead to changes in organizational structure?

Although organizational structure was looked at, it was not the primary focus of the Opportunities Review and given the survey responses and the report's recommendations, broad changes to the organizational structure arising from the Opportunities Review are not anticipated. Nonetheless, BCTS will continue to explore options to use its resources more efficiently. Two examples of this are sharing of positions between Business Areas and collaborative delivery of Geographic Information Systems services in the northern BAs.

Q4. What's the difference between the Opportunities Review report and the review of BCTS' role and effectiveness that the Minister has directed be conducted?

The Opportunities Review was conducted in 2012 to identify opportunities for BCTS to better support government's existing provincial priorities while at the same time strengthening BCTS's ability to deliver its mandate. The report's recommendations are focused on staying the course, while taking advantage of emerging trends and initiatives to meet customer needs. Conversely, the review BCTS' role and effectiveness, which has yet to begin, will provide government the opportunity to consider the BCTS mandate in the context of the new government's priorities and explore opportunities to provide more effective delivery of its mandate going forward.