



RECREATION STEWARDSHIP PANEL

Public Consultation Plan

Objective

The objective of the public consultation plan is to provide the opportunity for province-wide groups, First Nations and the public to review and comment on policy options and draft recommendations developed by the Recreation Stewardship Panel.

The mandate for carrying out this process comes from the panel's terms of reference.

Range of Participants

The terms of reference direct the panel to undertake targeted consultations with key province-wide groups, First Nations and the public.

Representatives of the First Nations Summit are assisting the panel with the design and coordination of a process to involve First Nations. The panel will also invite participation of those First Nations not affiliated with the First Nations Summit.

The panel will use press releases and a web-site to invite the public to participate in the process. As well, most of the province-wide groups involved in the process have mailing lists and electronic listserves that will assist in communicating opportunities for their members and colleagues to participate in the panel process. The panel web-site allows participants to sign up on a distribution list that will be used to circulate panel materials and a survey.

Consultation Format

Written Submissions

The panel will welcome written submissions related to its mandate throughout the process. Submissions received by October 15, 2002, will be incorporated into the analysis and summary of public input to be considered by the panel in preparing its recommendations.

Wherever possible, the panel would appreciate receiving written submissions in electronic format (e.g. via e-mail messages or MS Word attachments). The contact options are listed at the end of this plan.



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Preliminary Consultation

In addition to the direction given in the panel's mandate, the panel invited key province-wide groups with an interest in fish, wildlife and protected area recreation to participate in informal sessions with the panel to discuss the panel's terms of reference and some issues that were being considered by the panel in developing a set of working principles.

The sessions were held at Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre on June 25 and 26. Notes of the sessions will be posted on the panel web-site.

Discussion of Options

The panel will develop and assess policy options based on its terms of reference and its working principles. A discussion paper outlining the options will be posted on the web-site, and written submissions responding to the paper will be accepted.

The panel will also host a workshop bringing together First Nations and key province-wide groups to discuss the options on the evening of August 22 and all day August 23, 2002. A summary of the workshop discussions will be prepared and made available to participants and the public.

The written submissions and workshop discussion on options will assist the panel in developing draft recommendations.

Review of Draft Recommendations

The panel will submit a set of draft recommendations to the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection on September 16, 2002. This report will also be distributed to First Nations, province-wide groups and the public for review and comment. Distribution of the draft recommendations will take place through the web-site, e-mail and mail, along with comment forms that can be filled out directly on the web-site or mailed/faxed back to the panel. Written submissions regarding the draft recommendations will also be accepted.

The panel will use press releases and network distribution via the key province-wide groups to invite the public to participate in the review of the draft recommendations.

A report will be prepared summarizing the consultation process and input received. This will be available to the public and posted on the web-site.

Final Report

The final report of the panel will be submitted to the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection on November 29, 2002. The report will subsequently be made public.



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Summary of Key Steps (2002)

This process and schedule is subject to change.

Preliminary Discussions

Convene province-wide group meetings	June 25 and 26
Release summary of province-wide group meetings	July/August

Options

Release discussion paper on options	August
Convene options workshop	August 22 and 23
Release workshop report	September

Draft Recommendations

Submit Draft Recommendations to Minister and public	September 16
Deadline for input (surveys and written submissions)	October 15

Final Report

Release report on public input	November 29
Submit Final Report to Minister	November 29

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