

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

**Existing Functions and Responsibilities:**

- Provincial water leadership:
  - Watershed Security Strategy & Fund; Coastal Marine Strategy; Wild Salmon Strategy
  - Water sustainability planning
  - Lead coordination on government’s strategy on source to tap, including drinking water
  - Water quality objective setting
  - Marine use policy and planning
- Integrated land management frameworks to guide land use decisions in B.C., modernized land use policy and planning and land base objective setting
- Provincial cumulative effects regime
- Strengthen partnerships, collaboration, and engagement with Indigenous Peoples on the management of natural resources and the land base (e.g., Collaborative Indigenous Stewardship Forums)
- Development of a co-management/shared decision-making regime with First Nations
- Consultation and accommodation policy, including the Area Based Approach & First Nations Consultation System
- Fish and wildlife leadership:
  - habitat/ecosystems; fisheries, aquaculture & wild salmon strategic policy
- BC/CAN Nature Agreement
- Integrated, science-based land, aquatic, terrestrial, resource data/information, and geographic/geospatial data, systems and analysis
- Strategic marine, land and resource management policies to support the effective operationalization of DRIPA in the natural resource sector
- Permitting Solutions Office
- Support for governance, organizational effectiveness, performance monitoring and reporting on progress
- Corporate Services for the Natural Resource ministries
- Natural Resource Information & Digital Services
- Crowns, Agencies, Board and Commissions:
  - Wildlife Advisory Council
  - Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board
  - Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission
  - Mackenzie River Basin Board

**NEW From FOR**

**Water Management Functions:**

- Full suite of authorities for managing water use, authorizations and orders for drought (e.g., Water Comptroller)
- River Forecast Centre & Flood Safety
- Flood strategy, policy and management
- Dams, Dam Safety and Utility Regulation (e.g., BC Hydro)
- Dikes, drainage and ditches
- Water allocation
- Source water protection

**Fish and Wildlife Functions**

- Fish and wildlife policy, research, allocations and authorizations
- Fisheries licensing
- Fish stock assessments
- Rivers and lakes management
- Data and reporting
- Wildlife and aquatic specialists
- Provincial wildlife veterinarian

**Land Functions:**

- Full suite of authorities and for lands authorizations (and related permitting support functions, including business transformation and First Nations engagement).
- FrontCounter BC
- Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration (including Contaminated Sites)
- Land programs
- Policy (Crown land and strategic)
- Land returns

**NEW Crown Responsibilities (From FOR):**

- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Authority
- Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC
- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
- Association of BC Land Surveyors
- Integrated Cadastral Information Society
- \*BC Land Title and Survey Authority to FIN*

**Ministry of Forests**

**Ongoing Functions and Responsibilities:**

- Modernize forest sector and support a sustainable and innovative forest economy:
  - Forest sector policy including, tenures, economics and trade, value-add, softwood lumber, pricing, competitiveness, compensation, forest worker safety, and private managed forest lands
  - BC Timber Sales
- Forest management:
  - Old Growth Strategic Review
  - Forest Landscape Planning
  - Office of the Chief Forester including, forest research, investment, practices, planning, inventory, and health, Allowable Annual Cut decisions and seed orchard/seed centre, bioeconomy and forest products innovation
- Strengthen partnerships, collaboration, and engagement with Indigenous Peoples on the management of forest resources
- Integrated authorizations, permitting for archeology, forestry & range
- Multi-disciplinary research support for natural resource management
- Provincial Engineering Program
- *Heritage Conservation Act* transformation
- Range
- BC Wildfire Service including all hazards response
- Natural resource compliance and enforcement

**Crowns, Agencies, Board and Commissions:**

- Coastal Logging Equipment Support Trust
- Forest Enhancement Society of BC
- Forest Practices Board
- Private Managed Forest Land Council
- Timber Export Advisory Committee