



Cumulative Effects Framework

Assessing and Managing Cumulative Effects in British Columbia

Comments Received during CEF Phase 2 Engagement

ENGOS and Academia (233 comments catalogued)

Comments from ENGOS and academia were from organizations that are based across the province. Many of the eight ENGOS that provided 217 catalogued comments are provincial organizations that have large geographically-based memberships. Sixteen catalogued comments were also received from three academic universities or their affiliates. Comments represent high-level summaries and do not attempt to represent all of the 233 detailed comments that were catalogued during engagement.

1. Adopt the policy goals of preventing, not just mitigating, cumulative effects and managing values at low risk benchmarks to maintain and restore conditions for net environmental gains.
2. Consider having policy legislated so there is a legal requirement to implement assessment outcomes in operational, tactical and strategic decision-making.
3. Clarify how assessments will address future condition and how small activities that do not require a permit are included in assessments.
4. Ensure the policy accounts for uncertainty and adopts the precautionary principle where data are lacking or unknown.
5. Consider having regional communities and local governments involved in the process of selecting values, such as salmonids, ecosystem services, and First Nations values.