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Staff, Organizations Directly Affected:

Director
 Directors of Resource Management
 Fish and Wildlife Regional Section Heads
 Wildlife Management and Staff
 Freshwater Fisheries Management and Staff
 First Nations
 Resident Hunters
 Guide Outfitters
 Trappers
 Anglers
 Angling Guides
 The public

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Ministry:

1. To have a sound and transparent process for policy and regulation setting that includes efficient and productive engagement with stakeholders.
2. To offer opportunities for stakeholders to comment on proposed changes to hunting, fishing and trapping policy and regulations.
3. To regulate and manage recreational freshwater fisheries in accordance with the Freshwater Fisheries Program Plan and other ministry policies and plans that pertain to fish use.
4. To regulate and manage wildlife in accordance with the Wildlife Program Plan and other relevant ministry policies and plans that pertain to wildlife use.
5. To support the sustainable and legitimate use of British Columbia's fish and wildlife resources.
6. To ensure that fish and wildlife are available for future generations.
7. To consider the social and economic impacts of hunting, fishing and trapping regulations on stakeholders and the public.
8. To adopt a structured and transparent process for regulation setting that utilizes ecological, social and economic knowledge.

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9. To endeavour to serve as an “honest broker” in the development of regulations by ensuring that factual information is separated from value-based information, integrating a balanced accounting of the pros and cons of regulation alternatives.
10. To recognize and consider First Nations’ interests, traditional practices and unique legal status, as it pertains to the development of angling, hunting and trapping regulations.
11. To maintain an Angling, Hunting and Trapping Engagement Website that allows stakeholders and the general public to comment on provincial and regional issues, policies and regulations pertaining to fish and wildlife use.
12. To create and maintain a consistent regional stakeholder engagement process. The regions will create regional angling advisory teams: stakeholders and ministry staff tasked with collaborating and advising on freshwater angling regulations, policies and management plans; and regional hunting and trapping advisory teams: stakeholders and ministry staff tasked with collaborating and advising on hunting and trapping regulations, policies and management plans.
13. To enable regional advisory teams to
 - a. provide a regional stakeholder perspective and strategic focus on issues related to the management of fish or wildlife resources in B.C.; and
 - b. undertake analyses and make recommendations on regional issues, policies and regulations pertaining to fish or wildlife use.
14. To create and maintain

a provincial hunting and trapping advisory team: stakeholders and ministry staff tasked with collaborating and advising the director on hunting and trapping regulations, policies and management plans and

a provincial angling advisory team: stakeholders and ministry staff tasked with collaborating and advising the director on freshwater angling regulations, policies and management plans.
15. To enable provincial advisory teams to
 - a. provide a provincial stakeholder perspective and strategic focus on issues related to the management of fish and wildlife resources in B.C.; and
 - b. undertake analyses and make recommendations on provincial issues, policies and regulations pertaining to fish and wildlife use as directed by the director.

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Definitions:

“director” – means director as defined in *the Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996 c.448.

“stakeholder” – means a person or organization with an interest in the use of fish and wildlife.

Reasons for Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to guide the development of transparent, consistent and sound procedures for hunting, trapping and angling regulation setting and stakeholder engagement.

Procedure Manual Cross-Reference:

Other Cross-References:

Wildlife Program Plan: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/documents/WildlifeProgramPlan.pdf>

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- 01.00 Conservation
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- 02.01 Steelhead stream Classification
- 03.00 Waters Designation
- 06.01 Lake Stocking of Cultured fish
- 06.03 Use of Drugs and Chemicals on Live Fish
- 06.04 - Stocking Fish in Lakes
- 07.01 Use of piscicides in fisheries Management
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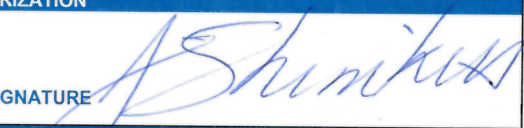
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- 04.03 - Allocation of the Freshwater Fisheries Resource
- 04.06 Disposition of Angler Days to guides on Classified Waters Via Bid and Prospectus

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