

Bulkley—Morice FLP
Partner Nations and Government Table

Terms of Reference

Definitions and Acronyms

BuMo: Bulkley and Morice Timber Supply Areas

FLP: Forest Landscape Plans

FOR: Ministry of Forests

G2G Nations: Nations that have signed a government-to-government agreement (Nation to BC, and/or Canada). See Appendix B.

TSA: Timber Supply Area

1. Provincial FLP Objectives¹

Through a collaborative process between First Nations and the Province, with input from licensees and local communities, develop a forest landscape plan that meets the following objectives:

- Managing the values placed on forest ecosystem by Indigenous Peoples
- Supporting the protection and conservation of the environment
- Supporting production and supply of timber in the forest landscape area
- Managing the values placed on ecosystems by local communities
- Preventing, mitigating, and adapting to impacts caused by significant disturbances to forests and forest health

2. Purpose

2.1. This Terms of Reference provides guidance on the structure and participation of the Nations and Government table to facilitate the goal and objectives of the Bulkley Morice FLP (as outlined in the project charter, Appendix A).

3. Scope

- 3.1. Forest Landscape Plan with spatially explicit legal forest direction in conjunction with Timber Supply Review for both the Bulkley and Morice TSAs.
- 3.2. Landscape level direction and guidance for Skeena-Stikine and Nadina Districts, that align with other initiatives.

4. Structure

- 4.1. The table is comprised of Nation representatives and FOR staff.
- 4.2. This table provides time and space for the Nations and Government table to connect as well as time post meetings for Nations to caucus.

5. Schedule and Meetings

¹ Objectives from [Bill 23 Section 2.22](#)

- 5.1. Meetings will be held as deemed necessary and agendas will be developed collaboratively with Nations and BC. Best efforts will be made to circulate agendas at least one week in advance of meetings.
- 5.2. Actions will be completed as scheduled and committed to by the person(s) responsible for the action item. Items that require further investigation will be recorded and followed-up as agreed upon by the group.
- 5.3. Attendance: In the interests of efficiency and continuity, attendance at all meetings is desirable unless participation is deemed unnecessary according to agendas prepared. If a member cannot attend, they should send a designated alternate. It is the responsibility of the members to keep alternates informed of the process.
- 5.4. At the Nation and Government Table, the meeting quorum will be a minimum of five participants to make the proceedings of the meeting valid.
 - 5.4.1. Nations must account for four quorum representatives.
 - 5.4.2. Government representatives may only account for one quorum representative.
- 5.5. A meeting summary will be circulated following each meeting with the goal of distributing it to the Nation and Government members no later than two weeks following meetings.
- 5.6. Record of decisions and recommendations will be accompanied by rationale when appropriate. Where a rationale is included in a technical decision or recommendation, both will be included in the meeting summary.

6. Roles and responsibilities

- 6.1. **Nations and Government Table:** The primary purpose is for Nations and the Province to develop scope, context, and direction for the planning table. Out of scope items can be directed to G2G tables. G2G Tables are a venue for G2G discussions and collaboration to advance reconciliation.
- 6.2. **Participating First Nations:** All First Nations with overlapping territory within the BuMo FLP area are welcome to participate by expressing their interests and values for forest management. First Nations will also have opportunity to provide input into plan content and technical decision-making at key milestones throughout the planning process.

7. Review of Terms of Reference

- 7.1. The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and updated annually as agreed to by the members of the Nation and Government Table.

Appendix A:

Project Charter: Bulkley Morice Forest Landscape Plan

Last Updated: January 23, 2023

Purpose: To create a Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) for the Bulkley-Morice Timber Supply Areas																																																										
<p>Context/Background: Working apolitically in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous governing bodies, Forest Landscape Planning (FLP) seeks to address the challenges of climate change and the cumulative impacts of natural and human disturbance on the land by developing direction to manage for culturally significant ecosystems and enhance ecosystem health and resiliency, while reflecting local community values. We will do this by showing respect for all living things and taking responsibility for our actions and work-outcomes.</p> <p>Goals and Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage the values placed on forest ecosystems by Indigenous Peoples 2. Support the protection and conservation of the environment 3. Support production & supply of timber in the forest landscape area 4. Manage the values placed on ecosystems by local communities 5. Prevent, mitigate, and adapt to impacts caused by significant disturbances to forests and forest health 		<p>Engagement and Partnerships</p> <p>First Nations: Lake Babine Nation, Office of the Wet'suwet'en, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Gitksan Lax Yip Management Office, Witset First Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Nee Tah Buhn Band, Skin Tyee Nation, Kitselas First Nation-Traditional Territory, Binche Whut'en, Yekoochee First Nation, Stella'en First Nation, Takla Lake First Nation, T'azt'en Nation, Haisla Nation</p> <p>Licenses and Industry: PIR, Canfor, Wet'zinkwa Community Forest, Babine Lake Community Forest, Dungate Community Forest, First Nation Woodland Licensees</p> <p>Key Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local and regional government • Range tenure holders, hunters (recreational and guide outfitters), trappers, recreationalists (tenure holders) • Interested community members (e.g. BV Nordic Centre, Smithers Mountain Bike Association, Community Resources Board) • Government staff including the Nadina Natural Resource District, Skeena-Stikine Natural Resource District, regional staff • BV Research Centre and research associates 																																																								
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Appendix B:

BuMo FLP Planning Table Structure

