

FOSSIL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The following principles were approved by the Deputy Ministers' Committee on Environment and Resource Development in 2004.

1. Fossils and fossil sites are important to BC as heritage resources.
2. The order of priority for fossil management is science, natural heritage, education and, where appropriate, commercial use.
3. The order of priority for extraction or excavation of fossils is science, natural heritage, education and, where appropriate, commercial use. Non-extractive commercial use has precedent over extractive commercial use.
4. A fossil management framework that recognizes the heritage value of fossils, the need to protect significant fossil sites and the interests of stakeholders is necessary.