Project Name   **Benefit Sharing Models**

Program Area Element   Human Well Being

Project No.   HW03b

Related Projects   HW 03a: HW Strategies Inventory
                                      HW 03c: HW initiatives background

Start Date   October, 2008
Completion Date   January, 2009

Overview

One of the barriers to increased economic activity on the central and north coast is the lack of awareness of effective and mutually beneficial models for benefit sharing between First Nations, the Provincial Government, Local Government, Private Companies and Non-Government Organizations.

The purpose of this project is to document existing and potential arrangements or models of benefit sharing involving combinations of these potential partners that are aimed at stimulating successful economic development initiatives.

The deliverable from the project will be a catalogue of models that are applicable to different sectors involving different combinations of partners. The catalogue will include a summary of the benefits and costs associated with use of the models given the range of potential interests involved. The catalogue is not intended to replace the need for specific legal advice to support the establishment of arrangements. However, it should facilitate an exploration of potential arrangements between potential partners. The catalogue will emphasize models that have proven to be successful on the coast, or in similar situations, without being constrained to these. The consultants are encouraged to propose innovative but practical models together with an explanation of how these could be implemented.

Objectives

1. Identify and document existing models of benefit sharing that are, or have been, implemented involving First Nations, Provincial Government, Local Government, Private Companies and Non-Government Organizations. Define potential and practical models that could be implemented between the potential parties listed.
2. Define the basic legal rights and responsibilities associated with the various potential partners that govern the implementation of the models.
3. Define the primary interests that the various potential partners are expected to have (given their legal rights and responsibilities) in engaging in any of the models.

4. Analyze the extent to which the different models are applicable within the following sectors: forestry, mining, tourism, aquaculture, fishing, services, transportation, communication, and energy. (Additional sectors may be added by the consultant).
5. Assess the benefits and costs/strengths and weaknesses of the models.
6. Prepare a user friendly catalogue of the models identified in objective 1 including a summary of their strengths and weakness/benefits costs.

Expected Use/User/Benefits

Increasing awareness of models of benefit sharing will assist various potential partners in formulating mutually beneficial arrangements which will result in increased human wellbeing benefits.

Key Tasks
1. Meet with designated **EBM WG** representatives to finalize and agree upon a project workplan.
2. Review and analyze existing and potential (workable) models of benefit sharing that can deliver local benefits.
3. Present interim results and suggested model description format to EBM WG representatives for feedback.
4. Develop a draft catalogue for discussion and feedback through a focus group session involving representatives of the range of potential partners in these models.
5. Finalize the catalogue in light of the advice received through the focus group session.

Deliverable(s)
1. Proposed models description and catalogue format.
2. Draft catalogue
3. Final catalogue.

Milestones
1. Workplan finalized
2. Focus Group conducted.
3. Final catalogue delivered.

Responsibilities
EBM WG HW PSC

Peer Review Requirements - No
Linkages to other EBM Projects or Initiatives
Follows on HW 03a and may contribute to HW 03c (background on HW initiatives)

Method of Implementation
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X	Contract: RFP, RFQ, etc.
	Expert Panel / Workshop
	Internal EBMWG Task
	Other: _____

Budget

Item	Budget	Source
Item 1	Up to $40,000	
Item 2		
Total: Include if there is more than one item.		