

Terms of Reference

Economic Analysis for the Partnership Agreement Working Group

Background:

On February 21, 2020, BC, Canada, West Moberly First Nations, and Saulteau First Nations entered an agreement titled the Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement for the Conservation of the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou (the “Partnership Agreement”) to outline the measures that will be taken to support the protection and recovery of the Southern Mountain Caribou.

The Partnership Agreement indicates that BC will seek to bring forward regulatory measures that, if approved, would include the created of conservation areas that will no longer be available for resource extraction activities. The creation of such conservation areas would likely result in the deletions for forest tenure and could be expected to have an impact on the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and other resource activities in the areas adjacent to Mackenzie, Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd and other communities. These measures would likely result in tenure deletions, modifications and other impacts to resource sectors and tourism sectors impacting sector jobs and related support service jobs in the area.

Purpose of Working Group:

The purpose of this working group is to collaborate on objectives and defining end products of a Socio Economic Assessment scoped to the actions of the Partnership Agreement. This group is to assist in providing information to complete this assessment. The members of the group are intended to be representative of their parties and regions.

Objectives:

The objectives of this group are:

- To work collaboratively to provide information and guidance to the completion of a Socio Economic Assessment on the actions of the Partnership Agreement.
- Convey information on behalf of those they represent.
- Identify factors to be considered in the analysis
- Identify key stakeholders that will help inform the analysis
- Facilitate communication to other interest groups
- OTHERS?

Scope:

The scope of work for this working group is tied to the actions of the Partnership Agreement.

Links and Dependencies:



FLNRORD, Peace River Regional District (PRRD), City of Mackenzie,

Confidentiality and Information Management:

Information deemed as confidential will be identified by the parties prior to being released. It will be at the discretion of the party to receive the information only if they accept the terms of the conditions of confidentiality.

The existing Big River Analytics report will be released to those parties who sign and deliver to the province a nondisclosure agreement.

Team:

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Project Milestones:

Terms of Reference Completed
Contract in place for Socio Economic Assessment
Socio Economic Assessment Completed
Review of Assessment