

PROCESS INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

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The following indicator framework is intended to represent the key components of effective forest management planning and implementation processes that meaningfully incorporate First Nations' cultural heritage values, resources and interests. The FREP team will use a combination of (a) quantitative measures assessed by the project team, and (b) results from in-depth interviews of First Nations, forestry proponents, and government staff to evaluate these indicators. Results from the 2007 pilot project will be used to revise and improve this framework as needed.¹

Indicator 1

Meaningful First Nations participation in forest management planning, prior to forest stewardship plan (FSP) approval, under the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)*.

- Element 1.1: Level of collaboration between First Nations and proponents, prior to FSP approval.
- Element 1.2: Effectiveness of the approach used by proponents to gather input from First Nations during the planning process, prior to FSP approval.

Indicator 2

Clear and effective communication of cultural heritage resource information during post-FSP planning and implementation between First Nations, forestry proponents and government staff.

- Element 2.1: Clear understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- Element 2.2: Properly functioning and mutually acceptable information sharing protocols have been established.
- Element 2.3: Effective referrals and/or information-sharing processes are in place.
- Element 2.4: First Nations are informed of how identified cultural heritage resource concerns have been addressed

Indicator 3

Technical, logistical and cross-cultural capacity exists to enable informed and meaningful engagement in forest management planning and decision-making affecting cultural heritage resources.

- Element 3.1: Adequate human resources are available.
- Element 3.2: Adequate infrastructure is available.
- Element 3.3: Adequate knowledge and information resources are available and accessible.
- Element 3.4: Stable and long-term funding is available to support the management of cultural heritage resources.

Indicator 4

Strategic, operational, and site level management plans meaningfully incorporate the conservation or protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values and resources.

- Element 4.1: Specific cultural heritage resource values of concerns identified by First Nations are directly addressed in management plans at multiple scales.
- Element 4.2: Level of confidence among First Nations that management plans meaningfully address Aboriginal and cultural interests.

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