



2011 ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT Presentation

CIF Webinar

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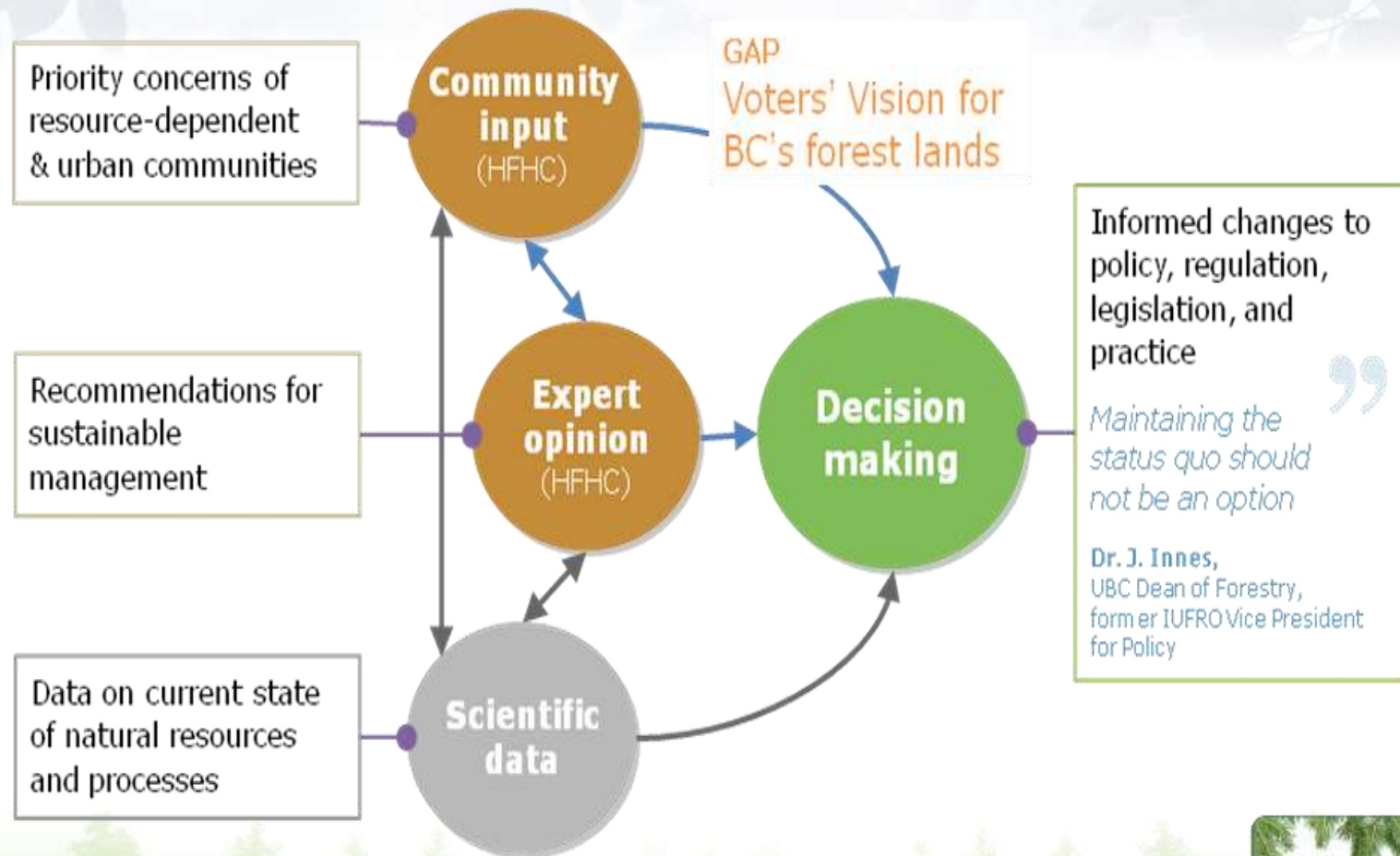


History

- Initiated January 2011 in response to citizens' concerns
- Non-partisan, volunteer-supported initiative
- Goals
 - Raise profile of forest management
 - Inform decision-makers re communities' forest lands vision
- Partners – volunteers
 - 13 non-financial
 - 4 financial
 - Over 150 volunteers across BC



HFHC Introduction Process



2011 Activities

- Dialogue guidance framework
 - Draft BC forest lands vision
 - Framework Brief re SFM performance measures
- 27 Background Briefs from forest management experts
- 18 Community Dialogue Sessions – community input
- 2 Community Dialogue Sessions - refinement of suggested actions

British Columbia's forests are managed to:

- *ensure the health and protection of all forest values;*
- *support healthy, diverse and resilient communities; and*
- *support viable and sustainable forest sector community businesses.*



- Demonstrating BC forest sustainability
- Maintaining forest lands asset
- Providing provincial and community forest lands visions
- Integrating First Nations knowledge
- Providing laws to deliver forest lands vision
- Providing for community involvement in land use and forest management planning

Results - Background Brief Challenges (cont'd)

- Providing forest resources inventories
- Providing suitable monitoring and assessment systems
- Filling knowledge gaps
- Wildfire protection

Communities want:

- To be better informed regarding state of local forest lands
- More influence on decisions regarding local forest lands
- More diverse economic development opportunities from local forest lands
- More sustainable, integrated resource management
- Better monitoring and assessment
- A high level of stewardship on private forest lands



- Citizens from a wide range of perspectives concerned regarding future of BC forests over the long-term
- Priority concerns by communities are consistent across BC
- Concerned citizens want decision-makers to move away from short-term economic focus to long-term stewardship
- Government needs to have an approved vision for BC forest lands
- Experts say more is needed to achieve HFHC draft vision
- Decision-makers and communities are confronted with number of challenges regarding long-term forest management
- More specific actions need to be identified

- Generate detailed, innovative and realistic actions to identified issues
 - 12-1 day expert workshops
 - 15-1 day community workshops
- Report on workshops and 2012 activities
- Communicate information to decision-makers, influencers, communities and concerned citizens (up to 30 sessions)



2011 Activities

Lessons learned - process

- When given a “safe space” people voice their concerns
- Leadership and organization is essential but need to be adaptable
- Initiative needs dedication, commitment and perseverance
- Consider initiative as journey not an event
- Utilize networks – yours and others
- Utilize expertise and resources of volunteers
- Cast a wide net
- Include a range of perspectives
- Take the “high road” – don’t get caught in emotion



To be better informed regarding state of local forest lands

- What requirements needed for community capacity building?
- What basic forestry information required?
- What mechanisms will efficiently and effectively provide information?



More influence on decisions regarding local forest lands

- What mechanisms needed to empower communities?
- What mechanisms needed to provide community influence in land use and forest management planning?
- What mechanisms needed to balance centralized Government needs with community needs?



More diverse economic development opportunities

- What mechanisms needed to encourage innovation and create diversified local forest sector?
- What investment mechanisms needed to fund forest asset maintenance?
- What incentive mechanisms needed to create jobs and provide management funding?
- What mechanisms needed to generate a trained and skilled workforce?
- What mechanisms needed for revenue sharing?



More sustainable, integrated resource management

- What mechanisms needed to generate provincial vision to guide legislation, regulation, policies and practices?
- What mechanisms needed to ensure consistency between governance instruments and provincial-community visions?
- What changes needed to policies and regulations regarding management of overlapping resources?

Better monitoring and assessment

- What process requirements needed to create a credible and trusted monitoring body?
- What affordable mechanisms needed to adequately monitor forest lands management efficiently and effectively?
- What process requirements needed to reach agreement on SFM performance measurements?

A high level of stewardship on private forest lands

- What mechanisms needed regarding public input into management of public resources on private lands
- What is needed to ensure private land forest management regulations and policies meet public expectations?

- As citizens of British Columbia, we share with Government, responsibility for stewardship of provincial lands. This requires us to understand and respect diverse values and ecosystems and work together to sustain these lands and resources for future generations.
- To effectively meet this responsibility, we must be innovative in applying what we know and in actively seeking to understand what we do not.
- Every decision we make must move us toward sustainability as the basis for healthy and resilient forests and communities.

