

Resource Stewardship & Parks Division
ADM - Jody Shimkus

Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch
Tom Ethier

Water Management Branch
Glen Davidson

Parks Visitor Services Branch
Christine Houghton

Parks Planning and Management Branch
Brian Bawtinheimer

Regional Operations Executive Director
Scott Benton

Business Lines:

- Sustainable use policy for Fish and Wildlife
- Annual direction for Fish & Wildlife use
- Legal designations for habitat protection under existing legislation such as *FRPA*, *OGA*, *Fish Protection Act*
- Monitoring and reporting progress on annual business plan objectives related to Fish, Wildlife and Habitat management
- Delivery of licensing and permitting for angling, hunting and trapping (Permit Authorization Service Bureau).
- Delivery of the Provincial Hatchery and Stocking program via contract to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC
- Delivery of fish and wildlife stock assessments

Business Lines:

- Water Use Planning, Community Water Users and Utility Regulation delivery
- Comptroller of Water Rights as specified in the *Water Act* and *Utilities Commission Act*
- Management and administration of water rights associated with hydroelectric producers
- In collaboration with the Regional Operations Branch management and delivery of Water Licensing, Dam Safety and Flood Safety
- Expert guidance, training and operational policy and advice to the ROB and other MOE and provincial staff with respect to the provincial water resource
- Special water projects such as Water Pricing, FN treaty mandate, Okanagan Supply and Demand

Business Lines:

- Recreation service delivery policy, standards, and Best Management Practice
- Compliance and enforcement policy, training and support
- Marketing, sponsorships, partnerships and information services
- Facility investment and management
- Business analysis, reporting and research

Business Lines:

- Establishment / designation of parks, conservancies, ecological reserves and protected areas
- Conservation planning and management policy, standards and partnerships
- Park use permit and ecological reserve permit policy
- Protected area management plan policy, coordination and review
- Land acquisition, boundary mapping, coordination of land administration and spatial data

Regional Director North
Vacant (A/ B. Clark)

Regional Director South Interior
Brian Symonds

Regional Director Coast
Brian Clark

Regional Program Admin Support – no change

Regional Operations Business Lines:

- Integrate Natural Resource agency budgets and business plans supporting government priorities
- Resource management coordination
- Contribute to the development of environmental legislation and policies authorizing permits and licenses
- Implement government's MoE habitat protection authority strategies (e.g. FRPA, RAR, GAR, etc)
- Deliver compliance activities associated with authorizations and regulations related to natural resources
- Deliver regional dike and dam safety, flood hazard management and groundwater management
- Monitor and allocate regional fish, wildlife, habitat, water, recreation opportunities and land use
- Provincial park system management (recreational, conservation and commercial components)
- Frontline service to the public and stakeholders related to environmental stewardship and management and natural resource allocation
- Manage and operate provincially owned dams, dikes and related infrastructure projects
- Operate regional snow survey and groundwater monitoring networks
- Deliver environmental restoration priorities in partnership with Environmental Protection and Assurance Division, other levels of government and external interest groups (e.g. fish and game clubs)
- Supporting treaty tables; First Nation consultation regarding resource allocation activities on Crown land; establishing collaborative relationships and strategic engagement agreements
- Implement government conservation priorities and actions per the Conservation Framework in partnership with EPAD
- Implement species and ecosystems at risk recovery plans (e.g. caribou)
- Implement government land use plans

Legislation

- *Wildlife Act*
- *Water Act*
- *Dike Maintenance Act*
- *Park Act*
- *Ecological Reserves Act*
- *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*