

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following questions relate directly to the [draft Grizzly Bear Stewardship Strategy](#). Please read before answering these questions.

Do you feel the Background section (2-7) provides enough detail for you to provide feedback on the rest of the framework?

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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Section 6 lists ten primary threats facing grizzly bear stewardship. In your opinion, are there any threats missing from this list?

- Residential and commercial development
- Agriculture
- Energy production & mining
- Road and rail corridors, including population connectivity
- Resource use including forestry
- Human intrusion and disturbance
- Natural events such as wildfires
- Diseases
- Pollution
- Climate changes & severe weather

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

How effective do you think the current approach to managing grizzly bears and their habitat (outlined in Section 7) has been at ensuring their sustainability and conservation?

Choose one of the following answers

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not so effective
- Not at all effective

Please list the top two reasons you chose that answer.

a. Grizzly bear threats are habitat centric and this is not adequately addressed. Issues include habitat loss due to industrial disturbances such as mining and logging, human encroachment, connectivity issues due to highways and rail. Road density has a large impact and is not addressed. A managed harvest through hunting is an effective management tool and source of revenue for management budgets

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## GOALS

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How would you rate each of the five goals on the Grizzly Bear Stewardship Framework (see Section 8 for more details)?

	1 - Strongly agree	2 - Agree	3 - Neither agree nor disagree	4 - Disagree	5 - Strongly disagree
Guide and advise on methods, research, data, approaches, and decision-support tools available to regional or local communities to increase the potential to realize locally desired outcomes for grizzly bears and their habitat.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide an ecosystem-based approach for the co-development of regional or local grizzly bear stewardship plans based on western science and Indigenous knowledge. These plans will consider inter-species relationships and cumulative effects of industrial activities, other human activities, and natural processes on grizzly bear conservation.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples through collaboration and partnership directed towards co-governance and joint, collaborative or consent-based decision making on initiatives related to grizzly bear conservation, management of human activities, and ecosystem-based stewardship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote safe and respectful co-existence between grizzly bears and people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inform, educate, and be transparent and open about grizzly bear stewardship in British Columbia to the public, Indigenous governments and legislators.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## APPROACHES TO MEET GOALS

Grizzly bears are one of most intensively managed wildlife species in B.C. Stewardship activities are required to reduce human-caused mortality (e.g., rail and road mortality), reduce conflicts with humans, and ensure community safety. Stewardship also ensures habitat protection and enhancement, as well as population recovery in certain areas.

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Please rate the priority of each of the recommended approaches (Sections 9.1 to 9.9).

	1 - Extremely high priority	2 - High priority	3 - Moderate priority	4 - Low priority	5 - Not a priority at all
Approach 1: Tracking of human caused grizzly bear mortality	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 2: Local planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 3: Inter-jurisdictional planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 4: Population inventory (point in time)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 5: Trend monitoring (over time)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 6: Habitat protection and restoration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 7: Species and population stewardship	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 8: Hunting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Approach 9: Viewing (detailed <a href="#">Commercial Bear Viewing Strategy</a> found here)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Are there any aspects of grizzly bear stewardship that are missing from the list of approaches above?

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes  
 No  
 Unsure

Which aspects do you feel are missing?

1. Many First Nations support Grizzly Bear hunting and the government should support this initiative. A regulated hunting season would allow wildlife managers to increase management tools and should be reinstated. 2. Funding for Grizzly Bear management is significantly lacking. Dedicated funds and wildlife managers, including academia, should be mandated. 3. Throughout the Framework document, there is a reference to an adaptive approach to Grizzly Bear management utilizing Traditional Indigenous knowledge which is encouraging. However, there is a lack of emphasis on science-based wildlife management. 4. Lastly, many of the goals and the framework have no timelines or transparent measurable goals which ultimately will provide challenges from an accountability perspective. If there are no measurable goals or timeline, there will be no performance requirements which will result in a lack of outcomes and ultimately the framework will either fail or underperform.

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Overall, do you agree that the Draft Framework does a good job of providing guidance to steward bears and their habitat at the territorial, regional, and local levels?

Choose one of the following answers

- Strongly agree  
 Agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Disagree  
 Strongly disagree

Please describe how these approaches could be improved to better support territorial, regional and local decision making.

Providing population objectives as well as specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-based goals and ensuring adequate funding is critical to the success of the Framework strategy.

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## MEASURING PROGRESS

Performance indicators provide a way to define and measure progress toward achieving the stewardship goals. Section 10 of the draft framework shows high level measures that indicate progress at the provincial scale. Specific measures will also be considered as part of the planning to implement this Framework.

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Please note your level of support for the performance indicators (Section 10).

Choose one of the following answers

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Comments:

An additional performance indicator would be a regulated hunt which would provide valuable data to wildlife managers. First Nation harvest data would also provide valuable information.

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## NEXT STEPS

This Framework points to the need to evaluate and implement grizzly bear conservation measures locally or regionally. There are currently no processes in place for doing this, so the first step is to create or identify local working groups to begin the conservation planning process. Once a group has been established or identified, there are several similar tasks that are required for each area.

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Please note your level of support for each of the 5 noted next steps for territorial, regional and local working groups (Section 11).

	1 - Strongly support	2 - Support	3 - Neither support nor oppose	4 - Oppose	5 - Strongly oppose
Assess whether the mapping of the distribution of the population is accurate or should the population boundaries be amended?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discuss whether the 2019 Threat analysis is accurate. Examine the accuracy of the data that went into the evaluation of each threat. Were local measures considered appropriately? For example, were access closures considered in the road metrics? Were current on the ground measures such as habitat protection orders, population monitoring, or conflict reduction efforts considered in the review? Finally, revise the threat level based on the local evaluation of threats if needed.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consider whether grizzly bear recovery is acceptable throughout the unit and if it is not how would management actions differ in the areas where recovery is not acceptable?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create a series of stewardship goals for the population and rank these goals for action.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consider updates to the Wildlife Act that will support grizzly bear stewardship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Are there any priority next steps for territorial, regional and local working groups which you feel are missing?

Choose one of the following answers

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Which priority next steps do you feel are missing?

With provincial regulation changes, territorial, regional and local working groups must consider human- Grizzly Bear conflict and biodiversity and where needed, implement a regulated hunting season to manage Grizzly Bear populations. Priorities should include dedicated funding models for Grizzly Bear management. While the framework discusses WildSafe and First Nations-led wildlife coexistent programs it only discusses "considering" long-term funding. A priority should be dedicated long term funding.

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How effective do you think the proposed Stewardship Framework will be at ensuring the sustainability and conservation of grizzly bears and their habitats?

Choose one of the following answers

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not so effective
- Not at all effective

Please list the top two reasons you chose that answer.

Ensuring population objectives are a priority should be the foundation of this Framework. Advocating for a regulated hunt to help manage bio-diversity is critical. A higher emphasis on science-based wildlife management in addition to local and traditional knowledge is needed.

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