



# WATERSHED ASSESSMENT & THE BC CUMULATIVE EFFECTS FRAMEWORK

EMERGING CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT APPROACHES FOR SALMON WATERSHEDS

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# BC Cumulative Effects Framework





### WHAT IS THE BC CEF?

- A set of policy, procedures, governance and decision tools to support CE assessment and management in British Columbia.
- CEF Policy released early 2017

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

- Improve ability to manage values and achieve desired conditions
- Support consideration of Indigenous rights and interests
- Support efficient, streamlined decisionmaking
- Support durable, transparent decisions





## **CEF** Values

### **PROVINCIAL VALUES**

- Grizzly Bear
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Old Growth
- Moose
- Forest Biodiversity

### **REGIONAL VALUES**

- Fish & Fish Habitat
- Salmon
- Visual Quality
- Marbled Murrelet

#### **Provincial Protocol**





https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/naturalresource-stewardship/cumulative-effects-framework

#### **Regional Modification**



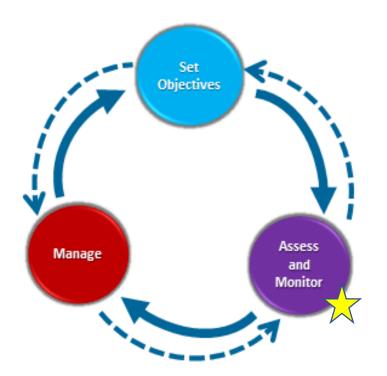
#### A GIS INDICATOR-BASED WATERSHED ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSING CUMULATIVE WATERSHED EFFECTS

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# CEF in the Thompson Okanagan



Evaluate: are we meeting objectives for values?

Compliment the work of FLNRORD & MOE

Support planning, decision making & resource management







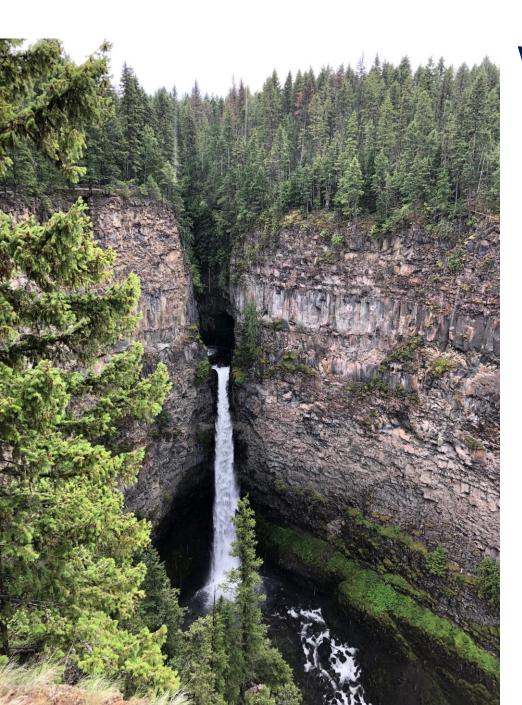


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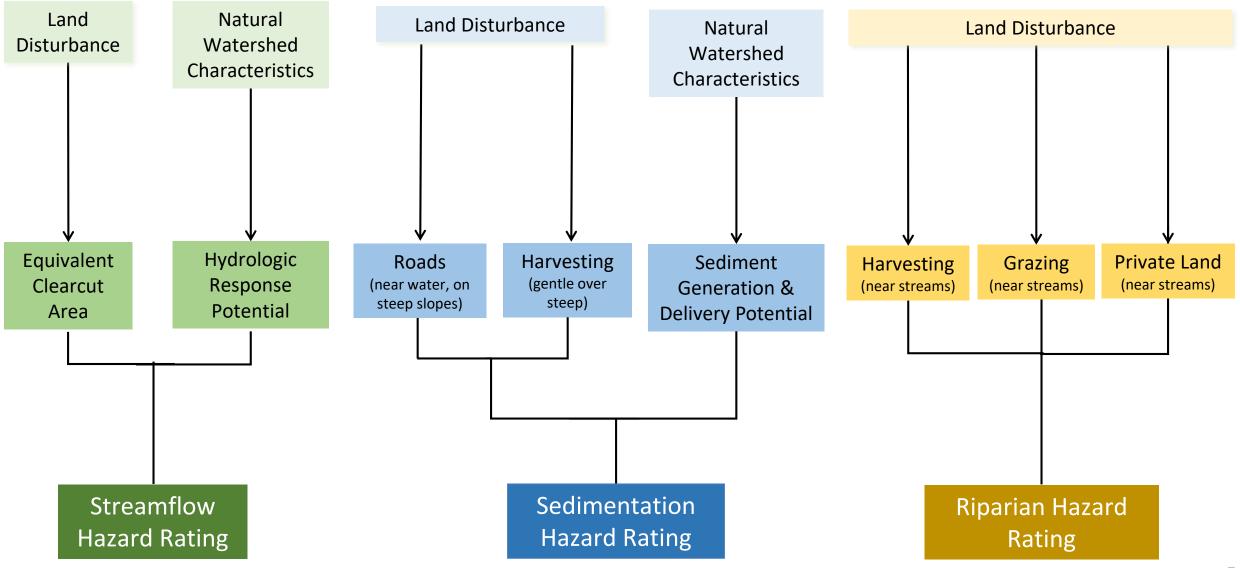
### Watersheds



- Evaluate if objectives are being met:
  - Sustain water quality, sustain water quantity, and sustain hydrological and aquatic ecosystem functions and processes
- Three types of watershed hazard are estimated
  - Streamflow
  - Sedimentation
  - Riparian
- "Roll-up": Combined risk to fish
- Coarse scale, region wide assessment
  - Meant to highlight areas for management attention and further investigation

## TOR Watershed Model – Simplified

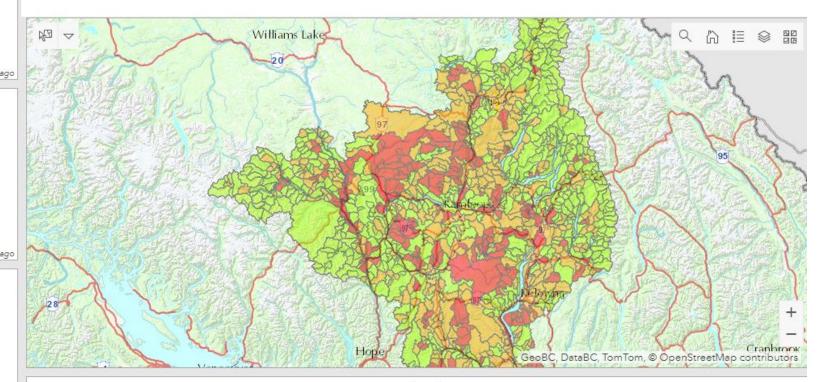




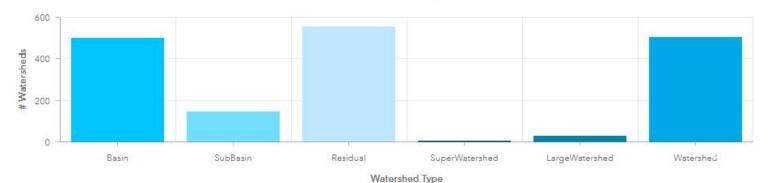
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## Example Output





#### Watershed Type



#### # Watersheds 600 45 400 200 20 VH VL M Н **Riparian Hazard Rating** Last update: a minute ago Streamflow Hazard Rating 1k # Watersheds 728 437 500 335 155 77 Н VH VL M Streamflow Hazard Rating Last update: a minute ago Sediment Hazard Rating 1.5k # Watersheds 1.2k 1k 500 317 148 51 32 0 H VH VL Μ 1 Sediment Hazard Rating Last update: a minute ago Combined Risk to Fish 795 585 352

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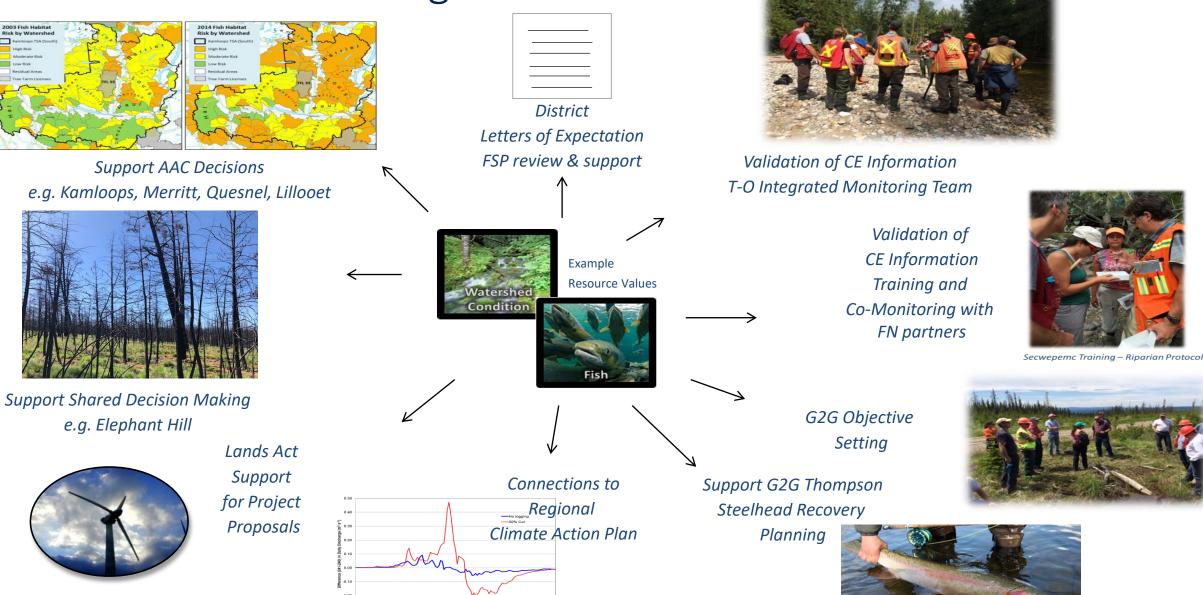
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**Riparian Hazard Rating** 

### Applications to Decision Making & Resource Management in TOR





## Thank you!



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