



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



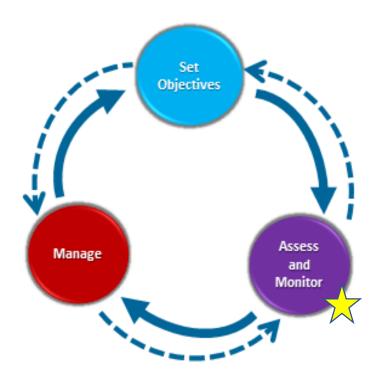
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CEF in the Thompson Okanagan



Evaluate: are we meeting objectives for values?

Compliment the work of FLNRORD & MOE

Support planning, decision making & resource management







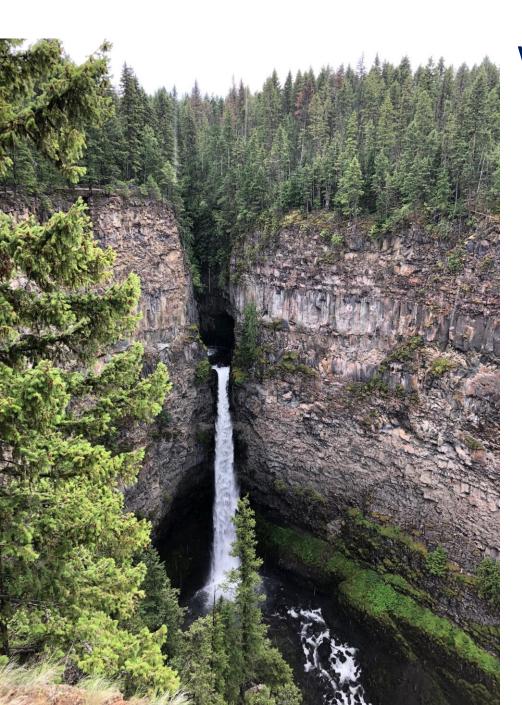


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Old Growth





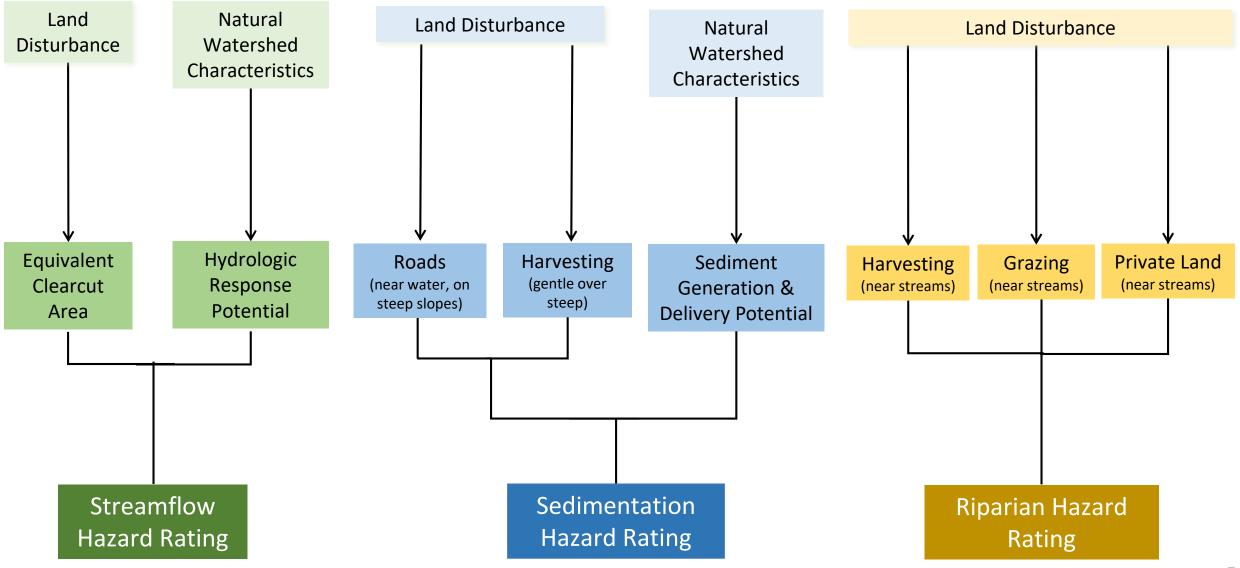
Watersheds



- 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

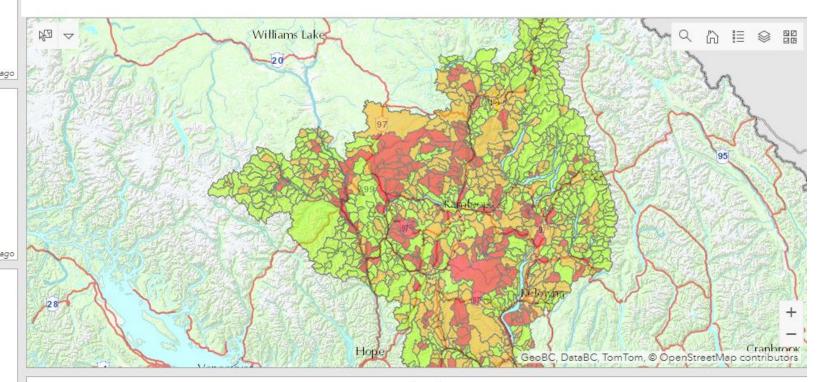




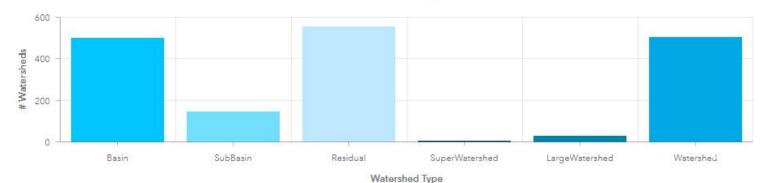
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Example Output





Watershed Type



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Combined Risk to Fish

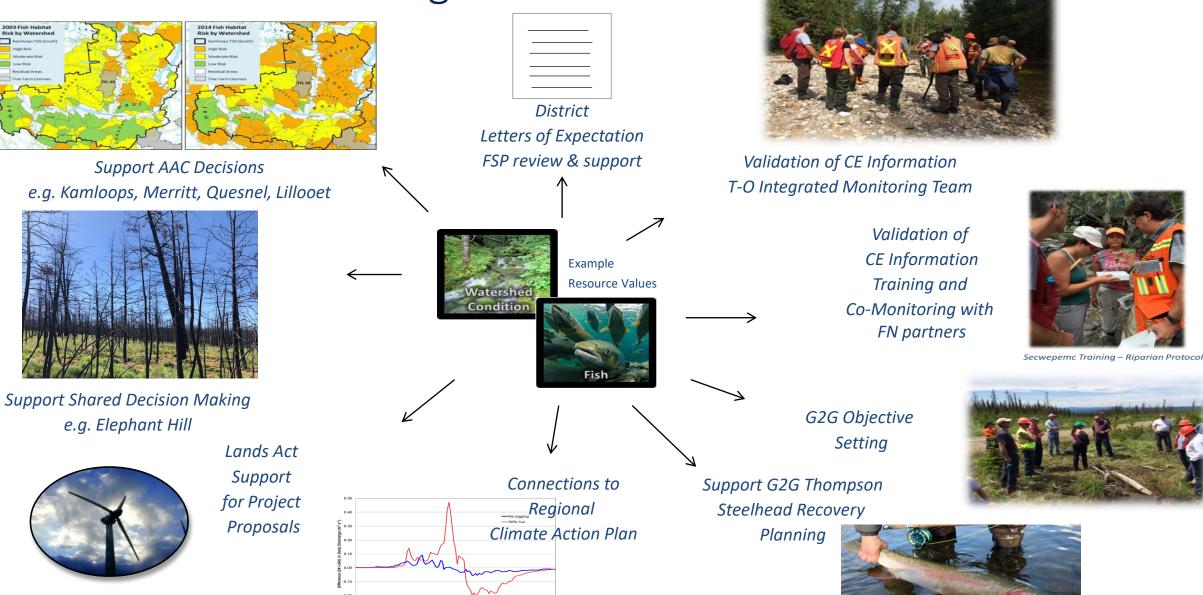
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Riparian Hazard Rating

Applications to Decision Making & Resource Management in TOR





Thank you!



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