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Annual Report 2006-2007
on the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area



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1a. The Origins of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area

In 1997 the provincial government accepted the multi-stakeholder Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMP) for Fort St. John and Fort Nelson which specified special management of the Muskwa-Kechika area. The Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan Regulation was adopted through Order-in-Council (1367/97) in October of that year. The management plan is to be implemented by all relevant government agencies through agency-specific management activities, local strategic plans, resource development permits as well as Crown land and natural resource dispositions. In 2000, the Mackenzie addition was added to the Muskwa-Kechika Management area upon completion of the Mackenzie LRMP.



Old Trapper Cabin on the Liard River

In June 1998, the *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act* was passed. The

legislation included the creation on an advisory board tasked to advise government on management of the 6.4 million ha, Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (M-KMA) and the Muskwa-Kechika Trust Fund. In April 2002, matching funding for the Muskwa-Kechika Trust Fund was increased to \$1 million, for a potential public-private funding of \$2 million. Direct ministry funding to the Muskwa-Kechika Trust Fund was set at \$1 million.

As of March 31st, 2006 the requirement for the provincial government to match contributions expired. Funding for the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board is now directed through government voted funds, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (Integrated Land Management Bureau) at \$500,000 for fiscal 2006-2007.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board is to ensure that activities within the area are consistent with the objectives of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan. The Plan directs the Advisory Board to review the issuance of tenures and approval of operational activities to facilitate carrying out this oversight role. The Northern Region Interagency Management Committee has agreed to assist the Advisory Board in this task by preparing an annual detailed written report.

1b. Goals of Land Resource Management Planning in the M-KMA

The management goal for the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is to ensure that wilderness characteristics, wildlife and its habitat, and cultural values are maintained over time, while allowing resource development and use, including: recreation, hunting, trapping, timber harvesting, mineral exploration and mining, oil and gas exploration and development. The integration of management activities, especially related to the planning, development and management of road

access within the M-KMA, is central to achieving this intent. The long-term objective is to return lands to their natural state, as much as possible, as development activities are completed.

Land and Resource Management Planning is the sub-regional integrated resource planning process for British Columbia. Land and Resource Management Planning considers all resource values and requires public participation, interagency co-

ordination and consensus based land and resource management decisions.

Objectives for the M-KMA were developed as part of the Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, and Mackenzie LRMP's. Participants in these processes recommended that the objectives for the M-KMA be formally designated, thus establishing a separate jurisdiction to be known as the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area. The Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan identifies objectives for the management of the M-KMA and

specifies an integrated and co-ordinated planning structure to meet those objectives.

Provincial government agencies are responsible for implementing the objectives and strategies contained in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan as detailed in the LRMP's. The role of the agencies is to implement projects, issue tenures, approve operational activities that are within their mandate and carry out compliance measures in accordance with their legislated responsibilities.

1c. About the IAMC

Inter-Agency Management Committee

The responsibilities of the Inter-Agency Management Committee (M-KMA, 1997) are as follows:

- (a) to assist in resolving conflicts between agencies and resource users;
- (b) to maintain a registry of plan documents and plan amendments, including the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan and local strategic plans, available to the public and any interested parties;
- (c) to review and provide recommendations to the Environment and Land Use Committee on any proposed amendments;
- (d) in partnership with the Advisory Board, provide for and coordinate public review and consultation as necessary;
- (e) in consultation with the Advisory Board, prepare an annual inter-agency workplan to facilitate the implementation of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan; and
- (f) to work in partnership with the Advisory Board to prepare an annual monitoring

report on plan implementation, amendments and expenditures.

Annual Monitoring Report

By November 1, 1998, and annually thereafter, the Advisory Board, in partnership with the Inter-Agency Management Committee, will prepare a monitoring report.

The report will assess the degree to which the objectives outlined in the Management Plan are being met through management activities, local strategic planning and development plans and permits.

The report will include all proposed updates and amendments to the Management Plan or any other recommendations made by the Advisory Board.

All proposed amendments to the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan will be included in the annual monitoring report.

2. Report Highlights

Activities in the M-KMA continued to remain low during the 2006-2007 fiscal. Gas tenure sales were up from the previous fiscal, but no new on-the-ground development has occurred.

Government restructuring occurred in fiscal year 2005-2006, but did not appear to have any effects on the management of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area. Small changes have occurred since then such as commercial recreation (formally with the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts) moving to the Integrated Land Management Bureau.

Front Counter BC (FCBC) has been considered to be a success and there are

discussion regarding potential expansion to smaller centres.

Ministry of Forests & Range worked with range tenure holders to develop range use plans that were all completed in December 2007. The plans will include range readiness criteria, stubble heights and resource issues.

ILMB continues to move forward on planning projects in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, of note are three Pre-Tenure Plan monitoring projects (funded by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources), completion is expected in March 2008.

3 IAMC MEMBERSHIP

3a. Terms of Reference for IAMC

PROVINCIAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INTER-AGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

March 2006

INTRODUCTION

Since their inception in 1992, Inter-Agency Management Committees (IAMCs) have coordinated the actions of resource agencies at the regional level in the delivery of the provincial land use planning program. The existing IAMC terms of reference was approved in 1995 and first revised in 2004 to reflect a renewed emphasis on integrated Crown land management and resource certainty to promote investment opportunities and economic growth while protecting the environment. The 2004 revision also increased focus on First Nations consultation and accommodation; and, reflected the restructuring of government in recent years. The October 2005 version of the terms of reference was revised to reflect government's

reorganization in the summer of 2005 and increased emphasis on integrated resource management.

This March 2006 version of the IAMC Terms of Reference is revised to reflect the new governance structure of ILMB.

The Associate Deputy Minister, Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) is responsible for approving revisions to this terms-of-reference as necessary and in consultation with the Assistant Deputy Ministers' Committee on Integrated Land Management (ADMCILM).

The Rationale for IAMCs

The successful implementation of government's strategic directions and priorities for resource management requires a collaborative and coordinated approach within a cross-ministry structure. This collaboration and coordination is occurring at the political level through the Cabinet Committee on Natural Resources and the

Economy (CCNRE) and at the executive level through the Deputy Minister's Committee on Natural Resources and the Economy (DMCNRE) and Assistant Deputy Ministers' Committee on Integrated Land Management (ADMCILM).

To effect the delivery of strategic direction from CCNRE, DMCNRE and DMCILM, it is essential that a supporting collaborative and coordinating effort occur where government's programs are implemented and delivered – in the province's regions. The IAMCs provide this regional level forum for agencies to consult, cooperative and integrate to deliver government's resource management programs.

Principle Role

The principal role of the IAMCs will be to ensure effective and efficient integration and communication of government's resource management initiatives at a regional level.

Core Functions

The integration, communication and coordinating responsibilities of each IAMC will be primarily focused on the following resource management activities:

- e. Sustainable use of Crown land and resources;
- ii. Coordination of First Nations initiatives; and
- iii. Information management and decision support.

Sustainable Use of Crown Land and Resources:

The sustainable use Crown land and resources stimulated and maintains economic development and is a prime strategic direction of government. The IAMCs will contribute to the achievement of this strategic direction by accomplishing the following:

- Coordinating the implementation and delivery of provincial land and resource management policy and programs which require support from or affect other IAMC agencies, for example:
 - Environmental stewardship initiatives (e.g. corporate,

cross-ministry response to broad-ranging Species at Risk);

- Setting priorities for economic development opportunities on Crown Land;
- Resolving land use and land disposition issues among agencies;
- Setting priorities and ensuring consistency in the development of legal objectives under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and *Land Amendment Act*; and,
- Response to provincially significant natural resource catastrophic events.
- Providing a regional level of governance for corporate external client service initiatives (e.g. transition to Front Counter BC – Natural Resource Opportunity Centres);
- Coordinating provincial agency service plans at the regional level to better align priorities of agencies within the regions;
- Providing advice to assist in the development of proposed land policies and programs;
- Ensuring that land use plans or revisions to plans provide appropriate and clearly defined direction on where economic development and other activities can occur on Crown land;
- Ensuring that resource agencies are clear on their responsibilities for land use plan implementation including the requirement to issue tenures that are consistent with plan direction;
- Delivering efficient, coordinated and cost effective technical support from member agencies for land use planning and local plan implementation committees including the submission of regular implementation progress reports;
- Working within provincial policies to define a local land use planning and issue resolution decision process

- and process to resolve land use conflicts during the plan revision process that cannot be resolved by plan implementation committees; and
- Assisting the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) to establish priorities for both Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMPs) revision targets and the development of Sustainable Resource Management Plans (SRMPs).

Coordination of First Nations Initiatives

The Province and First Nations are engaged in the New Relationship initiative, which is expected to provide new direction for provincial government engagement with First Nations. The goals of the New Relationship initiative include:

- Developing new institutions or structures to negotiate government to government agreements for shared decision making regarding land use planning, management, tenuring and resource revenue sharing and benefit sharing;
- Identifying institutional, legislative and policy changes to implement this vision and these action items; and
- Establishing effective procedures for consultation and accommodation.

IAMCs will contribute to these goals at the regional level through responsibility for:

- Corporate initiatives that are based on priorities established by DMCNRE and the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) and that involve the coordination and delivery by cross agency teams at the regional level (e.g.; St'at'imc protocol);
- The identification of issues and initiatives and opportunities for multi-agency approaches for consideration by DMCNRE, ADMCILM and MARR;
- Working with First Nations to identify economic development opportunities; and

- Coordination of First Nations consultation on land and resource use and disposition.

Resource Information Management and Decision Support

The ILMB is committed to providing meaningful resource information and decision support analysis services necessary for internal and external clients to meet their business needs. Input from client agencies through the IAMC is necessary to foster:

- The provision of relevant land and resource information and analysis services to effectively support client needs;
- Identification of common information and service requirements, leading to greater efficiencies; and
- An enhanced understanding of client business requirements, so that the Bureau can appropriately respond with information and services that better support client needs.

To achieve this input, IAMC will:

- Serve as the Regional Client Advisory Committee to the Client Service Delivery Division of the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB).
- With respect to the provision of Resource Information and Decision Support services, provide a forum for client ministries to communicate their on-going service requirements and to resolve any local or regional decision support prioritisation issues.

Delivery of Core Functions

The IAMC will deliver its core functions through the following activities:

- Regular meetings (see 9.);
- Pooling resources to gain efficiencies in meeting government's objectives;
- Establishing sub-committees;
- Annual service plan alignment between agencies with regular reviews throughout the year;

- Annual IAMC business planning; and
- Strategic planning (3 year timeframe).

Membership

IAMC membership may be comprised of the following agencies:

Provincial Government Agencies (Core members – all IAMCs)

- Integrated Land Management Bureau
 - Regional Executive Director (Chair)
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Energy, Mines, Petroleum Resources
- Ministry of Forests and Range
- Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts
- Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Provincial Government Agencies (Regional members – region specific or as issues dictate)

- Ministry of Community Services
- Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (Agriculture)
- Ministry of Transportation
- Other Crown Agency
- Representatives including:
 - Oil and Gas Commission
- Ministry of Economic Development
- Regional Health Authorities
- Provincial Emergency Program

Regional IAMCs may invite regular or occasional participation at IAMC meetings from other regional agencies (e.g. Fraser Basin Council, Department of Fisheries and Oceans). Each IAMC will determine who should be invited to attend and the nature of their participation (permanent, or issue or topic specific)

Structure

IAMCs will be located at each ILMB regional service centre:

- Coast (Nanaimo)
- Southern Interior (Kamloops)

- Northern Interior (Prince George)

IAMC may establish regional or sub-regional Manager's Committees to work on behalf of the IAMC in one or more areas of the regions.

Manager's Committees may be assigned any or all of the core functions outlined in this terms of reference. The IAMC will coordinate activities and issue management that may affect Manager's Committees across the region. Manager's Committees may be established in the following areas:

- Skeena
- Kootenays
- Cariboo
- Thompson-Okanagan
- Peace
- Lower Mainland

Each agency will assign the most senior agency regional representative available (usually a Director for IAMC or a manager for the Manager's Committee) to represent their agency.

Where core member agencies do not have permanent senior regional representation, the agency will assign a representative from Victoria or another region to attend. Regional members and core member agency representatives from outside the region may attend via conference call, with the concurrence of the chairperson and may attend only those meetings that deal with specified agenda items. The chairperson may defer these specified agenda items to another meeting date if it facilitates attendance.

Each IAMC will be chaired by the Regional Executive Director, ILMB. The IAMC Chair will appoint the chairperson of the Manager's Committees, usually the local ILMB Manager.

The ILMB IAMC Manager will provide support to the IAMC, the Manager's Committees and the chairpersons.

The IAMC reports to ADMCILM through the Associate Deputy Minister, ILMB. Manager's Committees report to the regional IAMC. The Chair of the IAMC will

communicate with ADMCILM, as necessary, on the proceedings of the IAMC and managers committees.

Each IAMC may develop more specific terms of reference, consistent with this document.

Relationship with Elected Officials

The chairperson of the IAMC will maintain contact and communicate regularly with provincially and locally elected officials from the region to brief them on issues being dealt with the IAMC. The Chairperson of the Managers' Committees will maintain contact and communicate regularly with locally elected official from their area to brief them on issues being dealt with the Manager's Committee.

Meetings

IAMCs and Managers' Committees will meet regularly – usually monthly.

The chairperson must ensure that an agenda and supporting information is provided to IAMC and Managers' Committees in advance of the meeting. All action items from the meeting must be

recorded and circulated to members in a timely manner soon after the meeting.

The IAMC, through the chairperson, may invite guests to attend meetings to present information, participate in discussions on specified issues or to be informed on a particular topic.

Decision Making and Dispute Resolution

Regional issues should be resolved regionally as much as possible. Decisions will be made by consensus of the committee members. In the case of disputes, the chairperson will attempt to resolve the dispute locally. If the issue can not be resolved locally, the IAMC chairperson may request the Associate Deputy Minister, ILMB to table the dispute with the ADMILM for resolution.

IAMC Work Plan and Reporting

Each IAMC will develop an annual work plan that specifies delivery targets that will be tabled with ADMCILM in April. Each IAMC will report annually to DMCILM on the achievement of their work plan performance deliverables at the end of each fiscal year.

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3c. Peace Managers Committee

The Peace Managers Committee (PMC) is a standing committee of provincial line ministry and agency managers with responsibilities for natural resource management in the Peace. For the purpose of the PMC the Peace area includes the area within the Peace Forest District, Fort Nelson Forest District, and the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate natural resource management activities of government in the Peace by:

- Meeting regularly for sharing information on natural resource management in the Peace;
- Identifying any major issues or concerns that might impact on other ministries/agencies;
- Liaising with the IAMC on a regular basis;
- Identifying, initiating and/or conducting projects that will have a benefit to the Peace or the province; and
- Providing assistance to ministries/agencies as requested and as appropriate.

General Operating Principles

- Meetings are held every two or three months;
- The Chair is selected by the PM's
- The Chair is responsible for coordinating the activities and meetings of the PM's and represents the PM's at IAMC, Northern Managers, and other groups as appropriate;
- The PMC's may lead projects of inter-ministry/agency interest such

as the Conflicting Tenures project. Agreement of the group has to be reached before any project is undertaken by the PM's;

- Meeting formats may contain the following:
 - General updates from each of the ministries/agencies;
 - Project updates;
 - IAMC updates; and
 - Speakers to attend to update PMC on issues of interest.
- Funding for PMC projects is shared between the ministries as appropriate.
- In some cases where Deputy Ministers have assigned tasks to IAMC, the Peace Managers may be delegated some of these tasks and will report to IAMC on those matters; and
- PMC also have a relationship with the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board on certain issues. In this case, PMC will liaise with IAMC to ensure that there are no conflicts with messages/mandate.

3d. Peace Managers Committee Members

PMC Members 2006-2007

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4. PERFORMANCE MEASURES & EVALUATIONS

The Province of British Columbia has committed to holding government accountable for measuring the success of its programs and reporting on performance. In developing this plan we have drawn from work across the province, and have used sets of evaluations and information that we monitor on a regular basis to assist in the development of key performance measures and indicators.

In addition, we have established the British Columbia Progress Board to help define specific economic, social and environmental benchmarks and targets for the tax, regulatory, social and fiscal reforms that government will undertake, and to monitor its performance. This work will assist us in fulfilling the commitment to provide regular reports to British Columbians and the Legislature so that taxpayers can monitor our performance and progress, and hold

government accountable for its commitments. It will also help to inform government where follow-up efforts are necessary and additional work is warranted.

The key measures that have been selected are those that best represent the overall performance in areas that are priorities for British Columbians. These measures do not tell us everything about government's performance, but they do provide an indication of the progress British Columbia is making in key areas such as the economy, health, education, justice and the environment.

Each year, government will report results for each measure relative to the target that has been set. These results are used as indicators of the government's progress towards achieving its goals. In addition each government ministry has a set of key

performance measures that relate to their goals and objectives. Ministry measures provide more detailed information on

specific program performance. These measures are reported in ministry manual reports. (BC, 2002)

5. IAMC MEMBER REPORTS

5a. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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Organization Overview

Highlights

While staking of claims has continued to occur, on the ground activity has been limited to the Davis Keyes area in the northeast portion of the M-KMA. The company has 6 claims in the area and is currently exploring for copper.

Other Information

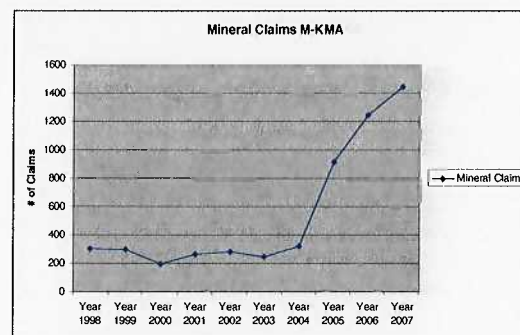
Mineral Titles Online BC (MTO) was launched in 2005 establishing secure title on an accurate digital map base, integrated with other online resources, streamlines the entire claim acquisition process. Digital registration of work, payments instead of work and transfers of title to other free miners, incorporating electronic commerce, has resulted in a system providing immediate updating of title. The map selection part of MTO allows you to acquire a mineral claim by selecting the area on a seamless digital GIS map of BC. There is no longer a requirement to physically mark your claim on the ground for acquisition purposes. Please visit the following website for more information.

<http://www.mtonline.gov.bc.ca/>

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.

Mineral Tenures

The following graph details the number of claims in the M-KMA from 1998 to 2007.



Since 2003, 1202 tenures were sold in the M-KMA. As of 2007 there are 1445 claims in the M-KMA.

Prior to 2005 mineral tenures required on-the-ground staking, once Mineral Tenures Online BC came into effect ground staking is not required, position of the cell claim is absolute. New technology, such as e-commerce, GPS and Geographic Information System (GIS), makes it easier for miners to find, acquire and explore properties.

5b1. Ministry of Forests & Range – Fort Nelson Forest District

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Highlights

No harvest activity occurred during the reporting period.

2007-07 Report

- Landscape unit boundaries were aggregated and boundaries adjusted, as a result of discussions between Ministry of Forest and Range, Integrated Land Management Bureau and Forest Licensees/BC Timber Sales. Currently there are 13 landscape units within or partially within the M-KMA, a decrease from approximately 35 landscape units;
- Further work on biodiversity emphasis is ongoing;

Range Report

- There are over 26 range tenures in the Fort Nelson area;
- The tenures are either grazing permits (1-5 years) or grazing licenses (10 years). They all expire at different times, on average 3 licences or permits expire every year; and
- Guide Outfitters, Transporters and Horse Ranchers hold the tenures;
- All Range Use Plans (RUPs) expire December 31, 2007 (moving from the Forest Practices Code to the *Forests and Range Practices Act*);
- The RUPs are now expected to be developed by each tenure holder. This is very beneficial as they are required to look at range readiness criteria, stubble heights, resource issues etc.

- There was a general willingness by tenure holders to put in monitoring sites; these sites can be checked on a yearly or seasonal basis. This illustrates due diligence on the part of range tenure holders;
- In addition significant work has occurred regarding invasive plants with various seminars for plant identification and a Weeds Know No Boundaries program aimed at keeping weeds out of the area including the M-KMA;
- There are 41 tenures in the M-KMA, 7 of them under 6,000ha, 34 over 20,000ha, for a total of 13.6 million ha under tenure.

The minimum size of tenure is 9.2ha, the maximum size is 1,287,927.7ha and the average size is 332.261ha.

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.



Forest stand in the Liard River corridor.

Please go to the back of this report for a map of grazing tenures in the M-KMA.



Lichen

5b2. Ministry of Forest – Mackenzie Forest District

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outbreak in the southern part of the
Forest District.

Highlights

No harvesting associated activities occurred during 06-07.

2006-2007 Report

- Since April 1, 2007, the Kwadacha Band has submitted for approval, to the Mackenzie Forest District Manager, a Forest Stewardship Plan for the area in the vicinity of Fort Ware. The Forest Stewardship Plan may be adjusted to exclude the M-KMA depending on requirements to address the mountain pine beetle

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.



Fox Range

5b3. Ministry of Forests – Peace Forest District

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outfitting territory and exclude private land.

Highlights

No harvesting occurred in the M-KMA.

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.

2006-07 Report

- Grazing licence for Horseshoe Creek Outfitters Ltd. Expired and was replaced with a replaceable grazing license.
- Christina Fall Outfitters Inc. submitted a new range use plan which was forwarded to the Fort Nelson Forest District for review (Sonja Leverkus in Fort Nelson took over as range agrologist looking after Peace Forest District guide outfitter range agreements).
- Exhibit "A" boundary for Sikanni River Outfitters was amended to more accurately follow the guide

Pine Complex



5c. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

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Fort St. John Office

- Completed the Visual Guidelines for the M-KMA and forwarded the document to the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) for their consideration and action (suggested posting on the OGC website).
- Initiated Landscape Unit planning for the Graham Landscape Unit in conjunction with Canfor and BC Timber Sales (ongoing in 2007-2008 and expect completion 2008-2009).
- Completed overview flights in the southern M-KMA and the Trench to evaluate the potential impact should the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) outbreak continue to spread north. (MPB issue will be integral in the development of the Graham LUP).
- Reviewed the M-KMA Recreation Management Plan to evaluate the

workload required to complete the plan versus the risk to M-KMA values if the plan remains unedited for the near future. Determined to be a significant workload minimal risk to the values; therefore a low priority within ILMB regional work plan.

- Review of the Sikanni Pre-Tenure Plan (PTP) work load required to convert the plan for inclusion in the 2004 PTP format versus risk to the M-KMA values if plan continues as is. Determined that the wildlife model evaluation from the Besa-Prophet PTP should be completed prior to revision of the Sikanni plan as these models form the basis of all the PTPs and if revisions to the models are needed they should be completed prior to conversion of the Sikanni plan. (Review of the wildlife models is ongoing in 2007-2008) Overall workload is significant and risk to values is low to moderate

- depending on the level of oil and gas proposed.
- Completed Sikanni PTP overview monitoring flights to determine effectiveness of current strategic monitoring. Has led to initiation of the 3 MEMPR funded PTP monitoring and implementation projects. (Baseline mapping; wildlife model testing and monitoring methodology framework. Expected completion March 2008).

Mackenzie Portion of the M-KMA

- The only project that the Omineca Planning Team of ILMB has underway is for a non-spatial order for old growth forest. This order is a relatively minor change to the current management of old growth under the *Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Objectives* (June 30, 2004). The new Order specifically for Mackenzie will be advertised in August 2007 for a 60 day review and comment period.
- The Omineca Planning Team, Integrated Land Management Bureau, has been working with First Nations, Forest Licensees, BC Timber Sales and Ministry of Forests and Range on development

of old growth initiatives. The Planning Table of the Land and Resource Management Plan has been kept informed about these activities.

Other Information

Front Counter BC office in Fort St. John opened.

Front Counter BC is a single window service for clients of provincial natural resource ministries and agencies. Front Counter Staff will:

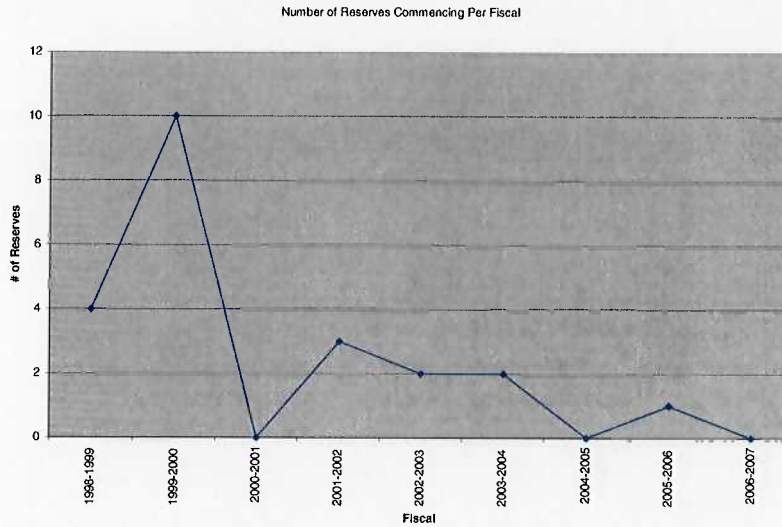
- Guide clients through required authorizations;
- Help clients complete strong application packages.
- Interpret land information, maps and management plans.
- Follow-up and track the status of applications filed.
- Liaise between ministries, agencies and governments.
- Begin referral processes with First Nations.
- Help identify and market economic development opportunities.

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.

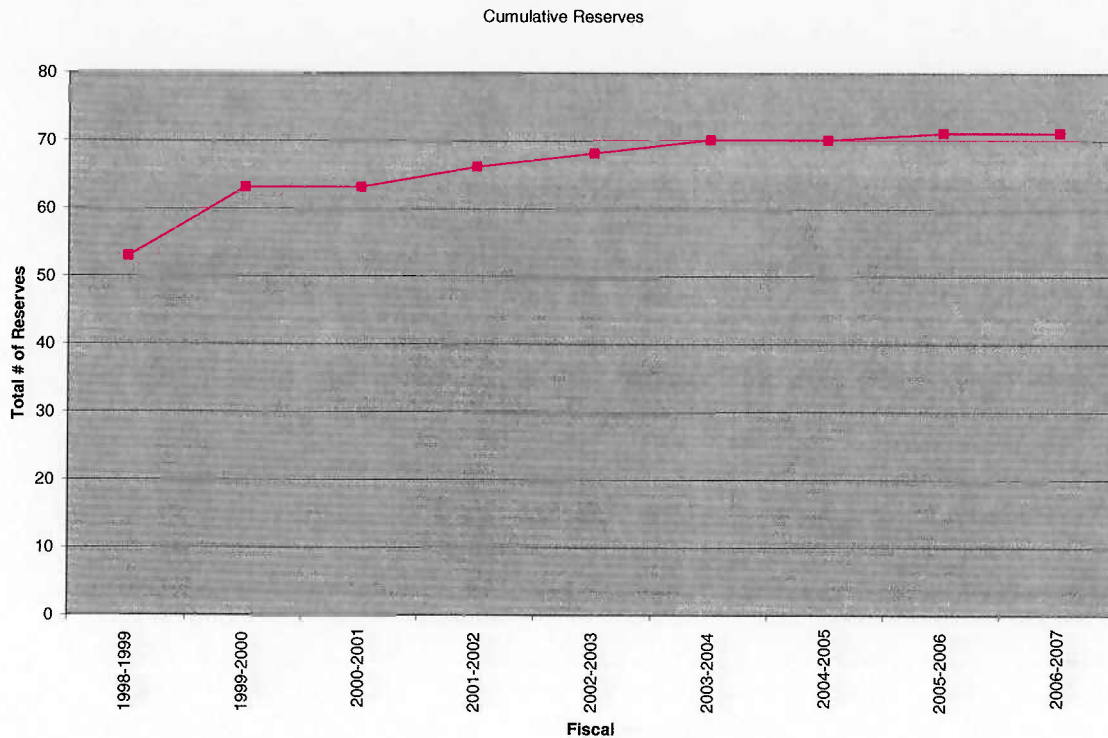


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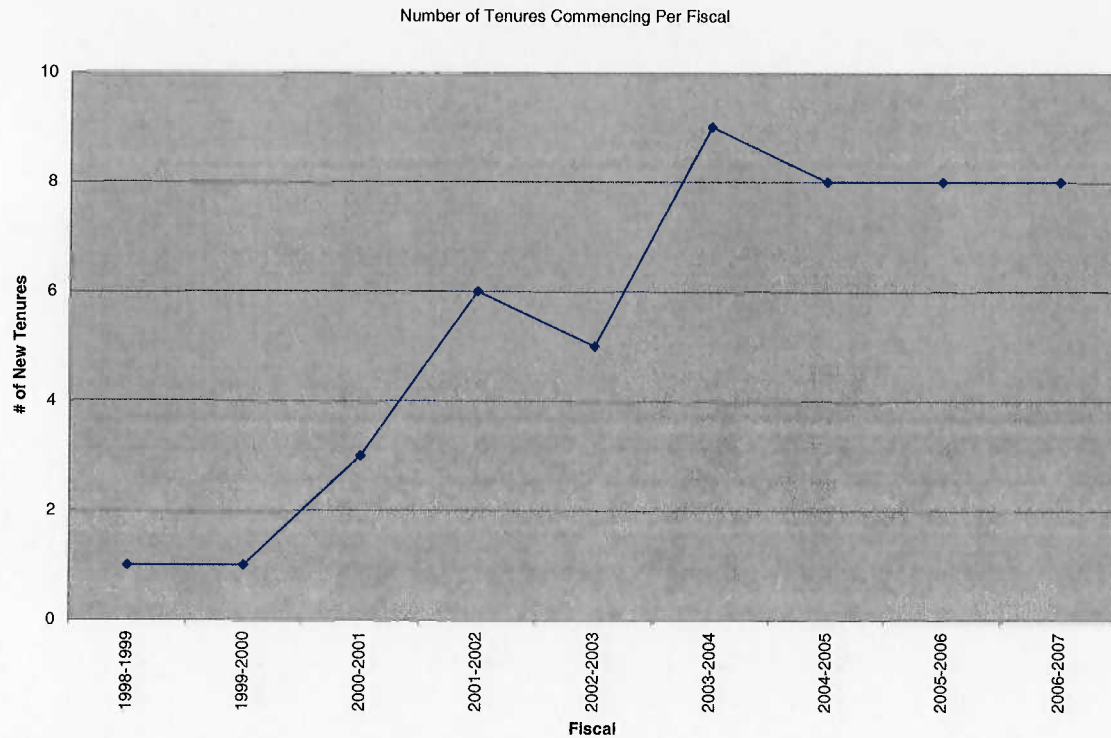
Tenure Data



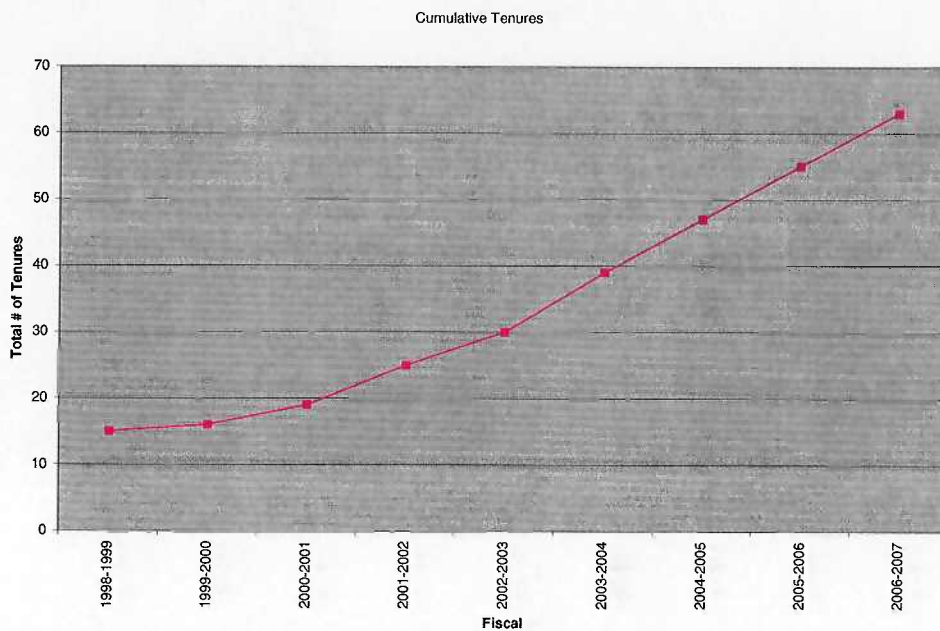
The above graph refers to the number of new reserves put in place fiscal year 2006-2007 (i.e. map reserves etc.). For 2006-2007 no new reserves were put in place in the M-KMA.



The above graph refers to the total number of reserves in the M-KMA with just over 70 reserves in total. The number of reserves has remained relatively constant since 2002-2003.

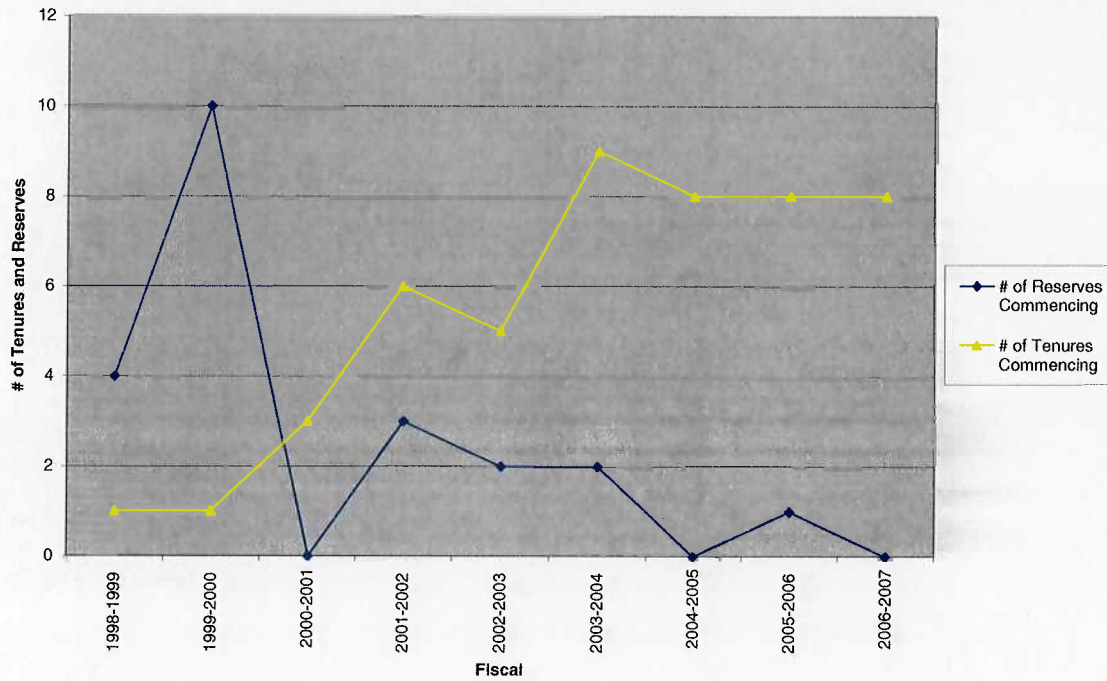


The above graph illustrates the number of new tenures let in 2006-2007 which was 8. This is for tenures for commercial recreation etc., this does not include oil & gas or mineral tenures.



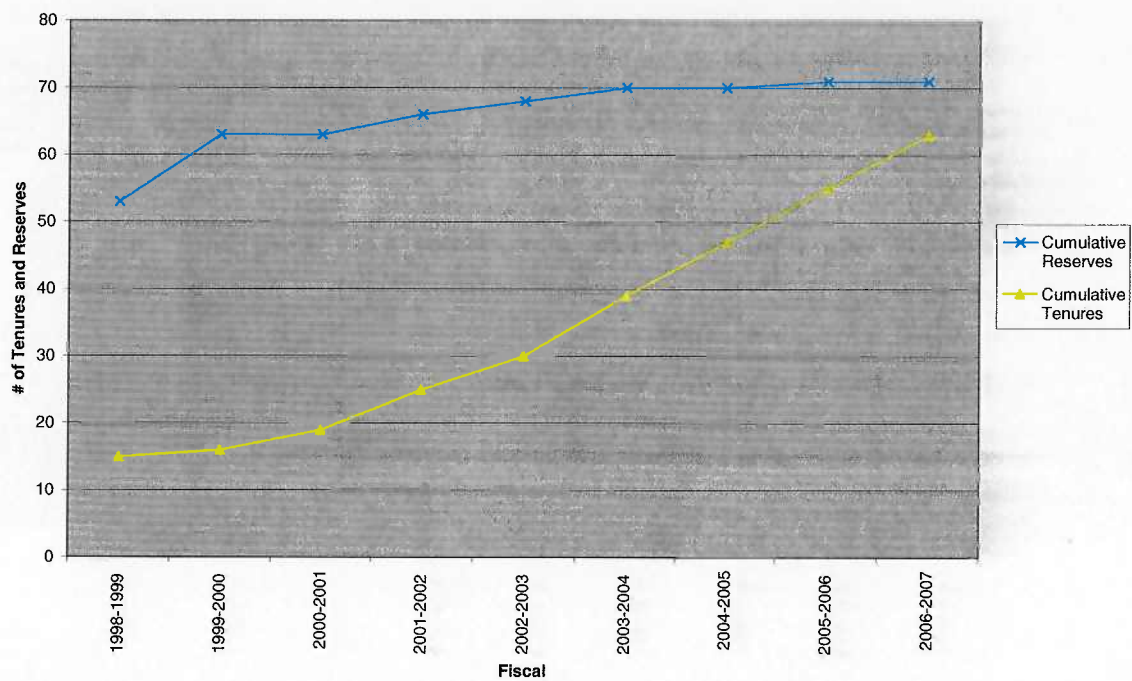
The above graph illustrates the total number of tenures by year, with nearly 65 tenures in total for 2006-2007. The number of total tenures continue to increase.

Number of Reserves and Tenures Commencing Per Fiscal



The above graph combines the number of new tenures and reserves in one graph.

Cumulative Tenures and Reserves



The above graph combines the total number of reserves and tenures by year into one graph.

5d. BC Oil and Gas Commission

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Goals

As the regulator of oil and gas activities, the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) regulates oil and gas activity through fair, consistent, responsible and transparent stakeholder engagement; for the benefit of British Columbians; by balancing environmental, economic and social outcomes.

Management goals within the M-KMA are to:

- Ensure that oil and gas activities are consistent with the *M-KMA Act* and the objectives set out in the M-KMA Management Plan.
- Follow management direction from the Oil and Gas Pre-Tenure Plans (PTP's).

Objectives/Strategies

To meet these goals the OGC has participated in government planning initiatives, such as PTP's and has developed operational guidelines for oil and gas activities. The OGC also assisted ILMB on other oil and gas resource management related initiatives.

Operationally, the OGC reviews applications for their consistency with the PTP's and with the management direction from the M-KMA Management Plan. The OGC also monitors field activities to ensure that they are in compliance with OGC approval documents and appropriate legislation.

Oil and Gas Activity Summary

Geophysical:

During the 2006-07 fiscal year, 6 geophysical programs were approved and five 2D geophysical programs completed field activities. Two programs reported 14.8 km within Muskwa-West PTP. The other program reported 8.61 km of hand cut helicopter lines within the Upper Sikanni

MA. This represents approximately 5.17ha of temporary disturbance.

Table 1 provides a summary of these programs.

Well and Pipelines:

No new applications were received or approved in 06/07.

One of the two well applications on pending status have been cancelled.

Evaluation of Current Program and Recommendations

Future Direction for Wells and Pipelines

New PTP's have now been completed for all the Special Management Zones within the Western Sedimentary Basin except for the Upper Sikanni Management Area (USMA). See ILMB's report for the status of this PTP. No on-the-ground activities (except for geophysical) have occurred within the M-KMA outside of the Upper Sikanni Management Plan Area.

For 2007-08; our priorities are as follows:

- Continue to implement the direction from PTPs using the implementation guidelines on the OGC's website; and
- Complete, review, implementation and monitor Visual Design Guidelines for the M-KMA with any new well applications.

Future priorities include clarifying with ILMB, our respective monitoring and reporting responsibilities; assist ILMB in developing an indicator accounting system.

Future Direction for Geophysical Exploration

The new PTP's include "disturbances from seismic operations" in the requirements of a PTP indicator accounting system. Our M-KMA objectives for 2007-08 are as follows:

- Continue to implement the Geophysical Guidelines for the M-KMA,
- Continue to work with industry and within the OGC to record and repost disturbances, as envisioned by the PTP's; and
- Include "disturbances from geophysical operations" into a (yet to be developed) PTP indicator accounting system.

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.



Well site in old burn just outside of the M-KMA.

Tenure Sales and Activity

The following table details tenure sales, Pre-Tenure area and size and revenue from 2006-2007.

2006-2007 Tenure Sales

PTP	Tenure Type	Size by Ha	\$/Ha	Revenue
Besa-Prophet Phase 1	DL	3027	\$45.00	\$136,215.00
Upper Sikanni	DL	841.8	\$166.00	\$139,738.80
	DL	378.45	\$642.00	\$242,964.90
	DL	1008.6	\$81.00	\$81,696.60
Halfway-Graham	Permit B	17536	\$186.00	\$3,261,696.00
	DL	596.4	\$416.00	\$248,102.40
	PNG	48.11	\$125.00	\$6,013.75
	PNG	169.8	\$109.00	\$18,508.20
Totals	7	23606.16		\$4,134,935.65

* Not all sales are 100% inside the M-KMA, only the area within the M-KMA is included in the above table.

Chart 1 illustrates the percentage of active tenures in each Pre-Tenure Plan area, the greatest number of active tenures is in the Halfway-Graham at 45%, representing 14 of the 30 total active tenures in the M-KMA. Active tenures refer to current tenures, but do not necessarily relate to actual activity on the ground. At present the 3 producing wells in the M-KMA are located in the Sikanni Pre-Tenure Plan Area. (please refer to Table 1 in Appendix 6f4)

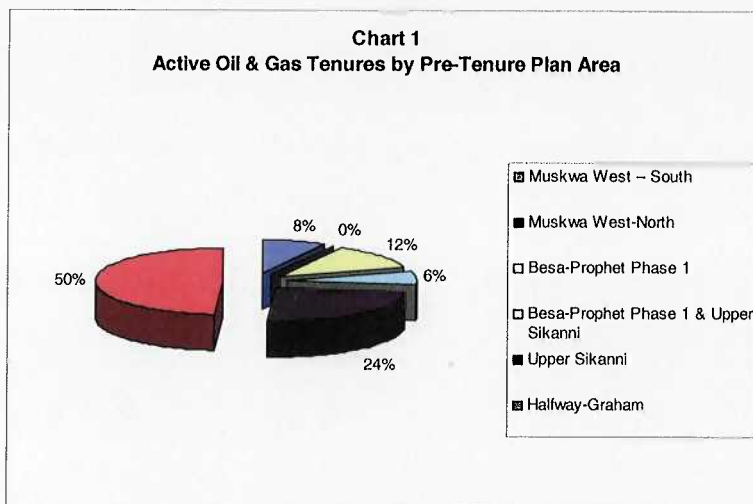
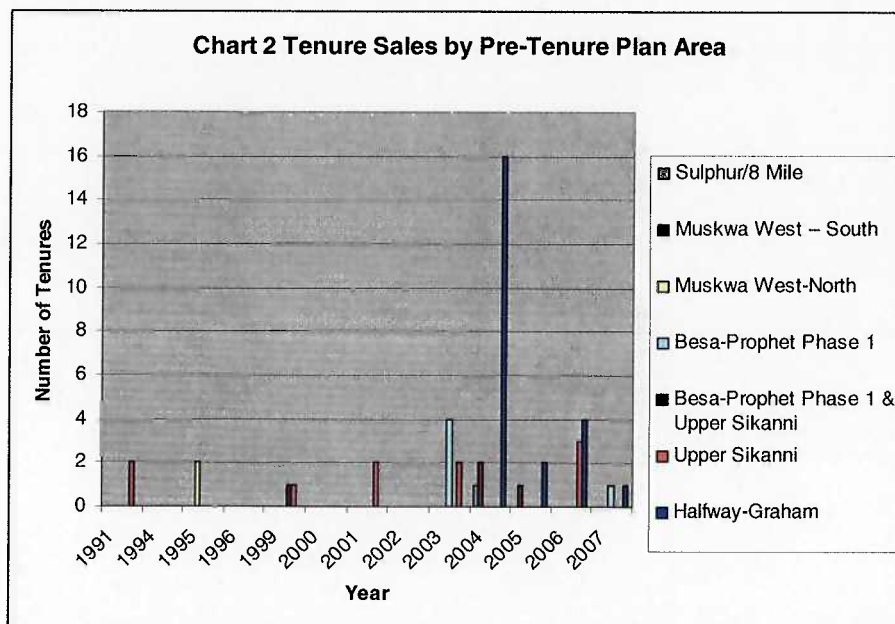
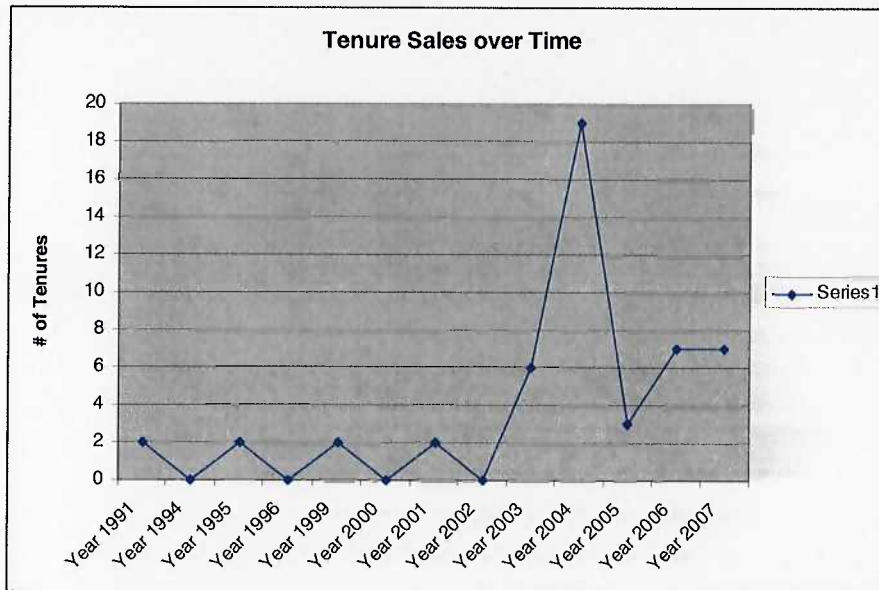


Chart 2 illustrates the number of tenures sold in each Pre-Tenure Plan Area since 1991 (M-KMA was enacted in 1998). Please note that no tenure sales occurred in 1997 and 1998 as pre-tenure planning was occurring.



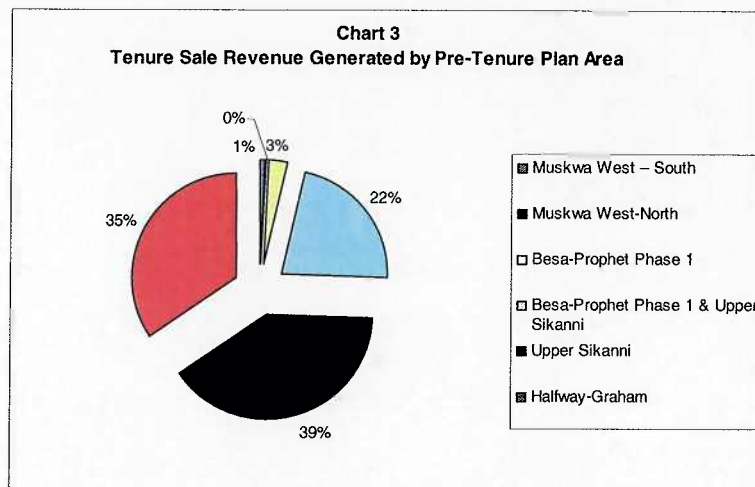
Historical Tenure Sales



Oil and Gas Revenue

Since 1999 \$34,002,869.98 has been generated from oil and gas tenure sales in the M-KMA. Sales have been through PNG leases, drilling licenses and Class B permits.

Chart 3 illustrates tenure sale revenue by Pre-Tenure Plan Area with over \$13,000,000.00 coming from the Upper Sikanni Pre-Tenure Plan area (39%) and just over \$11,700,000.00 from the Halfway-Graham Pre-Tenure Plan Area.



Definitions:

Petroleum and Natural Gas Lease: This lease grants the holder all petroleum and natural gas in the described location

and the right to explore and develop oil and natural resources in that area.

Drilling License: This license gives the holder the right to drill for petroleum and natural gas in the described location.

Class B Permit: Confers the right to explore by any means, most permits issued in Northeast BC are Class B.

Since 1999 \$1,185,654.94 has been generated from annual rental fees in the M-KMA. The Upper Sikanni area has

generated 78% of the rental fee revenue, over \$900,000.00 since 1999.

Permits are \$1.05 per ha (per year) plus \$500.00 renewal fee.

Drilling licenses are \$3.50 per ha (per year)

PNG leases are \$7.50 per ha (per year)

Chart 4 represents the percentage of revenue from rental fees by Pre-Tenure Plan Area.

The total oil and gas revenue from the M-KMA since 1999 is \$34,002,869.98*. At the time of production of this report no information was available on revenue generated from the producing wells.

* Please note that all calculations are based on available information provided by the Oil and Gas Commission, in addition some tenures overlap Pre-Tenure Plan areas.

Historical Well Activity

Year	Comments
1999-2001	3 wells drilled, 2 Murphy Oil (1 abandoned, 1 suspended drilling) and 1 Chicken Creek (abandoned)
2001-2002	Reclamation underway for Murphy Oil, Devon Canada and Amoco well sites
2002-2003	CNRL PC Sikanni well site and access constructed
2003-2004	CNRL well site drilled and pipeline tied into Husky well site (Sikanni)
2004-2005	No new wells or pipelines were constructed or approved
2005-2006	No new wells or pipelines were constructed or approved
2006-2007	No new wells or pipelines were constructed or approved

Geophysical

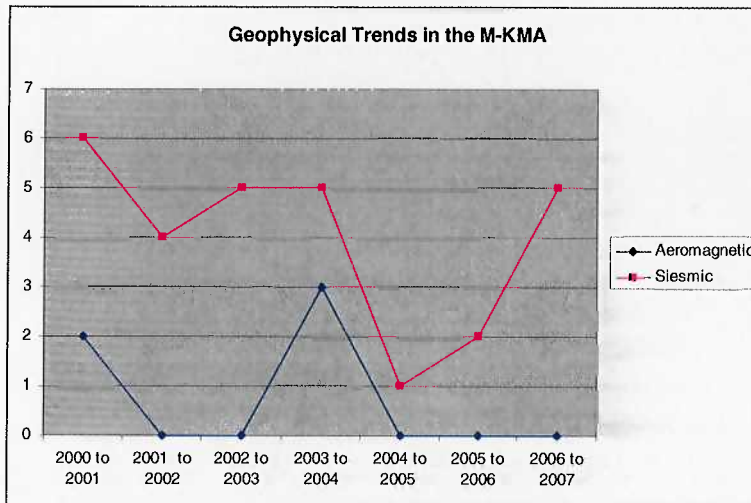
Geophysical Activities in the M-KMA in 2006-2007

Operator	PTP Area	Type of Program	Total length of lines in kms*	Average width in meters*	Temporary Surface Disturbance(Ha)*	Completion Date
International Exploration Consultants Can. Inc.	Halfway Graham	Heliportable- Handcut lines	11.47	1.2	1.38 ha	Oct 2006
Talisman Energy Inc.	Muskwa West	Heliportable- Handcut lines	18.46	1.48	2.73	July 2005
International Exploration Consultants Can. Inc.	Besa Prophet	Heliportable- Handcut lines	8.61	1.1	0.95	Oct 2006
Talisman Energy Inc.	Halfway Graham	Heliportable- Handcut lines	3.7	1.5	0.54	July 2006
Talisman Energy Inc.	Muskwa West	Heliportable- Handcut lines	6.34	1.5	0.95	Aug 2006
Total			48.58		5.17	

*Data includes area footprint of existing-cut, drill sites, helipads, new-cut. Only portions of these programs are within the boundaries of the M-KMA.

**Drill sites and helipad sites are not included in the length and width columns.

Trends



*Aeromagnetic involves no on the ground disturbance.

5e. Public Works and Government Services Canada

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The Ministry of Transportation does not have authority within the M-KMA. The responsibility of maintenance of the Alaska Highway between Tetsa River and Liard River Hotspings Provincial Park lies with Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC).

- There is also a need to upgrade sections of road in the parks to bring them up to standard, however no planning has occurred to date

Contact:
Paddy Whiden (250) 774-6957

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- A new bridge at Tetsa #2 was constructed;
- Completed work on the Smith River Bridge; and
- Completed minor road and slide repairs along the highway.

Goals

- Anticipate in the next 3 years working on a 10 km section of the road from km 563-575 around the Tetsa River Campground

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.



5f. Ministry of Environment

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Highlights

- Continuing to participate in the Stone's Sheep study in the Sulphur/8 Mile Area. MOE provided funding and in-kind support to this project.
- The Steering Committee hired a project manager/biologist to lead this initiative;

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- We are coordinating our activities with other Ministries, agencies, etc. as needed. Examples of this are the Stone's Sheep study, parks planning, trail improvements, etc.
- Continued with HCTF funded project to burn areas previously burned to maintain early seral stage vegetation communities for ungulate enhancement. Included post burn vegetation monitoring. Burning plans were developed and burns were conducted in Dead Dog, Durkin Creek, Falk Creek, Frog River east, Tuchodi River, and the Sikanni.
- Conducted Stone's sheep inventory. Aerial total count and classification of Stone's Sheep in all management units where sheep are present except for MU 752 in the extreme NW of the Peace Region.
- Conducted Plains Bison salting. Aerial drop of salt blocks in established sites in the backcountry along the Sikanni and Halfway Rivers to maintain bison in the backcountry away from the Alaska Highway and private property.

Other Information

Photos, Graphs, Maps etc.



Stone Mountain Provincial Park



Liard Hot Springs



AMA Route Sign

Park	Transportation (air)	Guide Outfitting	Trapping	Recreation (transportation/angling)	Misc	Research	Total
Muncho Lake	1	2	1		5	4	13
Redfern-Keily	2	3	1				6
Stone Mountain		1	2	2	1	5	11
Graham-Laurier	2	2	1			1	6
Wokkpash	3	4		5	1	2	15
Denetiah	2		2	1	1		6
Dune Za Keyih		2	6	2			10
Kwadacha		2					2
Liard River		3	5			1	9
Northern Rockies	3	4	5	5		2	19
Total Permits	13	23	23	15	8	15	97

Permitted Research Activities in BC Parks

- Synergy Applied Ecology – Stone's Sheep monitoring (Liard River Corridor, Muncho Lake, Stone Mountain and Wokkpash)
- University of Saskatchewan (Geological Sciences) – Stratigraphy (Muncho Lake, Stone Mountain and Wokkpash)
- Margaret Squires – Ecological research (Muncho Lake)
- University of Alberta – Collections (Stone Mountain)
- Devon Canada Corp – Collections (Graham-Laurier)
- Ministry of Forests and Range – Surveys/inventories (Dall River, Denetiah)
- UNBC/UBC – Climate change project (Kwadacha)

BC Park Staff Update

North Peace Area

- Great success on illegal camps along the Muskwa and Tuchodi rivers within Park boundaries has been achieved. Now a maintenance and educational approach can be taken;
- Approximately 115 person days were spent within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area boundaries in the backcountry;
- 60% was within Redfern-Keily, 20% was along river corridors and 20% was backpacking within the Northern Rockies;
- Great success was achieved coming up with a joint approach to burning in the parks of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area. There is now a joint application process with Forestry and BC Parks combined with a strict disciplined criteria,
- There were alleged illegal operations within Park boundaries during the 2007 season. A process has been started and investigations will continue;
- A number of staff left in September this season, so during an important time that we should have had presence we were caught short-handed.

Liard Area

- Working jointly with the Ministry of Forests and Range (MOFR) regarding the process of prescribed burns within Parks;
- Wood Bison continue to be a management challenge as a couple of animals went 20km south of Muncho Lake for a few days before returning north. Continued working with the Bison Management Committee to deal with bison on roads issues and territory expansion issues;
- 30 person days were spent in the Wokkpash working on the Wokkpash Trail and backcountry campsites;

- BC Parks cabin (open to the public) at Denetiah Lake was fixed again;
- Illegal use of vehicles (4x4's and ATV's continue to be a problem especially in Muncho Lake Park. A number of warnings and violation tickets were issued by Rangers;
- For the first time in over 20 years no aggressive/problem bears had to be destroyed by Rangers anywhere in the Liard area. There were lots of bears around but none that required serious management action on our part;
- In order for Rangers to have an effective backcountry presence they need to have their *Wildlife Act* appointments reinstated and be appointed to enforce the Fishing Regulations. It is noted that no other Ranger Service in North America that does not have these appointments.

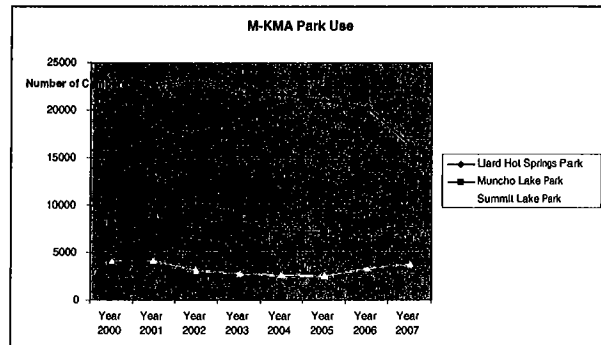
M-KMA Park Use Information

Park use and revenue data is collected for 3 parks in the M-KMA that provide campgrounds and charge fees, those parks are:

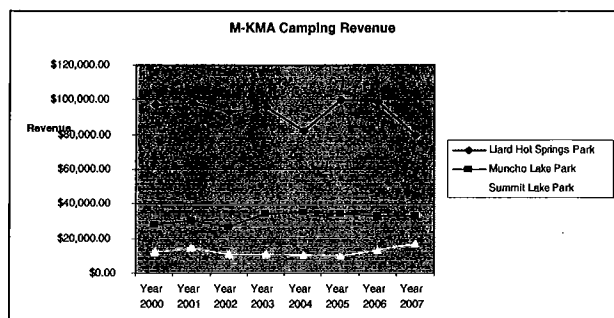
- Liard Hot Springs Provincial Park
- Muncho Lake Provincial Park
 - MacDonald campsite
 - Strawberry Flats campsite
- Summit Lake Provincial Park

Trend from 2000 to 2007

The following chart illustrates park use in the M-KMA by park since 2000. Muncho Lake Park includes the MacDonald and Strawberry Campsites. Information not included in the following graphs is day use and revenue associated with day use as Liard Hot Springs Provincial Park initiated day fees in 2005.



The following graph illustrates revenue by park.



Since 2000 \$1,101,360.00.00 has been generated from camping fees in the M-KMA.

As of 2005 day use fees were collected in Liard Hot Springs Provincial Park and since 2005 \$120,050.00.00 has been collected.

Since 2000 parks in the M-KMA have generated \$1,277,935.00.00 from day use and camping fees.

5g. Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts

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Organization Overview

The Tourism Division of MOTSA is responsible for the following operational programs:

- All season resorts/Alpine skiing: administers the existing portfolio of major resorts on Crown land, reviews and approves implementation of the BC Resort Strategy and Action Plan.
- Adventure Tourism/Commercial Recreation: administers new and existing CR tenures on Crown land.
- Forest Recreation Sites and Trails: manages more than 1,200 forest recreation sites and trails around the province, as well as extensive network of trails for those wishing to experience BC's natural beauty.

All season resorts and adventure tourism were formally managed by Land and Water BC Inc. while the Recreation Sites and Trails were the mandate of the Ministry of Forests. Integrating the programs under a single Ministry allows the Province to manage outdoor recreation as an individual resource industry operating on the landscape.

Goals

The Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts has been charged with doubling tourism revenues to the Province by 2015. The appropriate management of recreation resources in the Northern Region and the M-KMA can be a significant contributor to that goal.

Objectives/Strategies

Objectives:

- Manage existing tenures to reduce conflicts and support business development;
- To responsibly increase viable adventure tourism;

- To responsibly increase public recreation opportunities; and
- Diversify recreation activities undertaken in the M-KMA.

Strategies:

- Co-operate with other agencies to reduce land use conflicts with recreation;
- Adjudicate recreation proposals following established Pre-Tenure Plans and SRMPs; and
- Encourage new proposal for commercial and public recreation opportunities.

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Recreation Sites and Trails Section

Organization Overview

The Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts is the lead agency responsible for implementing strategies to promote recreation and tourism opportunities in British Columbia. Forest recreation is one of the core business areas identified in the Ministry Service Plan. The Ministry is responsible for providing safe, quality recreation opportunities to the public and for developing operational policies related to forest recreation activities such as sites and trail use, mountain biking, ATV use, snowmobiling etc.

The Forest Recreation Unit is responsible for the stewardship of forest recreation resources and the maintenance. The District Forest Recreation Officer develops district and operational plans, and manages public recreation use on Crown Land outside recreational sites and trails in order to resolve conflicts between recreational activities and protect recreational resources.

The District Forest Officer works with considerable independence as the lead in district planning and management related to recreation sites and trails. As the local expert on recreation resource values, this

position works closely with ministry staff as well as staff in other ministries and agencies (e.g. Forests and Range, Environment, BC Parks, and the Oil and Gas Commission) to provide input into the review and development of various plans and project referrals, and to discuss and resolve issues related to recreation inventory management.

The position links to other ministries and Public Service counterparts to coordinate access and share information. The District Forest Recreation Officer prepares a District Recreation Plan and specific operational plans for management recreation use and protecting recreation resource and opportunities by identifying major resource issues, interactions and conflicts, and ensuring the plan is linked to and consistent with land use plans. Also to research recreation orders to restrict recreation use on Crown land to manage conflicting recreation activities and protect recreation resources.

Highlights

- Informal planning with the Ministry of Environment, Environmental Stewardship Division (will be responsible for recreation and commercial opportunities within parks and protected areas, conservation lands and areas where access management is required).

Goals

- Review the existing established sites and trails
- Develop a recreational strategy and plan for the district
- Review established sites/trails to ensure if legislated that objectives exist, if there are no objectives then develop appropriate objectives.

Other Information:

Primary Contact:

Tim Bennett, District Forest Recreation Office, Peace and For Nelson Districts Recreation Sites and Trails Section

Recreation Sites:

- Muskwa Boat Launch
- Gatho Creek

Recreation Trails (associated with current M-KMA AMA routes):

- Chowade
- Christina Falls
- Cypress
- Redfern
- Trimble Lake

We are in the midst of digitally stashing the sites and cleaning up records.

5h. Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

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Negotiations with Treaty 8 First Nations on the economic benefits agreement are nearing conclusion. A Summary of Terms was initiated by Chief Negotiators for the Province and Treaty 8 First Nations on June 20, 2007. Ratification of the legal agreement by Treaty 8 continues. To date, four First Nations have authorized their respective Chiefs to sign the agreement; Halfway River and Saulteau First Nations remain outstanding. The Province has set a deadline date for Treaty 8 ratification at

January 25, 2008. Until the outcome of the EBA is more certain, resource management agreement negotiations have been placed on hold.

Blueberry River First Nations and the Province of BC have signed an Economic Benefit Agreement (EBA). Negotiations between Blueberry River First Nations and the Province continue with side agreements related to the EBA.

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6c. Maps and Illustrations

Please see back pocket for maps.

6d. Notes

6e. Abbreviations and Acronyms

AMA	Access Management Area
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
AUM	Animal Unit Month
BC	British Columbia
BCTSP	BC Timber Sales Program
C&E	Compliance and Enforcement
CNRL	Canadian Natural Resources Limited
COS	Conservation Officer Service
CR	Commercial Recreation
CTI	Conflicting Tenure Initiative
FN	First Nations
GOABC	Guide Outfitters Association of BC
IAMC	Inter-Agency Management Committee
LRMP	Land Resource Management Plan
LUO	Landscape Unit Objective
MEMPR	Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources
M-KMA	Muskwa-Kechika Management Area
MOF	Ministry of Forests
MSRM	Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management
NPRGC	North Peace Rod and Gun Club
OGC	Oil & Gas Commission
PMC	Peace Managers Committee
PTP	Pre-tenure Plan
PWGSC	Public Works and Government Services Canada
RMD	Resource Management Division of MSRM
RMZ	Resource Management Zone
SED	Sustainable Economic Development
SFMP	Sustainable Forest Management Plan
TNO	Treaty Negotiations Office
TSA	Timber Supply Area
UNBC	University of Northern British Columbia
USMP	Upper Sikanni Management Plan