



RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2021 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: *Natural Resources Act* – Housekeeping and Updates
Legislation Affected: *Natural Resources Act*
Submitted by: MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
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WHEREAS:

- A. It is necessary to ensure that the wording of MNBC legislation withstands critical grammatical scrutiny, is unambiguous in language, and reflects current conditions; and
- B. The recent creation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Métis Rights requires certain clauses of the *Natural Resources Act* be modified to reflect current conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following changes be made to the *Natural Resources Act*:

Change “land-use” to “land use” throughout the *Act*;

- 2.4: Change “seven voting regional Captain of Natural Resources” to “eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt”;
- 2.5: Change “**Captain of Natural Resources**” to “**Captain of the Hunt**”;
- 2.7: Change “Director of Natural Resources” to “Senior Director of Natural Resources”;
- 2.12: Strike “by the President of the MNBC”;
- 2.13: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources”, change “Minister of Natural Resources” to “Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources”, change “Director of Natural Resources” to “Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources.”;

Add the following definitions:

“**Minister of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.

“**Ministry of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental Protection (technical) and BCMANR.

“Senior Director of Environmental Protection” means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.

Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 2 to be in alphabetical order, and re-number the definitions as needed.

4.0: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

4.3: Change clause to read “The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.”;

4.4: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

5.1: Change clause to read “BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.”;

Add “Purposes” to the end of the Article Six Header, so it reads “Harvesting for Profit and Commercial Purposes”;

8.9: Change “over-turned” to “overturned”;

9.1.9: Change “a member of a class of Métis Citizens” to “Métis Citizens”, change “lake, stream or area” to “lake, stream or area for special designated harvests”;

9.4: Strike the entire clause;

10.1: Change clause to “The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

10.3: Strike the entire clause;

11.1: Change “the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Natural Resources” to “the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection”;

11.2: Strike the entire clause;

11.5: Change clause to “The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.”;

11.6.2: Change “MNBC Ministry of Natural Resources” to “The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

11.7.5: Change “legal precedents” to “existing case law”;

12.2 b: Change “for a period not to exceed five years, if the apprehension is recommended by the Captain’s Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Natural Resources must sanction the apprehension.” to “for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain’s Assembly to be greater than five years, the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection must sanction the apprehension.”;

Re-number clauses as required.