Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Objective
To develop a proposed regulatory framework, for government’s consideration, to review Crown land forest stewardship plans by applicable Crown forest agreement holders either as a Class II environmental Assessment (EA) under the Environment Act or in a process that is similar to the Class II process.

Project Team Lead
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Experts Involved
- To be determined (Request for Proposals to develop a 20-Year Forest Stewardship Planning Guide underway)

Key Deliverables
- Proposed Regulatory Framework
- Guide for Preparation of 20-Year Forest Stewardship Plans (these plans would form the basis of the submission for the environmental assessment process)

Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)
- 20-Year Forest Stewardship Planning Guide

Timelines
- Work on identifying regulatory options is underway.
- Winter 2020: RFP issued in January to hire a consultant to develop a guide for the preparation of 20-year forest stewardship plans
- Spring/Summer 2020: Stakeholder consultations
- Fall/Winter 2020: Target project completion