

Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry

OUTCOMES-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT

Project Objectives

To design an outcomes-based approach to forest management on Crown land with biodiversity as a priority that will support increased efficiency in forest management while ensuring ecological, social, and economic values are recognized and considered

Project Team Lead

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Experts Involved

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Key Deliverables

- Guide to outcomes-based forest management using key indicators for forest values
- Plan for implementing outcomes-based forestry management on Crown land, including key policy and/or legislative changes required

Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)

- Values and indicators for outcomes-based forest management on Crown land
- Options of models for implementation of outcomes-based forest management

Timeline

- Summer 2019: Conduct a jurisdictional scan to identify best practices/options for implementation in Nova Scotia
- Spring/Summer 2020: Continue to develop values and indicators for stakeholder input
- Winter 2020-21: Project to be completed, with implementation to follow