

Background

Phase 2 of DNR Strategy 2010 will be led by a Steering Panel appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources. Under the auspices of the Phase 2 Steering Panel, four Panels of Expertise (forests, minerals, parks and biodiversity) will be recruited to tap into the province's diverse technical expertise in these areas. The Panels of Expertise will prepare and submit draft reports and recommendations to the Steering Panel that will inform Phase 3 -- when the DNR Strategy 2010 will be written. Phase 2 technical expertise will be sought within the parameters of citizen values that were developed in Phase 1.

Purpose

The Steering Panel will ensure:

- Alignment with Guiding Principles and government-approved strategy process guidelines
- Phase 2 direction remains faithful to Phase 1 citizen values (Voluntary Planning)
- Alignment with NS Corporate Plan
- Success of stakeholder engagement through Panels of Expertise to strengthen Phase 3 Strategy writing

Accountability

The Steering Panel is accountable to the following:

- Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
- Citizens of Nova Scotia
- Phase 1 – Ensure alignment and reflection of citizen values in Phase 1 Report
- Phase 3 – Review Phase 3 Strategy for consistency with Phase 2 input

The Steering Panel will work with the DNR Strategy Project Management Team throughout the Phase 2 process.

Scope & Authority

The Steering Panel will operate within the following scope and authority:

- Directs at high level, stakeholder engagement process to be undertaken by Panels of Expertise.
- Ensures overall strategic direction is in alignment with Phase 1 values.
- Ensures consistency of reports and recommendations from Panels of Expertise and the four focus areas.
- Ensures high level strategic directions for policy and programs are included in final report and recommendations.
- Liaises with DNR as appropriate.