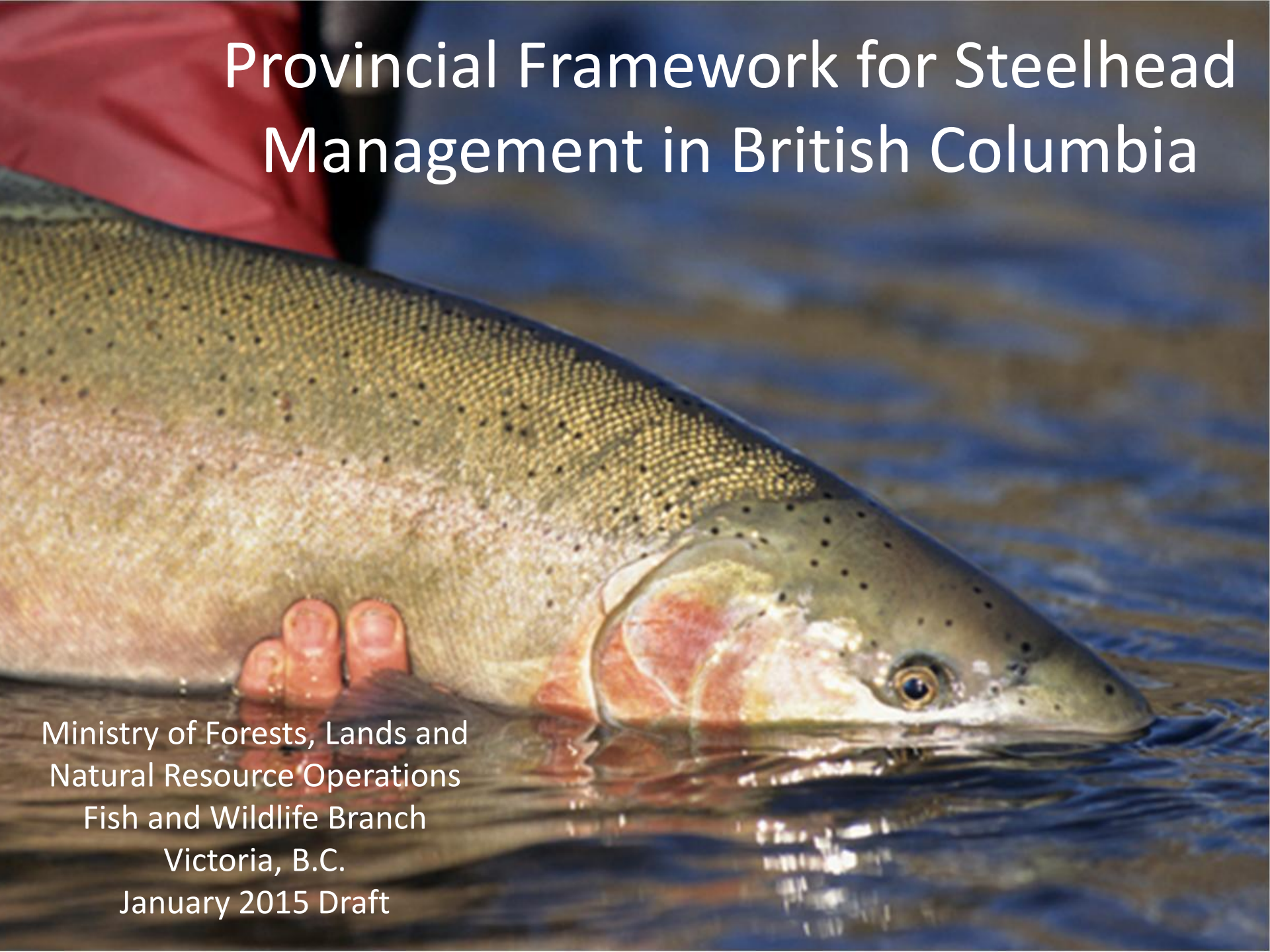


Provincial Framework for Steelhead Management in British Columbia



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Natural Resource Operations
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Intention

- This framework document seeks to provide stakeholders, partners and First Nations with a clearer understanding of the goals and objectives for steelhead management in BC.

Goal

- To ensure the abundance of wild steelhead populations at levels that will produce societal benefits now and for future generations of British Columbians.

Objectives

- Maintain sustainable recreational angling opportunity
- Maintain, protect and restore the productive capacity of steelhead stocks

Management Tools

1. Recreational fishing regulation and stewardship
2. Hatcheries
3. Habitat protection, enhancement, restoration
4. Bycatch management

Strategies

1. Abundance based management
2. Precautionary small stock policy
3. Catch & release of wild steelhead
4. Administer wild stock sport fisheries in a careful and responsible manner
5. Support bycatch mortality reduction

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6. Hatcheries where stock conservation risks are low and expected societal benefits high
7. Manage angler use when and where it is beneficial to do so.
8. Precautionary approach to address environmental uncertainty
9. Support environmental regulation to conserve productive capacity

Current Status

- Currently a provincial draft document
- Opportunity to explore and align goals and objectives
- Feedback can be provided to:

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