Implementation Areas Overview Chart

About This Chart

- The Implementation Agreement (**IA**) is an historic agreement between Blueberry River First Nations (Blueberry/BRFN) and British Columbia (**BC**), which guides their new, collaborative approach to **land**, **water**, and **resource stewardship** in Northeast BC.
- The IA aims to ensure that Blueberry Members can meaningfully exercise their Treaty 8 rights, and provides stability and predictability for **industry** in the region.
- This chart shows how the different parts of the IA work together to support these goals.

LEGEND

New business

New Member program

New organization

Areas that collaborate with one another



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- Engagement with Blueberry Members, Elders, knowledge holders, family groups, trapline holders, and staff is a key element of Planning, Permit Referrals, and Cultural
- Engagement for Planning is being facilitated through the Community Advisory Group, Land-Based Mapping Project, and gatherings with Members.
- Engagement aims to ensure that plans for restoring and protecting areas are grounded in Blueberry values and priorities.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- Blueberry and BC are working to co-manage wildlife in Blueberry's territory.
- Projects include development of long-term moose management and wildlife inventory

WHO WORKS ON THIS?

BRFN Restoration Department

BRFN-BC Wildlife Working Group





PLANNING

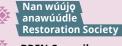
- Plans are being developed to guide areas for protection and restoration (including areas that will be free of new oil and gas and forestry activities), and where development can continue across Blueberry's Claim Area over the coming decades.
- Informed by Blueberry Member engagement and Land-Based Mapping.
- Focuses on key planning areas including High Value Areas and priority Watershed Management Basins.

WHO WORKS ON THIS?



Department











WHO WORKS ON THIS? **BRFN Lands** Department (Regulatory & Policy)





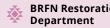
Stewardship (WLRS).



RESTORATION

- Works to identify, develop, implement & monitor culturally-appropriate ecological restoration throughout Blueberry's territory.
- Guided by a community-driven restoration framework that uses a Two-Eyed Seeing approach, weaving together Indigenous wisdom and Western science.

WHO WORKS ON THIS?





The 2023 Blueberry River

First Nations—British Columbia

Implementation Agreement

Nan wúújo anawúúdle Restoration Society

PERMIT REFERRALS

forestry, mining, energy (wind, solar, hydro)

and other activities in Blueberry's territory.

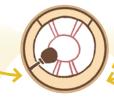
Ministry of Energy & Climate Solutions (ECS),

Collaborates with the BC Energy Regulator

and Ministry of Water Lands & Resource

(BCER), BC's Ministry of Forests (MoF),

• Reviews proponent referrals for oil & gas,



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Focused on creating Blueberry-owned business opportunities.
- Develops employment & contracting opportunities for Blueberry Members & the Nation.

WHO WORKS ON THIS?



Grandmother's Greenhouse

FORESTRY LICENSES. BRFN Council **OIL & GAS TENURES, CARBON CREDITS**

- Focused on developing new economic development streams/projects.
- Blueberry will receive area-based replaceable forest licence and oil and gas
- Blueberry will co-develop with BC a Carbon Offset Project, with Blueberry owning the carbon credits.

WHO WORKS ON THIS?

BRFN Lands Department



BRFN Council



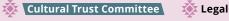
CULTURAL PROTECTION

- Works to restore and sustain Blueberry's cultural heritage.
- Programs for members include Cabin Program, Cultural Burn Program, and **Trapping Subsidy Program.**

TRAPPER ENGAGEMENT

- Cultural Protection Staff facilitate engagement between registered trapline holders of Blueberry family traplines and industry proponents.
- Ensures industrial activities do not impact cultural & ecological values in trapline areas.

WHO WORKS ON THIS?





BRFN Lands (Cultural Protection Division)

PROPONENT NEGOTIATIONS

- Focused on negotiating employment, contracting opportunities, and other benefits for Blueberry Members & the Nation.
- Works with oil & gas companies with operations in Blueberry's territory.

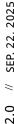
WHO WORKS ON THIS?





Industry consultants





Key Terms

ASO KWA / GRANDMOTHER'S GREENHOUSE

Nation-led supply chain ecological restoration company, producing native seeds and seedlings for restoration within Treaty 8 territory, with a vision to bring native seeds into the hands of Blueberry Members.

BCER

BC Energy Regulator, the new name for the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC)

NAN WÚÚJQ ANAWÚÚDLE RESTORATION SOCIETY

Joint BC and Blueberry group whose aim is to grow into a world-class restoration centre, with expertise and experience in leading-edge restoration within Blueberry's Claim Area. Seven (7) people—Three (3) appointed by BC, Four (4) by Blueberry—to become the Society's Board of Directors. Manages the Nan wúújǫ anawúúdle Restoration Fund.

REGULATORY & POLICY, BRFN LANDS DEPARTMENT

Develops, implements, and supervises review processes for new development applications, as well as resource-related policies and procedures.

CULTURAL PROTECTION DIVISION, BRFN LANDS DEPARTMENT

Strengthening Blueberry Members' cultural practices and connection to the land, building capacity for Members to practice their Treaty rights to hunt, fish, and trap.

BLUEBERRY RIVER RESOURCES (BRR)

Independent entity to advance Blueberry's economic priorities and provide opportunities, sustainability and self-sufficiency for Members now and for generations to come.

CARBON CREDITS

The enhancement of carbon gas removal and reduction of carbon gas emissions resulting from:

- The deferral and/or reduction of certain timber harvesting activities;
- Enhanced forest protection measures and/or deferrals;
- Any other land protection measures.

CULTURAL TRUST COMMITTEE

The Cultural Trust Committee is a group composed of Blueberry Members only, tasked with recommending programs for language restoration, trail upkeep, opening up traplines, trapping and other cultural-based learning opportunities.

FOREST TENURE

Forest tenures are an agreement between a company, a community or an individual and the BC government that grant the rights and outlines the conditions (through licenses and permits) under which timber is harvested from provincial land.

HV1s

Blueberry's Critical Cultural Areas, identified by Blueberry Members, including elders and cultural knowledge holders. HV1A areas are 100% protected from new oil and gas development and new forestry activity, while HV1Bs are 80%, and HV1Cs are 60% protected.

LAND-BASED MAPPING

Land-Based Mapping involves Blueberry Members being out on the land, documenting and recording important cultural values and features for protection via the HV1 planning process.

PROPONENT

The company that applies for or holds an oil and gas permit.

TRAPLINE HOLDER

A person or persons with the right to use a particular area of land for trapping, under the provincial trapline registration scheme. This includes the right to harvest fur and construct trapline cabins.

TWO-EYED SEEING

A guiding principle that encourages the integration of Indigenous and Western ways of knowing to gain a more complete understanding of the world.

WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP

Made up of Members representing Blueberry, BC and a jointly appointed biologist, the main purpose of this group is to provide First Nations values and perspectives to wildlife management in Blueberry's territory.

WMB

Watershed Management Basins, the priority watersheds for land management and restoration:

- Blueberry River watershed (including part of the Middle Beatton River watershed west of the Beatton River)
- 🔅 Upper Beatton River watershed
- A portion of the Lower Sikanni Chief River Watershed (south of the Sikanni Chief River)

