

Title

INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Model Forest

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

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To

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Keywords

IRM, management, planning

Objective

To develop a comprehensive integrated resource management planning process for the Western Newfoundland Model Forest.

Description

Traditional forest management in Newfoundland has concentrated on timber production, and largely ignored or left to chance other resource values. Because of this, conflicts between timber management and other resource values are arising with increasing frequency. Clearly the only way to resolve these issues is through a process which adequately addresses all aspects of resource management, and takes into consideration a wide array of forest values. One way to achieve this is through integrated resource management (IRM). IRM planning requires the establishment of a process that ensures resource management agencies consult one another in their planning processes, to ensure that no one resource is developed to the exclusion of other resource opportunities. This process is based on the management philosophy that there should be shared decision-making, coordination and cooperation, and recognition of other interests, with the ultimate aim to resolve any anticipated conflict.

Integrated resource management tools to resolve such conflicts are currently not utilized in Newfoundland, and to a large extent, are not available. It is the goal of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest to develop a planning process, incorporating public involvement, required to effectively utilize these tools; and to test and demonstrate this process within the Model Forest area.

Reports and Products

IRM Plan: Discussion Draft. Smyth, J. 1996. Western Newfoundland Model Forest, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. WNMF: 0-105-001, 113p.