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Breakout Session – Forest Based Opportunities

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Economic opportunities within and from Labrador's forest can be both consumptive and non-consumptive.

- Consumptive - harvest of timber for pulp, lumber, value added lumber and secondary processing, and tourism (big game outfitting)
- Non-consumptive - harvest of annual and quick regenerative species such as berries, alders, medicinal plants, and tourism (hiking, interpreted tours, camping, photographic tours, etc)

The two initiatives this group has proposed do not entail scientific research in the traditional sense.

1. INVENTORY - The group has requested that the following inventory be prepared and made available.

- A full literature review be conducted on existing research related to both consumptive and non-consumptive forest based activity across Canada / North America and globally if appropriate (northern boreal forest)
- Gathering of information on other models of forest activity for comparison
- Identify any gaps in existing research that could be identified as future research projects.
- Determine the appropriate "players" to whom this research should be made available - tourism industry, timber industry, non timber industry, aboriginal groups, etc.

2. TARGETS - Develop a series of targets and measurables including

- Development of Values
- Determination of Time Frames - ie appropriate definitions of “Sustainability” and “Resilience” as they relate to consumptive and non-consumptive activity and species.
- Investigate small scale vs. large scale in relative terms to capacity in Labrador
- Determine which forest opportunities should be undertaken and develop strategies
- Undertake cost benefit analysis of various activities including *quality of life issues* and *currency of comparison*