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BPI

Best Practices Initiative

A collaborative approach to
leadership for improving
management practices on the working
landscape

Who is CPAWS?

- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Environmental Non-governmental Organization (ENGO)
- National office (Ottawa)
- Regional Chapters (13 coast to coast)



CPAWS Mission:

- Protect Canada's wild ecosystems in parks, wilderness and similar natural areas...
- Preserve the full diversity of habitat and their species;
- Promote awareness and understanding of ecological principles...
- Encourage individual action...
- Work cooperatively with government, aboriginals, business and other organizations...



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Protected Areas & Working Landscape

- Sustainable use of our Natural Capital requires;
 - Protected areas network
 - Various levels – ex. IUCN 6 categories
 - Stewardship of the working landscape
 - Also includes limitations & restrictions



BPI focused on the working landscape

- Recognize that parks are not enough...species and ecosystem process must survive outside of parks if they are to persist
 - ensure ecosystem integrity



What is the BPI?

A collaboration of progressive business, government, Aboriginal Groups, and conservation organizations.



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What will the BPI produce?

An accessible, transparent, web-based compendium of practices founded on principles, processes and activities, which constitute a “best practice” for conservation of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.



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What are some other benefits?

- **Insights into public policy barriers**
 - **“multiple land use”**
 - **“Alberta Advantage”**
- **Create opportunities to influence regulations, standards, and codes of practice**



BPI in context

- CPAWS expectations include:
 - Completion of protected areas network
 - Carbon constrained economy
 - Shift from a hydrocarbon to renewable energy
 - Use “Best Practices” to minimize the human footprint on the landscape



What will be the focus?

- Landscape issues:
 - Strategic level
 - Operational level
- 5 operational theatres
 - Conventional Oil & Gas (Boreal)
 - Rocky Mountains
 - Northern Frontier
 - Oil Sands
 - Coal Bed Methane (not geographic based)



What strategic practices?

- Land use planning
- Land Tenure and Operational Planning
- Stakeholder Relations and Participatory Decision Making
- Assessment & Management of Cumulative Effects



What operational practices?

- Access Management
- Ecological footprint reduction
- Wildlife corridors and habitat
- Landscape offsets and compensatory work
- Waste disposal
- Water conservation & water quality
- Threatened and Endangered Species



Who can be partners?

- Progressive energy companies
- ENGOs
- First Nations
- Local, Territorial, Provincial, Federal agencies



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What defines a partner?

1. Endorses the Project Charter
2. Commits to some level of funding
3. Actively participates in the process



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What are the deliverables?

- PHASE I
 - ✓ Charter – vision, goals, statement of principles
 - ✓ Terms of Reference – the process & boundaries
 - ✓ Schedule and Milestones
 - ✓ Budget for 2004
 - ✓ Scope and format of BPI website
 - ✓ Workshop to finalize deliverables, Jan 26, 2004



Workshop Outcomes

- Articulate the value proposition for all
- Participate on a theatre by theatre basis
- Find an credible industry orientated co-lead
 - Discussions currently underway



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What are the deliverables?

- PHASE II
 - Criteria to recognize a best practice
 - Populate the BPI compendium
 - Process to maintain, update and continuous improve the BPI website.
 - Go “live” by end of 2004



Other Opportunities?

- Part of a wider Natural Capital framework initiative?
- Series of workshops focus on theatres
- Culminate in a land management summit 2005
- Trans-boundary participation (Can \ USA)



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Location of BPI website Mock-up

<http://www3.telus.net/simeonross/BPI/>