

# Grizzly Bear Stewardship Framework Public Engagement Survey Questions + Answers

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## Section 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. **Question:** Do you feel the Background section (2-7) provides enough detail for you to provide feedback on the rest of the framework?

**Answer:** Yes / No / Maybe

Comment Box

2. **Question:** Section 6 lists ten primary threats facing grizzly bear stewardship. In your opinion, are there any threats missing from this list?

- a. Residential and commercial development
- b. Agriculture
- c. Energy production & mining
- d. Road and rail corridors, including population connectivity
- e. Resource use including forestry
- f. Human intrusion and disturbance
- g. Natural events such as wildfires
- h. Diseases
- i. Pollution
- j. Climate changes & severe weather

**k. Answer:** Yes / No / Unsure

3. **Question:** What do you feel is missing?

a. **Answer:** Comment box

4. **Question:** How effective do you think the current approach to managing grizzly bears and their habitat (outlined in Section 7) has been at ensuring their sustainability and conservation?

a. **Answer:** Extremely effective / Very effective / Somewhat effective / Not so effective / Not at all effective

b. Comment box: "Please list the top two reasons you chose that answer."

## Section 2: GOALS

1. **Question:** How would you rate each of the five goals on the Grizzly Bear Stewardship Framework (see Section 8 for more details)?
  - a. Guide and advise on methods, research, data, approaches, and decision-support tools available to regional or local communities to increase the potential to realize locally desired outcomes for grizzly bears and their habitat.

- b. Provide an ecosystem-based approach for the co-development of regional or local grizzly bear stewardship plans based on western science and Indigenous knowledge. These plans will consider inter-species relationships and cumulative effects of industrial activities, other human activities, and natural processes on grizzly bear conservation.
- c. Support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples through collaboration and partnership directed towards co-governance and joint, collaborative or consent-based decision making on initiatives related to grizzly bear conservation, management of human activities, and ecosystem-based stewardship.
- d. Promote safe and respectful co-existence between grizzly bears and people.
- e. Inform, educate, and be transparent and open about grizzly bear stewardship in British Columbia to the public, Indigenous governments and legislators.
- f. **Answers:** Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree

### Section 3: APPROACHES TO MEET GOALS

1. Grizzly bears are one of most intensively managed wildlife species in B.C. Stewardship activities are required to reduce human-caused mortality (e.g., rail and road mortality), reduce conflicts with humans, and ensure community safety. Stewardship also ensures habitat protection and enhancement, as well as population recovery in certain areas. The following questions relate directly to the draft Grizzly Bear Stewardship Strategy. Please read before answering these questions.
2. **Question:** Please rate the priority of each of the recommended approaches (Sections 9.1 to 9.9).
  - a. Approach 1: Tracking of human caused grizzly bear mortality
  - b. Approach 2: Local planning
  - c. Approach 3: Inter-jurisdictional planning
  - d. Approach 4: Population inventory (point in time)
  - e. Approach 5: Trend monitoring (over time)
  - f. Approach 6: Habitat protection and restoration
  - g. Approach 7: Species and population stewardship
  - h. Approach 8: Hunting
  - i. Approach 9: Viewing (links to Commercial Bear Viewing Strategy)
3. **Answers:** Extremely high priority / high priority / moderate priority / low priority / not a priority at all
4. **Question:** Are there any aspects of grizzly bear stewardship that are missing from the list of approaches above?
  - a. **Answers:** Yes / No / Unsure
5. **Question:** Which aspects do you feel are missing?
  - a. **Answer:** Comment box
6. **Question:** Overall, do you agree that the Draft Framework does a good job of providing guidance to steward bears and their habitat at the territorial, regional, and local levels?

- a. **Answer:** Strongly Agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / disagree / strongly disagree
- b. Comment box: "Please describe how these approaches could be improved to better support territorial, regional and local decision making."

#### Section 4: MEASURING PROGRESS

1. **Question:** Please note your level of support for the performance indicators (Section 10).
  - a. **Answer:** Strongly support / support / neither support nor oppose support / oppose / strongly oppose
  - b. Comment box

#### Section 5: NEXT STEPS

This Framework points to the need to evaluate and implement grizzly bear conservation measures locally or regionally. There are currently no processes in place for doing this, so the first step is to create or identify local working groups to begin the conservation planning process. Once a group has been established or identified, there are several similar tasks that are required for each area. The following questions relate directly to the draft Grizzly Bear Stewardship Strategy. Please read before answering these questions.

1. **Question:** Please note your level of support for each of the 5 noted next steps for territorial, regional and local working groups (Section 11).
  - a. Assess whether the mapping of the distribution of the population is accurate or should the population boundaries be amended?
  - b. Discuss whether the 2019 Threat analysis is accurate. Examine the accuracy of the data that went into the evaluation of each threat. Were local measures considered appropriately? For example, were access closures considered in the road metrics? Were current on the ground measures such as habitat protection orders, population monitoring, or conflict reduction efforts considered in the review? Finally, revise the threat level based on the local evaluation of threats if needed.
  - c. Consider whether grizzly bear recovery is acceptable throughout the unit and if it is not how would management actions differ in the areas where recovery is not acceptable?
  - d. Create a series of stewardship goals for the population and rank these goals for action
  - e. Consider updates to the Wildlife Act that will support grizzly bear stewardship.
  - f. **Answers:** Strongly support / support / neither support nor oppose / oppose / strongly oppose
2. **Question:** Are there any priority next steps for territorial, regional and local working groups which you feel are missing?
  - a. **Answer:** Yes / No / Unsure
3. **Question:** Which priority next steps do you feel are missing?

- a. **Answer:** Comment box available
- 4. **Question:** How effective do you think the proposed Stewardship Framework will be at ensuring the sustainability and conservation of grizzly bears and their habitats?
  - a. **Answer:** Extremely effective / Very effective / Somewhat effective / Not so effective / Not at all effective
  - b. **Comment box available:** "Please list the top two reasons you chose that answer."

#### Section 6: ABOUT YOU

1. Please tell us which of the following represents your interest in the draft Grizzly Bear Stewardship Framework. I am a/an:
2. What is your age?
3. In which Natural Resource Region in British Columbia do you presently live?

