

Title

INTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND MODEL FOREST

Model Forest

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

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Objective

The Western Newfoundland Model Forest (WNMF), funded by the Canadian Forest Service, was established in 1992, with a commitment to a new perspective from which to make forest management decisions. Its vision at that time was "To Manage the forest of the Western Newfoundland Ecoregion within a system where short term (1-5 year) management options are identified and decisions are rationalized with long term (50-100 year) goals of protecting biodiversity and providing social benefits including employment, recreation, and a healthy environment." Five strategic goals were identified based on this commitment which provided the foundation upon which the management of the WNMF was based. As part of the original funding agreement, an internal evaluation was required to assess the effectiveness of the WNMF in implementing and achieving its goals.

Description

The aim of the evaluation was to assess the structure, process and activities of the WNMF and to provide recommendations upon which a proposal could be developed for Phase II of the Model Forest Program. The assessment and recommendations of the evaluation were based on surveys from both participants and the general public within the WNMF, observations from meetings of all groups in the Model Forest Process, interviews, and a review of WNMF documents and project reports. The evaluation concluded that the WNMF has engaged in activities and undertaken research to support the implementation of its goals and most of its objectives. The evaluation explains and justifies seventeen recommendations, which suggest ways the Phase II WNMF can build upon its strengths and modify its structure, processes, and policies to better achieve its goals and objectives.

Reports and Products

The Evaluation of the Western Newfoundland Model Forest. Tompson, S. 1997. Value Analysis Research Group, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. WNMF: 0-112-001, 252p.