

# *The Role of Stewardship in Recovery*

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# *Stewardship Is...*

- *“the wide range of voluntary actions that Canadians take to care for the environment”*  
*(Stewardship Agenda)*
- *“an ethical commitment made by landowners to voluntarily take responsibility for future generations”* *(Hilts)*
- *“activities which mediate the tension between private and public interests”* *(Hilts)*

# *National Context*

- Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk:
  - *“v) stewardship activities contributing to the conservation of species should be supported as an integral element in preventing species from becoming at risk”*
- Canada’s Stewardship Agenda:
  - *“a plan for collaboration that proposes a national vision and operating principles for stewardship”*

# *Stewardship and SARA*

- One of 3 elements of Canada's strategy
- Stewardship activities and conservation efforts of individuals and communities should be supported (*Preamble*)
- *Act* enables stewardship through an action plan and through conservation agreements (s.10, 11)
- The “preferred approach”

## *Why Stewardship?*

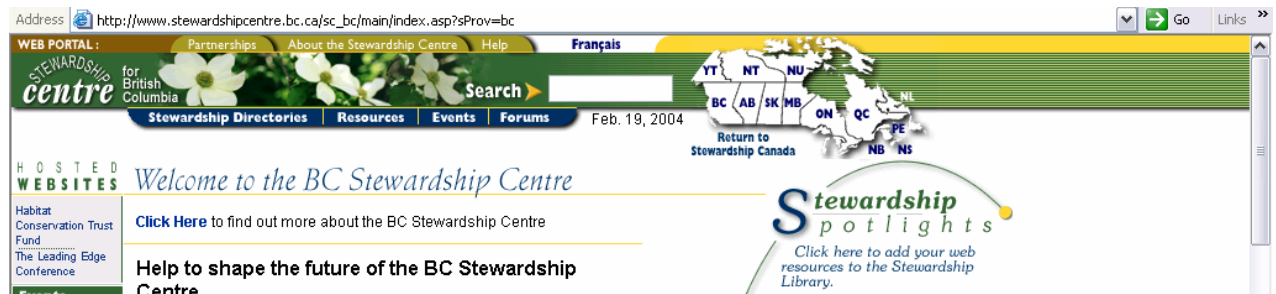
- Avoids “shoot, shovel, shut-up”
- Can establish a broad support base
- More op’s for cooperation & coordination
- Encourages preventative actions
- Addresses limited enforcement capability
- Addresses the whole landscape (the 100% solution)

# *Fostering Stewardship*

- ☑ Engage partners in recovery planning and implementation
- ☑ Identify opp's for stewardship in recovery planning
- ☑ Develop information, tools and training which support stewardship efforts
- ☑ Strive to support programs which are:
  - Inclusive
  - Coordinated
  - Integrated
- ☑ Monitor results & evaluate effectiveness

# Some Resources

- The Stewardship Centre



[www.stewardshipcentre.bc.ca](http://www.stewardshipcentre.bc.ca)

- Funding - Libraries - Materials - Links - Website hosting
- Other orgs: Community Mapping Network; Land Trust Alliance; BC Watershed Alliance; BCEN; BCCF
- Universities and other educational institutions

## *Key “Dos”*

1. Know and understand your audience
2. Make it matter to your audience
3. Make personal contact--mailouts have low success (check LOC policy of responsible jurisdictions first)
4. Look for allies in key organizations
5. Listen and be prepared to engage
6. Recognize efforts of land managers, politicians, volunteers, etc.



## *More Key “Dos”*

7. Find out about and coordinate with other stewardship efforts
8. Include both politicians *and* bureaucrats
9. Strive for program longevity (continuity with staff)
10. Promote organizational name recognition
11. Use site inventories, maps, other tools to provide incentives, raise interest
12. Use workshops, nature walks, other sessions to make contacts with leaders/LO&M