

Mission

In the perspective of sustainable development, while better taking into account the traditional lifestyle of the Crees and the participation of the Crees in the different procedures of forest planning and management activities, the mission of the Cree-Québec Forestry Board is to analyze, oversee and evaluate the implementation of the forestry objectives set out in the *Agreement concerning a new relationship between the Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec* and to make necessary recommendations to concerned parties in order to ensure that the measures and spirit of this Agreement are respected.

Strategic directions 2007-2012

1. The Board fulfills its mandate as stipulated in the Agreement, whose main objective is to oversee the implementation of an adapted forestry regime. It sees to establishing the necessary means needed for problem resolution and conflict management.
2. The Board gives itself the means and tools necessary in order to oversee and evaluate respect of the Agreement and the implementation of an adapted forestry regime. It also establishes the means necessary to monitor the evolution of the forest.
3. The Board sees to evaluate the needs and relevant information required to fulfill its responsibilities and those of Joint Working Group members, and to take action accordingly.
4. The Board meets with the stakeholders, explains its mandate, communicates information, and intervenes, if required, by building consensus with the stakeholders that the Agreement concerns.

Priority Actions in 2007-2008

1. Provide advice to the Minister on the 15 GFMPs in the Territory of the Agreement for 2008-2013
2. Contribute to the realization of allowable cut calculation in the Territory of the Agreement
3. Provide advice to the parties on the natural disaster management approach
4. Provide advice to the parties on the adjustments recommended to the adapted forestry regime
5. Realize the assessment of the first five years of the implementation of Chapter 3 of the Agreement
6. Build consensus with the stakeholders involved in the Agreement by improving communication and holding a forum on the issue

Administrative priorities

- Develop a communication plan for the 2007-2010 period
- Realize the 2006-2007 financial review
- Realize the 2007-2008 planning
- Update the 2008-2013 strategic and financial planning
- Prepare the 2008-2009 planning
- Continue the Reference Centre development, according to the needs
- Assure the operational use of the information management system

Five-year budgetary planning 2003-2008

BUDGETARY YEARS	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
REVENUES ('000\$)					
Québec	180	200	200	200	200
Cris	180	200	200	200	200
TOTAL	360	400	400	400	400
EXPENSES ('000\$)					
Planned	368	610	620	630	630
Modified	360		600	600	600
Real (to March 31 st 2007)	255	482	546	491	
CARRY OVER ('000\$)					
TOTAL	750	680	552	487	287

Board members

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Benjamin Loon, Mistissini
Allan Saganash Jr., Waswanipi
Isaac Voyageur, Mistissini
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STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2012



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Context

In February 2002, the Government of Québec and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) signed an Agreement which relies on common will to pursue the development of the North of Québec while respecting the Crees' way of life and ensuring that the Crees take greater responsibility for their own development. The Agreement also makes provisions for the creation of the Cree-Québec Forestry Board that will assure follow-up on the forestry-related elements of the Agreement. The Board has been in place since September 2003. Taking stock of the responsibilities entrusted to the Board by the Agreement, the members of the Board have established priorities for short-, mid- and long-term actions. This document will therefore present the orientations of the Board for the next five years as well as the Action Plan for 2007-2008. These orientations will be reviewed and adjusted annually in order to optimize the work of the Board.

Board

The Cree-Québec Forestry Board was set up in September of 2003. There are eleven members; each party to the Agreement nominated five members and Québec appointed the chairperson after consulting with the Crees. The Board's main responsibilities consist in monitoring and assessing implementation of measures concerning forestry that were agreed upon in the Agreement. The Board also recommends to the parties any adaptation or change to the forestry regime in compliance with the Agreement.

Vision

In the long-term, forestry activity in the territory covered by Chapter 3 of the *Agreement concerning a new relationship between the Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec*, will continue to be developed in a sustainable manner to ensure respect for the Cree traditional way of life and to continue to assure them substantial participation in the different procedures regarding planning of multiple uses of the forest and different forest management activities.

ACTION PLAN

Directions

Activities

1 The Board carries on its mandate as stipulated in the Agreement. Problems and conflicts are managed.

- 1.1 Manage Board meetings.
- 1.2 Annual Board and Secretariat activities are planned and implemented.
- 1.3 Produce advices to the Minister relating to the fifteen 2008-2013 GFMPs.
- 1.4 Manage conflicts (chairman, conciliators).
- 1.5 Produce one or some advices on necessary adjustments to the adapted forestry regime following assessment of the implementation of the Agreement.
- 1.6 Monitor the review of the assessment of the recommendations relating to the JWG operations.

2 The Board monitors implementation of the Agreement and changes in the state of the forest.

- 2.1 Contribute if required to the allowable cut calculations on the territory.
- 2.2 Carry out the analysis and the verification of the fifteen 2008-2013 GFMPs on the territory and produce advices and recommendations required.
- 2.3 Prepare an assessment of Chapter 3 implementation and produce advices and recommendations required.
- 2.4 Analyse and advise the parties on the natural disasters management process.

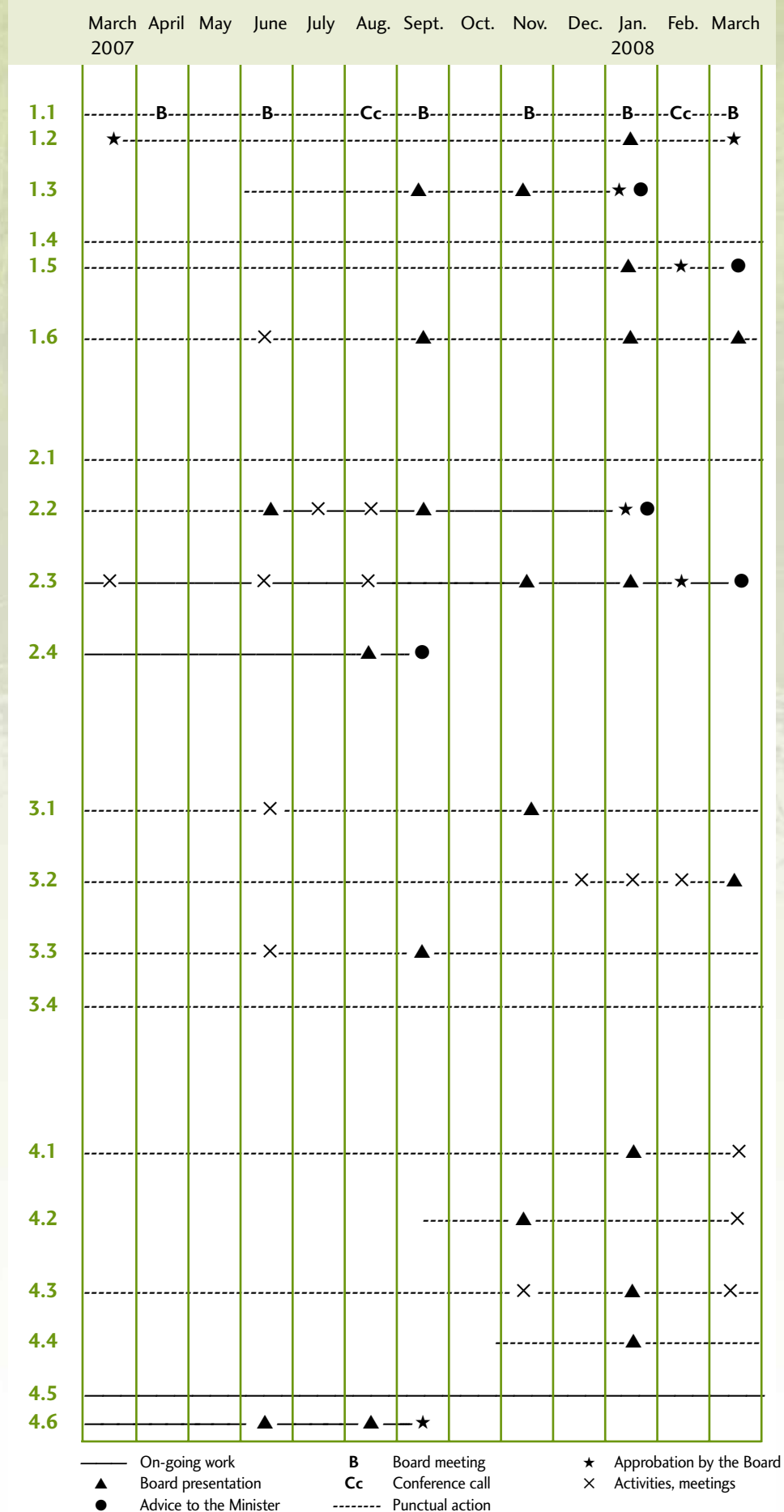
3 Basic information and training needs of the Board and the JWGs are met.

- 3.1 Review of the training needs of JWG members, assure that needs are satisfied and inform parties if required.
- 3.2 Carry out the follow-up of the implementation of the JWGs preparation plan for the elaboration of the GFMP.
- 3.3 Run a Reference Centre for the Board and JWGs members.
- 3.4 Document the Board's actions regarding the implementation of the Agreement.

4 The Board conducts communication and consultation activities and devotes efforts to building consensus.

- 4.1 Assure that the GFMPs authorized by the Minister are known to the communities and stakeholders.
- 4.2 Contribute with parties to organize a forum on GFMPs and implementation of the Agreement.
- 4.3 Prepare a communication plan relating to the assessment of Chapter 3 implementation.
- 4.4 Organise a review meeting with the Minister, the Grand Chief and other partners.
- 4.5 Run a Website.
- 4.6 Prepare and release the annual report.

TIME TABLE 2007-2008



RESULTS

One-year indicators

Five-year indicators

- 1.1 The Board is operating properly.
- 1.2 An action plan is prepared, a budget is adopted and follow-up is done.
- 1.3 Advices are sent and appreciated.
- 1.4 Conciliations are produced and allowed an effective decision making.
- 1.5 One or some advices are sent to the parties to allow required adjustments to the adapted forestry regime.
- 1.6 JWGs operations are optimized.

The Agreement is complied with, the forestry regime has been adapted and implemented, and the contribution of the Board is appreciated.

- 2.1 The Board contribution is required and appreciated.
- 2.2 Advices relating to the 2008-2013 GFMPs are transmitted to the Minister and to the Grand Chief.
- 2.3 An assessment of Chapter 3 implementation is available and the parties are informed.
- 2.4 An advice is transmitted to the Minister and to the Grand Chief.

The Board has shown stringency in monitoring the Agreement and in its implementation.

- 3.1 The revision is carry out, the needs are satisfied and an advice to the parties is produced if required.
- 3.2 The JWGs members are prepared to assume their responsibilities within the framework of the elaboration of the GFMPs.
- 3.3 The Reference Centre is operational and meets users needs.
- 3.4 The information regarding the implementation of the Agreement is available.

The basic knowledge is available and accessible and the JWGs members have received the required training.

- 4.1 The 2008-2013 GFMPs are known by the communities and the stakeholders.
- 4.2 A forum with stakeholders is held.

The Board, as well as its action and accomplishments, are known. It actively supports consensus building between participants.

- 4.3 A communication plan is filed and implemented to spread the assessment.
- 4.4 The meeting is held with the partners to the Agreement.
- 4.5 The Website is operational and updated.
- 4.6 The annual report is available.