Modernizing Emergency Management in B.C.

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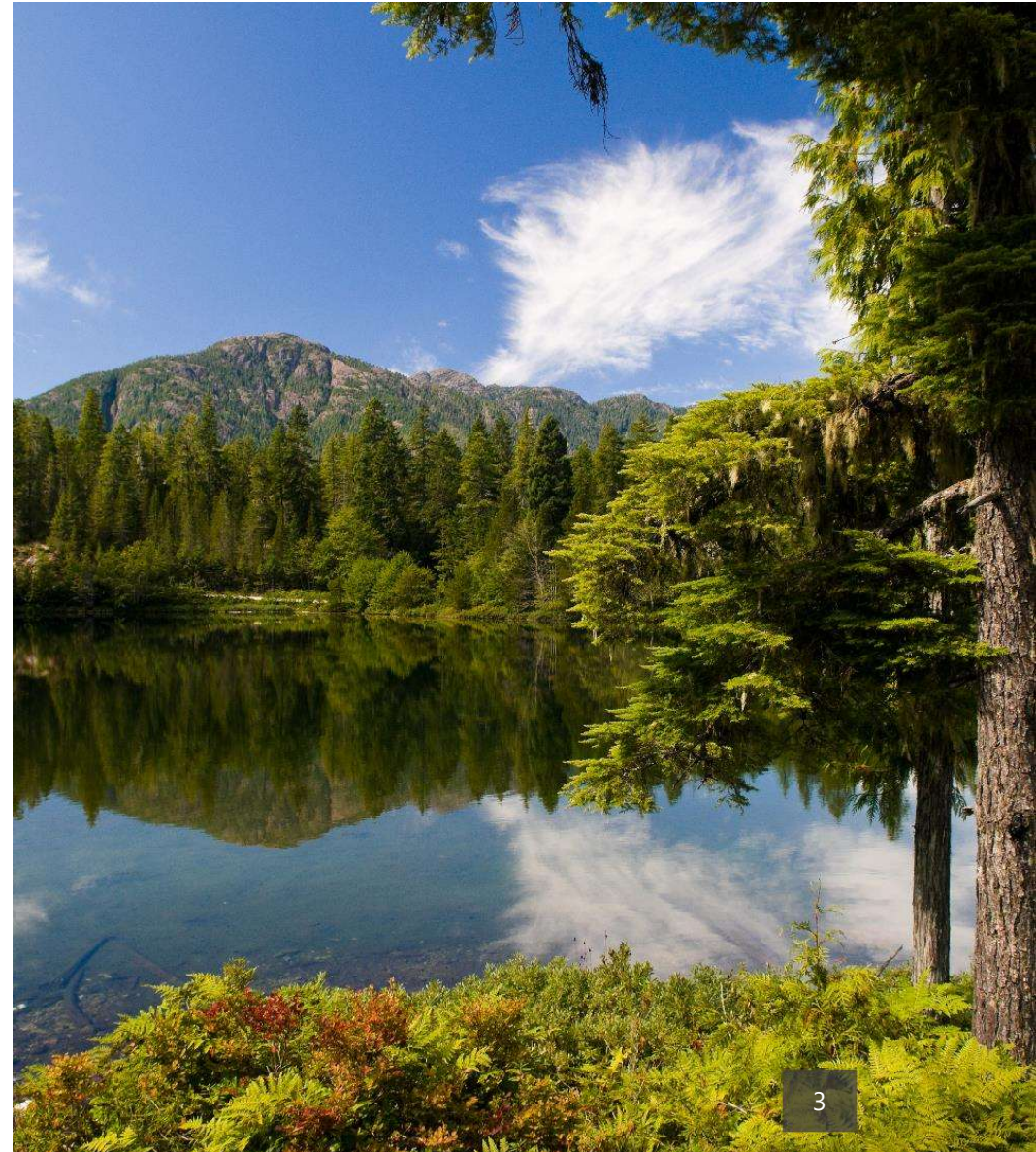BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Hazards in B.C. are changing

Guiding documents

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

- New legislation (EDMA)

  - Four-phases

  - All-of-society approach

- Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

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Four phases

- The four phases of emergency planning, include mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery:

    - **Mitigation:** identification, removal, or reduction of hazards, to either reduce the likelihood of emergencies or to reduce their potential impacts

    - **Preparedness:** building knowledge and capacity in anticipation of emergencies

    - **Response:** taking measures to respond to an emergency, including to prevent or reduce the impacts of the emergency

    - **Recovery:** taking measures to restore health, safety, and well-being after an emergency

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EMCR DRM Structure

Preparedness

- Training and Exercises
- Planning
- Business Continuity

Mitigation and Climate Adaptation

- Mitigation Programs (Funding)
- Mitigation Policy
- Risk Assessments

Strategic Initiatives

- Strategic Review
- Disaster Risk Management Policy

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EMCR DRM Initiatives
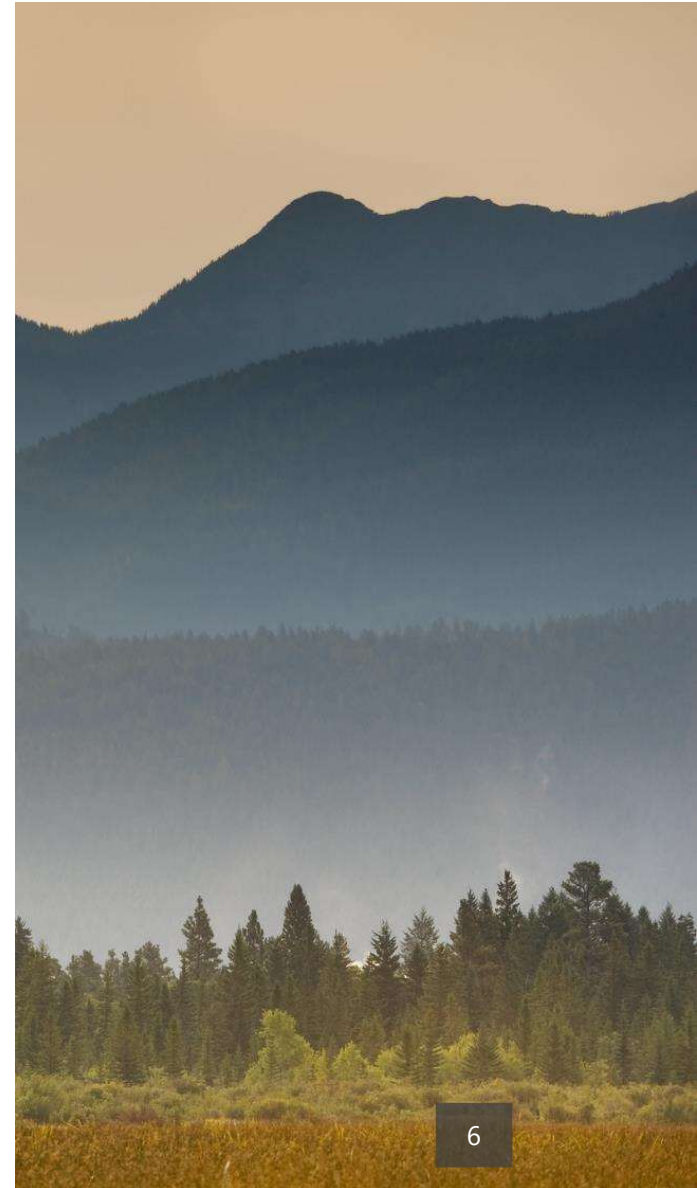
Provincial Disaster and Climate Risk Assessment (DCRRA)

Disaster and Climate Risk Strategy

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

Climate Ready B.C.

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Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Advance a **four-phases** and all-hazard approach in alignment with **Sendai Framework.**

Uphold **Indigenous knowledge** and incorporate best practices in **cultural safety,** and structures for **communication and coordination**

Create **an industry-leading network of plans** that is outcome-focused, agile, and useful in emergencies.

Clarify the connection and **alignment** of the new framework with the CEMP, BCEMS, and other plans.

Update **roles and responsibilities** to be clearer, more prescriptive and reflective an **all-of society** approach.

Creating an **operational framework** that provides information and supports regulated entities' implementation of EDMA.
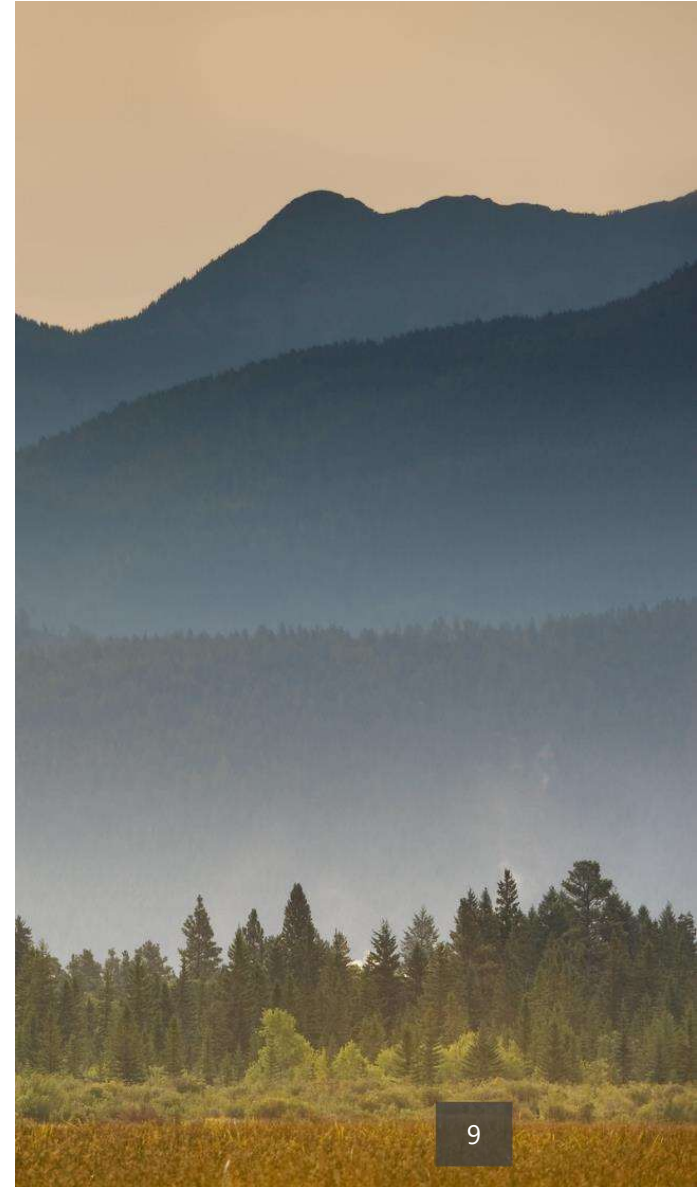
Plans in B.C. must include:

(a) measures that are necessary or advisable for the purposes of each phase;

(b) the roles, powers and duties of persons identified in the plan by name, title or position;

(c) requirements for emergency resources;

(d) procedures for engaging emergency systems;

(e) the emergency management training and exercise programs that will be conducted;

(f) measures to mitigate any adverse effects of an emergency on

      (i) individuals who may experience intersectional disadvantage, and

      (ii) vulnerable individuals, animals, places or things;

(g) measures to promote cultural safety;

(h) any prescribed matters.

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Considerations for tourism

- Mitigating impacts to local businesses and economies before, during and after emergencies

- Supporting tourists and non-locals in an emergency (language barriers, lack of local knowledge)

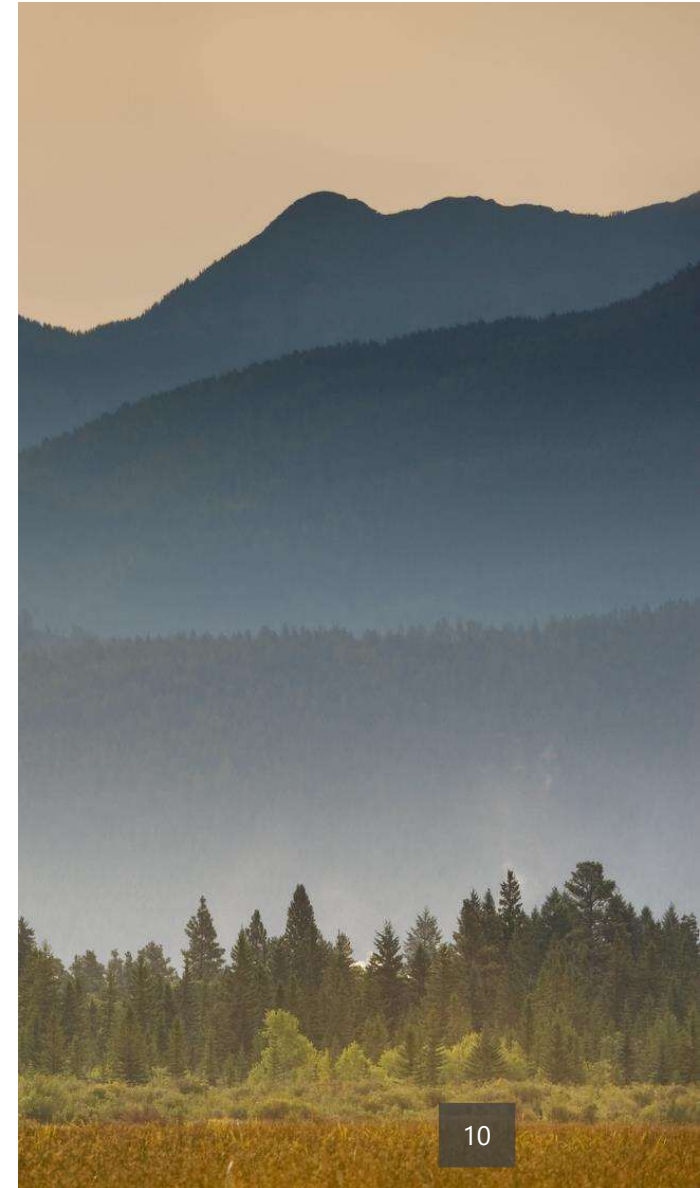- Supporting tourism industry and businesses through recovery

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Opportunities

- Supporting and providing guidance for the inclusion of tourists and tourism sector in community plans

- Identifying actions across government to support tourists and the tourism industry during emergencies

- Coordinating preparedness and mitigation actions through the Tourism Emergency Management Committee (TEMC)

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Questions

- How can the Province support the tourism industry in mitigating impacts across all phases?

- Are there opportunities to integrate into existing EMCR initiatives?

- What would you like to see from a planning perspective to support tourism and tourists?

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