

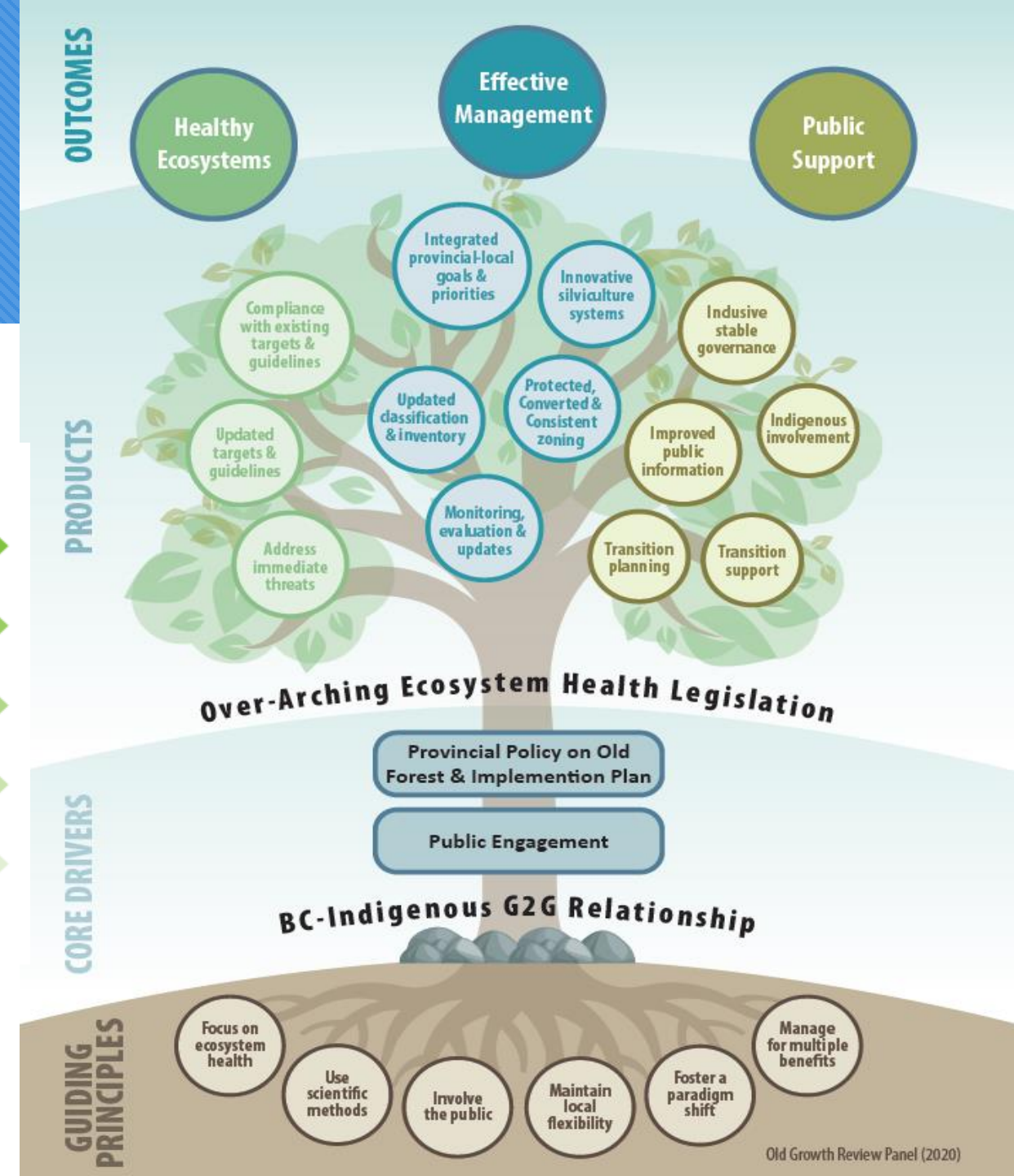
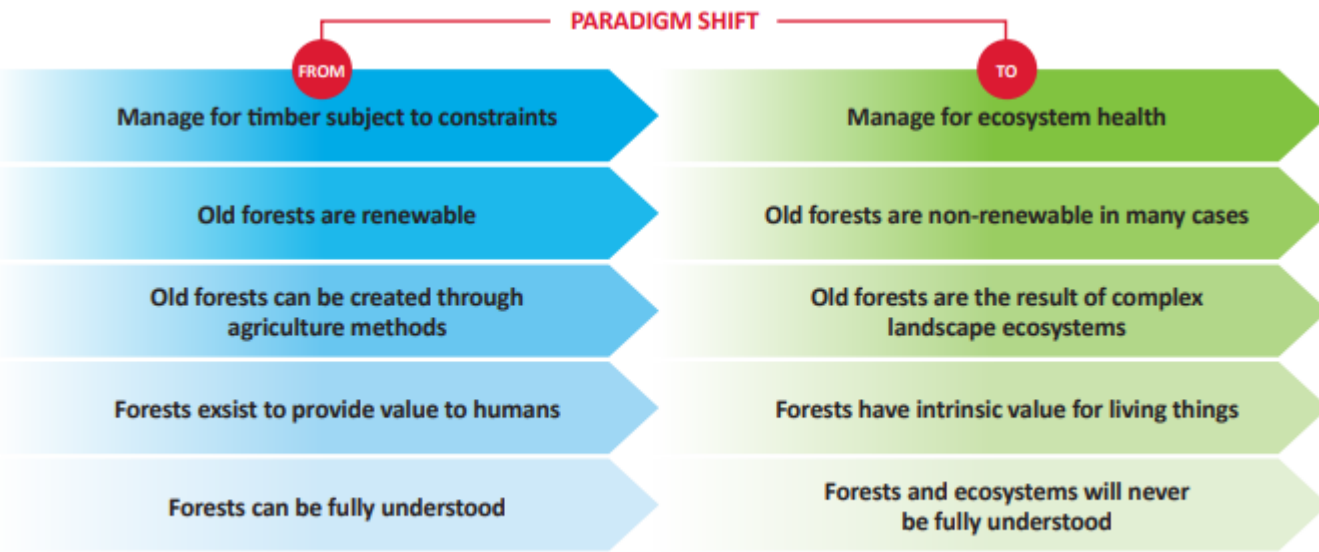
Meeting with CRB



Old Growth Update

March 21rd, 2022

Implementation of Old Growth Strategic Review Recommendations



Indigenous Engagement and Old Growth Deferrals



1. Indigenous Involvement

Engage the full involvement of Indigenous leaders and organizations to review this report and any subsequent policy or strategy development and implementation.

FROM

Little historical Indigenous involvement

TO

Entire system grounded within a Provincial-Indigenous government-to-government framework

6. Immediate Response to Ecosystems at Very High Risk

Until a new strategy is implemented, defer development in old forests where ecosystems are at very high and near-term risk of irreversible biodiversity loss.

FROM

High risk of permanent biodiversity loss

TO

Old forests protected/deferred from development



Impacts to Communities



Concerns from communities about impacts to forest industry and local jobs.



BCTS deferrals are reducing fibre availability across the North Area



Lack of certainty – Some licensees are avoiding deferral areas others are not.



District Managers are providing regular updates to licensees.

Risks and Concerns



Ministry Restructuring and Timing



Distribution of Capacity Funding



Unanswered Questions

14 Recommendations

The recommendations from the Old Growth Strategic Review fall into three categories. Immediate measures that are needed now, elements that are needed to support the change and lastly the components that will make up a Modern Old Growth Strategy for BC. Government has committed to a timeline for starting the work for each of these three phases.

Old Growth Strategic Review – The Path Forward

