

Through close contact and liaison with other government agencies and with private concerns involved in mining, forestry, agriculture, water use and transportation, the Branch actively fosters the preservation of a suitable land and water environment for wildlife and outdoor recreation.

The Branch enhances the abundance and health of desirable species of animals by the acquisition of key areas of range for big game and waterfowl, by the operation of fish hatcheries and the stocking of lakes and by improving habitat for both fish and wildlife. To increase the understanding of the wildlife resource and to provide a proper basis for wise management, the Branch conducts and supports considerable fundamental and applied research on fish and wildlife and their environment.

The Branch's objective is to make a significant contribution to the economy and well-being of British Columbia through wise management of game resources and of non-tidal fisheries. It attempts to maintain British Columbia's waters and lands in a state of continuing productivity through attention to such major matters as pollution and land use, and encourages planned or integrated use of lands for forestry, agriculture and wildlife. The Branch also creates public awareness, through programs of education and information, of the values of wildlife resources and of the principles of wise management; protects the resource from unlawful and indiscriminate use and waste; and furthers the rights of the public as a consumer of the wildlife resource.

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