



**Katzie First Nation**

# **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Part 2: Component Plan Series**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This portion of the EMP is meant to inform and guide Katzie planning and operations with respect to environmental management, now and in the future. It provides individual or component EMPs based on the environmental management priorities identified by community members. Each individual EMP in the series identifies:

- Important and/or relevant features;
- Potential threats to and issues associated with the features based on community input, background review and technical inputs;
- Legislative and planning considerations relevant to the environment management priority;
- Goals for the management priority area; and
- Associated strategies in terms of management actions, policy and/or law actions, and community education and outreach actions to support the goals.

Throughout the community engagement and strategic planning sessions, several foundational actions to support the component EMPs and their goals were identified – these are described in the following sections.

### 1.1 Timelines & Priorities

The establishment of timelines and priority levels in terms of the management actions and strategies that will be implemented to support the established goals identified in the component EMPs is important for the successful implementation of the EMP. This not only supports Katzie leadership and staff in developing an implementation schedule based on realistic budgetary and human resources constraints, it also sets direction for future work plans and operating budgets.

The following **TIMELINE CATEGORIES** were established and assigned to the management actions and strategies in the component EMPs:

- **Short-term:** Less than 2 years

- **Medium-term:** 2 to 5 years
- **Long-term:** Over 5 years
- **Foundational / Ongoing:** Considered foundational and/or ongoing activities

The **PRIORITY CATEGORIES** of high, medium, low, or no priority were assigned to the management actions and strategies in the component EMPs based on the following considerations:

- Provision of important or much needed benefits to the community
- Available human resources capacity to implement
- Available financial resources, or access to external resources, to implement
- Alignment with other Katzie plans and/or priorities
- Presence of other important roadblocks (e.g., community or partner buy-in)

An implementation schedule of all management actions and strategies contained in the component plans is provided in **APPENDIX 2-A**.

## 1.2 Environmental Laws & Policies

As noted in of **PART 1: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**, policy and law development is an important component of effective environmental management. Given the costs and timelines associated with the development of laws, some First Nations communities have developed overarching pieces of legislation (e.g., Environmental Management Law, Community Quality Law) that encompass procedures and standards related to several areas of environmental management. An overview of some of the laws that have been developed and implemented by other First Nation communities is provided in **APPENDIX 1-B** in **PART 1: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**.

Katzie is currently exploring the potential to develop a similar overarching law (e.g., a Community Quality Law or Environmental Management Law) the future. Considerations for provisions to be included in the law are provided throughout the component EMPs in this part of the EMP. In addition, the policies included throughout the component EMPs could also be considered for inclusion in the law if it is determined that enforceability is required for effective environmental management in specific areas. The policies identified throughout the component EMPs have been carried forward into **PART 3: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES & OPERATING PROCEDURES**. It is important to note that for policies to be effectively implemented, they must be effectively communicated by Katzie staff and Council.