



FrontCounterBC

B.C.'s Single Point of Contact
for Natural Resource Ministries and Agencies



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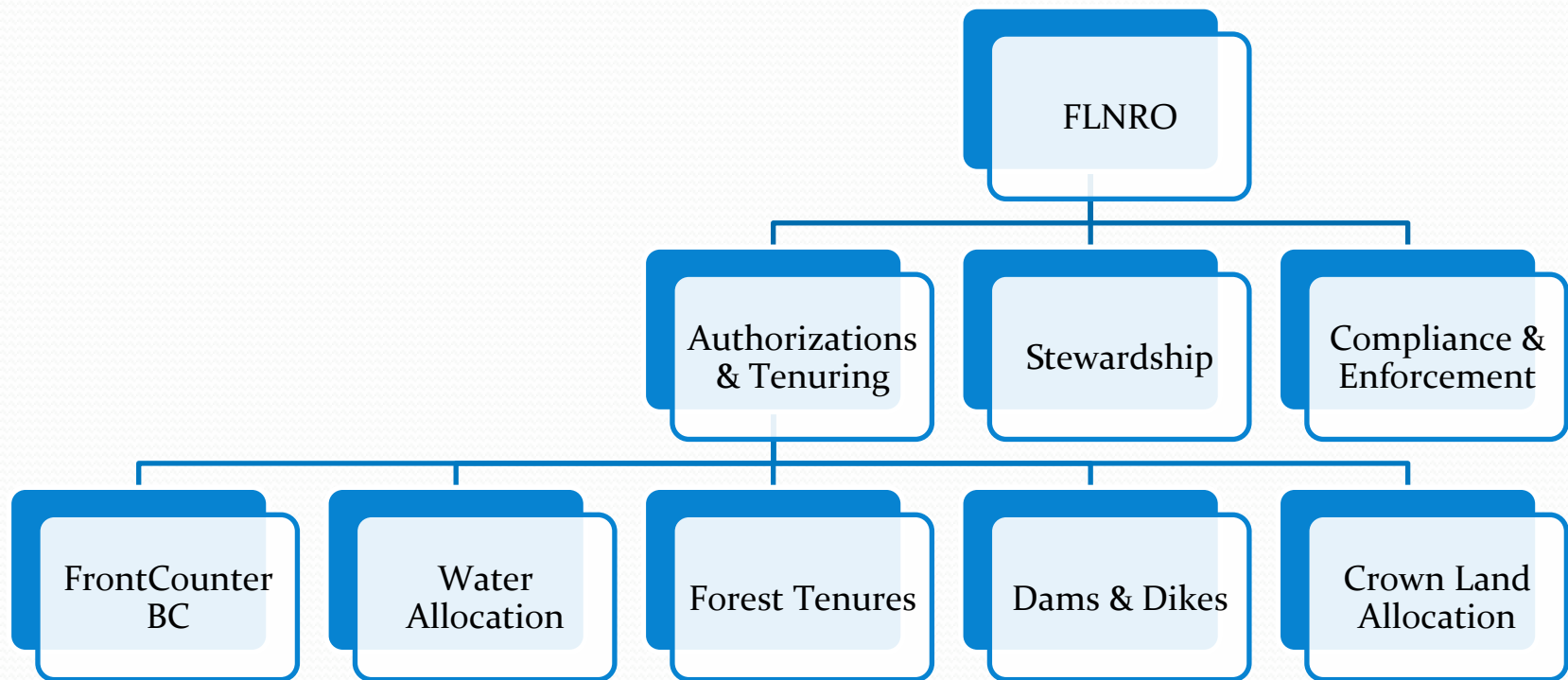
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FrontCounter BC

- Division of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- One stop shop for all natural resource applications in BC
- Intake office for over 67 types of applications including Crown land, water licencing, transportation permits, mines permits, forest permits etc.
- Friendly Knowledgeable Client Assistance
- We will help you to determine what permits might be needed for your project

Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations





Crown land Allocation

- To occupy Crown land you must have authority under the Land Act
- Crown Land Allocation Division makes those decisions
- Common uses of Crown land; Utilities, Roads (not for forest use), Marinas, Private Moorage (docks), gravel pits, agriculture, commercial film etc.



Crown Land Allocation

- What is Crown land?
- Around the lake Crown land is all the land below the High Water Mark including the foreshore and bed of the lake
- High Water Mark is the highest point of water measured at 625.83metres on Nicola Lake



Water Allocation

- The Water Allocation/Stewardship Division reviews applications for works in streams and water licencing
- A Water Act Section 9 approval is required for any “changes in and about a stream”
- A Section 9 approval may be required under the following situations: Bank Erosion protection, Bridge installation, Stream diversion, Large Debris Removal
- Changes in and about a stream may occur without Approval (under Notification) such as; private dock installation, 600mm+ diameter culvert installation/maintenance



How do we all work together?

- Client calls FrontCounter BC and explains proposed development for a dock (for example)
- FrontCounter assists client to complete ALL necessary applications which includes;
- Land Act tenure: specific permission
- Section 9 Work in and about the stream
- Self Assessment for Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- FrontCounter reviews the applications for completeness and communicates with the client



Permit process

- FrontCounter sends the project out to other agencies that may require input into the project, this includes requesting input from First Nations as to how the project might impact their interests
- Each Division reviews agency input and adjudicates the project
- The Client receives approval or disallowance of their project through the permits



FrontCounter BC useful links

- <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca> link to authorizations and Virtual FrontCounter, link to office contacts
- <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/mapping/index.html> link to Discovery tool
- **1-877-855-3222**
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