

MONITORING GOVERNANCE

Using Trusts to Ensure Monitoring Impartiality: The Babine Example



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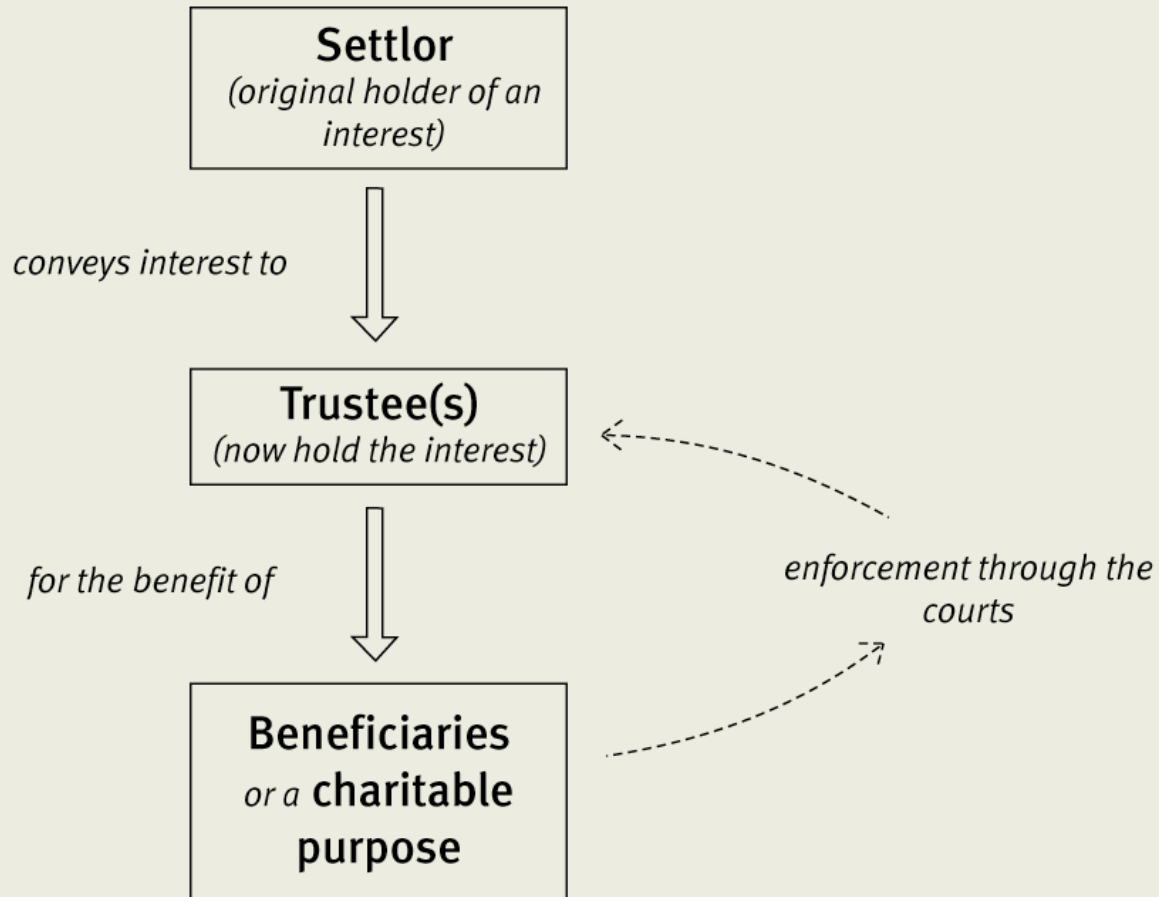
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The Babine Governance Design Group (BGDG) was made up of representatives from:

- Angling/tourism industry
- Timber industry
- Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
- Ministry of Forests
- Integrated Land Management Bureau
- Fish and Wildlife Branch

The BGDG wanted a governance structure that would:

- Allow diverse and conflicting interests to participate in monitoring;
- Insure that the selection of monitoring projects and their results would be impartial, reliable, transparent and freely available;
- Apply scarce monitoring resources to those plan objectives that were most at risk.



The signatories (settlors) of the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust:

- Angling lodges
- Timber industry
- BVCRB
- MoF
- MoE
- ILMB

BWMT Projects 2005 - 2006

- Riparian Ecosystems and Fish Habitat
- Stream Crossing Quality
- Water Quality in Relation to Stream Crossings
- Wilderness Value of the Babine River Corridor
- Human/Bear Interactions and Open Road Density
- Stand Level Biodiversity



Welcome to Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust

The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust (BWM Trust) funds and coordinates monitoring of natural resources management in the Babine watershed.

BWM Trust is a registered charitable organization based in Smithers, British Columbia.

Purpose

BWM Trust focuses on monitoring initiatives that address critical aspects of the effectiveness of land use plans approved for the Babine watershed, located north of Smithers. BWM Trust provides monitoring project results to individuals, organizations and government agencies interested in land use within the watershed.

Monitoring Framework

For information on the Monitoring Framework please go to [Documents](#).



News

Recent Events

The second Annual Monitoring Plan has now been approved.

[2006 Annual Monitoring Plan](#)

Report Produced

Report 2006-1 will be available soon.

"Results of the Stream Crossing Quality Index (SCQI) Survey for the Upper Babine River Corridor, Skeena Stikine Forest District."

Prepared by: P. Beaudry and Associates Ltd.



“Risk is the predicted or expected chance that a set of circumstances over some time frame will produce some harm that matters.”

Law Commission of Canada, 2005

