

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7 — The Committee recommends that, with respect to the federal Environmental Assessment Review Process (EARP) related to forest resources or to industrial forestry development, the new Department of Forestry be assigned statutory responsibilities for developing policies and procedures to ensure consistent application of the concept of sustainable forestry development in EARP hearings and decisions, including the formal appearance of Forestry Canada scientific personnel as expert witnesses where appropriate in such hearings.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 — The Committee recommends that the Canadian Wildlife Service be transferred from Environment Canada to Forestry Canada, and that it be restored fully as a comprehensive management and research agency with broad application to all Canadian wildlife, both game and non-game species, working in co-operation with provincial government agencies wherever possible in a context of integrated forest management.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9 — The Committee recommends that the operations of the Canadian Parks Service be transferred from Environment Canada and placed within the new Department of Forestry, to provide optimum scope for the practice of integrated management of federal forest-based resources, in pursuit of the national mission for sustainable forestry development.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10 — The Committee recommends that the new Department of Forestry be provided directly with facilities and capabilities for mapping, geographic information systems and all other such database and inventory technology pertaining to forests, and that such a forests data applications unit be linked directly to the Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11 — The Committee recommends that the Forest Products Directorate be transferred from the Department of Industry, Science and Technology to the new Department of Forestry, including lead responsibilities for consultation with the forest industry.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 12 — The Committee recommends that the scope of responsibilities for the Department of Forestry be expanded to include international forestry considerations such as competitiveness, technology and environmental regulations, through assignment of its own forestry attachés at key strategic locations throughout the world, and through intensified