

FISHER RIVER CREE NATION CONSERVATION AREAS INITIATIVE



BRIEFING NOTE

GOAL

To protect the natural health of our thriving region so it can continue to provide sustainable economic opportunities and support cherished lifestyles and cultures.

OBJECTIVES

- **Support Manitoba's commitment to protect 30% of Manitoba by 2030**
- **Advance reconciliation with a cooperative and inclusive approach led by Indigenous nations with support from the province.**
- **Provide for sustainable economic opportunities such as tourism and the fishing industry.**
- **Help support traditional activities and regional lifestyles.**
- **Help conserve habitats for 30 species at risk and regionally imperilled moose populations.**
- **Maintain and enhance regional flood control.**
- **Support climate change mitigation by protecting peatlands and conserving other carbon stores.**
- **Support Lake Winnipeg restoration efforts.**
- **Help achieve the principle of the Manitoba Sustainable Watershed Act "that a comprehensive, integrated and coordinated approach to managing watersheds as a whole promotes the health and sustainability of resources within a watershed district's boundaries."**
- **Support Manitoba's regional watershed district water management goals including protecting and restoring natural areas, preserving and improving water quality in lakes and streams, and improving watershed health awareness.**



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CURRENT STATUS



NEXT STEPS

1. **Finalize draft conservation proposal**
2. **Round 2 of the engagement process will be launched soon.**
3. **Continue to educate the public on the benefits of protecting the southeastern Interlake and encourage them to demonstrate their support with letters to the government.**

This initiative is led by Fisher River Cree Nation in partnership with Peguis First Nation and the Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS).

The initiative has the support of the province of Manitoba and the government of Canada.

