



# Tobacco Steering Committee

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# WARNING

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch is advising hikers, hunters, fishermen and any persons that use the out of doors in a recreational or work related function to take extra precautions while in the field.

We advise the outdoorsman to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advance warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise.

We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with him in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear shit has bells in it and smells like pepper.

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## Objective:

- Overview of the Tobacco Steering Committee
- Update on current issues and priorities
- Future direction



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## Overview:

- Composed of representatives from all provinces, territories and the federal government
- Assembles twice a year
- Limited Industry participation
- Monitors issues of national interest, seeks opportunities for uniformity in tobacco tax administration and defines actions
- Supported by a working sub-committee



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## Focus:

- Tobacco Smuggling and Contraband
  - Situation with Native reserves QC and ON
- Definition of Cigar
- Federal Tobacco Compliance Strategy
- Relocation of Imperial Tobacco's manufacturing operations from Canada to Mexico
- Information Exchange
  - Tax evasion control measures
  - Social awareness
  - Intra/inter-jurisdictional partnerships



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## Work in Progress:

### 1) Definition of Cigar

- Proposal for new common definition based on comprehensive research and stakeholder consultations
- Approval obtained from Senior Canadian Revenue Officials to proceed with implementation plan
- Draft letter to Finance Canada

### 2) Generic Tobacco Tax Collector Return

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### Work in Progress: (Cont'd)

- 3) Framework Convention Tobacco Control (FCTC)
- 4) Consolidation of Committee reference material and documentation into a central Web based repository
- 5) Offence Provisions Report
- 6) Evaluation of structure and function of committee



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### Future Priorities:

- Tobacco smuggling and Contraband
- Administrative Best Practices
- National Uniformity
- Co-ordination with other organizations with tobacco related mandates
- Framework Convention Tobacco Control (FCTC)

**Thank You**

**Questions/comments**