

Jeffrey C. Ross

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Professional Experience

Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Specialist (Independent Contractor) 02/2019 – 05/2021

- Provide strategic direction and guidance to First Nations and First Nation organizations on major projects subject to Canada's environmental and federal regulatory review process, including the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization deep geological repository site selection process.

Program Manager in Forest Governance and Stewardship 05/2018 – 01/2019

B.C. First Nations Forestry Council, North Vancouver, BC

- Support the work of the First Nations Forest Strategy Advisory Group's engagement process and development of on a renewed First Nations forest strategy in the Province of British Columbia.
- Provide research support and expert advice to B.C. First Nations as it relates to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action*, forest governance, land use planning, cumulative effects assessments, Aboriginal procurement, and related issues.
- Develop technical and other reports related to the programs and services offered by the First Nations Forestry Council to build capacity and inform B.C. First Nations of the work being undertaken by the Council.

Director 08/2014 – 03/2018

Territorial Planning Unit, Grand Council Treaty #3, Kenora, ON

- Provide oversight to a team of technical specialists who are responsible for analyzing policy issues and providing recommendations to Treaty #3 leadership on matters related to resource development, environmental protection, land use planning, consultation and accommodation, and related issues.
- Build effective working relationships with Treaty #3 First Nations, tribal councils, provincial and federal governments, industry, and other stakeholders in the Treaty #3 Territory to advance the mandate of Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Territorial Planning Unit.
- Work towards the expansion of the Unit's programming and increase technical capacity of staff in areas such as climate adaptation and mitigation, water quality and environmental monitoring, project management, and traditional knowledge and traditional land use mapping.

Environmental Specialist 07/2011 – 07/2014

Hobbs and Associates Ltd., Winnipeg, MB

- Provide technical guidance, support, and oversight to clients on various environmental programs and services related to hydroelectric development, oil and gas development, and forest management.
- Collect and interpret data from a variety of sources and presented findings in reports, briefings, and policy recommendations primarily related to major hydroelectric development in Northern Manitoba.
- Participate in adverse affect or impact benefit agreement negotiations between clients and industry.

Education

University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

PhD in Natural Resources

In progress

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Master of Forest Science

Awarded: 05/2009

The University of Montana, Missoula, MT

Bachelor of Science in Resource Conservation

Awarded: 05/2006

Professional Development

Indigenous Best Practices for Business and Economic Development, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, AB, 01/28 - 02/02/2018.

Indigenous Negotiation Skills Training, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, AB, 09/24 - 09/29/2017.

Indigenous Leadership and Development, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, AB, 11/06 - 16/06, 2017.

Indigenous Strategic Planning, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, AB, 09/04 - 14/04/2017.

Committees & Community Service

- Elected Member, Board of Directors, International Institute of Sustainable Development - Experimental Lakes Area, 2018 – Present
- Appointed Member, Forest Tenure Modernization Oversight Group, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, 2014 - 2017
- Invited Member, Forest Carbon Policy Technical Working Group, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, 2016 - 2017
- Invited Member, Aboriginal Working Group - Revisions to the Forest Management Planning Manual, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, 2015

Awards & Grants

- National Science Foundation Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship, University of Idaho, 2021
- Best Masters Presentation Award, AISES National Conference, 2008
- Buttrick Scholar, Yale University, 2007
- FES Globalization Grant, Yale University, 2007
- Carpenter Sperry Grant, Yale University, 2007
- John M. Musser Scholar, Yale University, 2006
- President's Recognition Award, University of Montana, 2006
- World Wilderness Congress Fellowship, US Forest Service, 2005
- Udall Scholarship, Morris K. Udall Foundation, 2005
- Ralph & Hulda Fields Scholarship, University of Montana, 2005-2006