

CEE2018 Abstract

1. Oral presentation
2. **Guidelines for the Use of Evidence: A Standard for Sticking Proof to Policy?**
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4. Abstract – The Government of Canada has committed to evidence-based decision-making across all federal departments. To support Parks Canada with this objective, we're drafting Guidelines for the Use of Evidence (GLUE) which proposes an internal standard for the acquisition, evaluation, and incorporation of evidence in policies and management decisions. GLUE includes six general steps - (i) stating the presumption (*a priori* belief), (ii) defining the standard of proof, (iii) documenting the evidence gathered, (iv) evaluating the weight of evidence, (v) specifying the alternatives, (vi) expressing the decision in relation to the evidence. We illustrate how GLUE is being applied by Parks Canada and also highlight areas of tension between the theory and the practice of evidence-based conservation.