

Input sought on improving conservation of Alberta's wetlands

Edmonton, September 12 / CNW... The Alberta Water Council -- the multi-stakeholder partnership group responsible for overseeing the implementation of *Water for Life* -- is inviting input from all interested Albertans to help shape a new Wetland Policy to present to the Government of Alberta.

The Council has been reviewing the importance of wetland conservation in achieving the goals of the *Water for Life* strategy, and is now seeking input to develop a comprehensive Wetland Policy and Implementation Plan for Alberta.

Albertans can participate in the process in one of two ways -- by completing the wetland policy workbook either on-line or by mail, or by attending one of seven workshops being held across the province. Workshops will be held in:

Bonnyville	Chamber of Commerce	September 19
Edmonton	Ramada Hotel (Kingsway)	September 20
Calgary	Radisson Hotel (Airport)	September 24
Lethbridge	Lethbridge Lodge	September 25
Red Deer	Red Deer Lodge	September 26
Fort McMurray	Sawridge Hotel	October 2
Grande Prairie	Sandman Hotel	October 4

To register for the workshops, Albertans can call 1-866-420-6116 (in Edmonton 420-1646) or e-mail info@imistrategies.ca.

Additional information on the consultation and a copy of the workbook on Alberta's wetlands is available at the Council's website at www.albertawatercouncil.ca

The deadline for on-line submissions is October 15, 2007, and the Council hopes to have recommendations to present back to the provincial government in early 2008.

Established in 2004, the Alberta Water Council is a multi-stakeholder partnership with 25 members from governments, industry, and non-government organizations. Its primary task is to monitor and steward implementation of the Water for Life strategy and to champion achievement of the strategy's three outcomes of a safe, secure drinking water supply, healthy aquatic ecosystems, and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.

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