

ALBERTA WATER COUNCIL



Appendix C and D *Review of Water for Life* Implementation Progress: 2012–2015



About the Alberta Water Council

The Alberta Water Council (AWC) is a multi-stakeholder partnership with members from governments, industry and non-government organizations. All members have a stake in water. The AWC is one of three types of partnerships established under the *Water for Life* strategy: the others are Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils and Watershed Stewardship Groups.

The AWC regularly reviews the implementation progress of the *Water for Life* strategy and champions the achievement of the strategy's goals. The AWC also advises the Government of Alberta, stakeholders and the public on effective water management practices, solutions to water issues and priorities for water research. However, the Government of Alberta remains accountable for the implementation of the *Water for Life* strategy and continues to administer water and watershed management activities throughout the province.

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Appendix C — WPAC and WSG Work 2012-2015

Lead Organization	Organisation	Product	Status	Benefit	Additional Info
Peace/Slave River Watershed					
Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance	WPAC	State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2015	Documents the state of the watershed and identifies significant stewardship challenges and options	www.mightypeacesow.org/pdf/MPWA-SoW_Full.pdf
Lesser Slave River Watershed					
Lesser Slave Watershed Council	WPAC	Integrated Watershed Management Plan	Ongoing	Will identify overall goals for improving or maintaining watershed health and make recommendations on how to reach those goals	http://lesserslavewatershedcouncil.ca/watershed-planning/phase-1-iwmp/
Athabasca River Watershed					
Athabasca Watershed Council	WPAC	State of the Watershed Report Phase 1	Completed 2011	Compiles information and geospatial data relevant to the Athabasca watershed	www.waterforlife.alberta.ca/documents/AthabascaStateWatershedPhase1-Mar2011.pdf
		State of the Watershed Report Phase 2	Completed 2012	Focuses on providing a large-scale overview of the various factors that may be affecting the ecological condition of the watershed	www.waterforlife.alberta.ca/documents/AthabascaStateWatershedPhase2-Mar2012.pdf

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		State of the Watershed Report Phase 3	Completed 2013	Summarizes information on issues of water quality and quantity in the Athabasca watershed	www.awc-wpac.ca/sites/default/files/SOW3complete.pdf
		State of the Watershed Report Phase 4	Completed 2014	Summarizes data available on organic compounds in water and trace metals in sediments	www.awc-wpac.ca/sites/default/files/SOW4complete.pdf
Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society	WSG	Watershed Management Plan	Ongoing – Terms of Reference expected in 2016	Improving lake water quality and healthy ecosystem	www.bails.ca
Beaver River Watershed					
Beaver River Watershed Alliance	WPAC	State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2013	Provides a snapshot of the current conditions in the watershed	http://beaverriverwatershed.ca/state-of-watershed/
		Integrated Watershed Management Plan	Ongoing	Will provide recommendations for management of the Beaver River Basin	http://beaverriverwatershed.ca/index.php?page=iwmp
North Saskatchewan River Watershed					
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance	WPAC	Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the North Saskatchewan	Completed 2012	Provides recommendations and an approach to manage the North Saskatchewan River watershed	https://www.nswa.ab.ca/content/integrated-watershed-management-plan-1

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		Lac St. Cyr Water Quality Assessment	Completed 2013	Summarizes water quality information for Lac St. Cyr and examines impact of annual water diversions from the North Saskatchewan River on the lake	https://www.nswa.ab.ca/content/lac-st-cyr-water-quality-assessment-0
		Sturgeon River State of the Watershed	Completed 2012	Summarizes current knowledge of the Sturgeon River watershed	http://stalbert.ca/uploads/files/community/living/Environment/state_of_the_sturgeon_FINAL_for_web.pdf
		Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan	Completed 2012	Provides recommendations and priorities for implementation	http://nswa.ab.ca/content/vermilion-river-watershed-management-plan-december-2012
		State of the Watershed Report	Ongoing	A new water balance has been prepared, a riparian health assessment completed and recreational use data compiled	
Mayatan Lake Management Association	WSG	State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2012	Summarizes available environmental information for Mayatan Lake and its watershed	www.mayatanlake.ca
		Lake watershed management plan	Ongoing – draft completed 2015	Will provide a framework to link land use decision making to protection of the watershed	www.mayatanlake.ca

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Wabamun Watershed Management Council	WSG	State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2013	Community-based environmental outcomes, indicators and management targets to be incorporated within regulatory approvals, and extension programming in the basin	www.wwmc.ca
Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association	WSG	State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2013	Benchmarks the current watershed land uses, water quality, water quantity and biological characteristics	www.wizardlake.ca
Parkland County	Municipality	Wabamun Lake Subwatershed Land Use Plan	Ongoing – completion expected in 2016	Develop a land use plan and a tool kit for the development of other lake watershed management plans	http://wslup.mindmixer.com/
Battle River Watershed					
Battle River Watershed Alliance	WPAC	State of Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds Report	Completed 2011	Identifies environmental issues to be addressed in plan	www.waterforlife.alberta.ca/documents/BattleRiverStateWatershedReport-Oct2011.pdf

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		Drought Adaptation and Management: Policy Advice	Completed 2013	Provides recommendations on one of the twelve components of watershed management planning process	www.battleriverwatershed.ca/watershed-management
		Non-point Source Pollution Management	Completed 2013	Provides recommendations on one of the twelve components of watershed management planning process	www.battleriverwatershed.ca/watershed-management
		Source Water Protection	Completed 2014	Provides recommendations on one of the twelve components of watershed management planning process	www.battleriverwatershed.ca/watershed-management
Pigeon Lake Watershed Association	WSG	Three watershed management plan topics: Model Land Use Bylaw Phosphorus Budget Cosmetic Fertilizers & Soil Management	Completed 2014	Recommendations have been developed for each of these topics related to watershed health	www.plwmp.ca/

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Ponoka County	Municipality	Chain Lakes Watershed Management Plan	Completed 2012	Proposes recommendations for long-term land use plan around Chain Lakes	www.ponokacounty.com/uploads/2/6/9/1/26912724/chain_lakes_watershed_management.pdf
Alberta Environment and Parks	Government of Alberta	Approved Water Management Plan for the Battle River Basin	Completed 2014	Main stem WCOs and determination of allocation limits	http://aep.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/river-management-frameworks/battle-river-water-management-plan.aspx
Red Deer River Watershed					
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance	WPAC	Four Background Technical Reports	Completed 2012-2014	Provide a foundation of information for the IWMP	www.rdrwa.ca/node/103
		DRAFT Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Phase 1)	Released 2015	Provides recommendations for watershed management and makes recommendations on actions	www.rdrwa.ca/?page_id=124
Sylvan Lake Management Committee	Municipalities	Sylvan Lake Cumulative Effects Management Plan Phase 1	Completed 2014	Provides a vision, objectives and outcomes for the Sylvan Lake watershed	
		Sylvan Lake Cumulative Effects Management Plan Phase 2: Implementation Plan	Completed 2015	Identifies implementation actions for cumulative effects management	

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Bow River Watershed					
Bow River Basin Council	WPAC	Bow Basin Watershed Management Plan	Completed 2012	Provides recommendations regarding land and water resources in the watershed	www.waterforlife.alberta.ca/documents/BowBasinWatershedManagementPlan2012.pdf
Ghost River Watershed Alliance	WSG	State of the Watershed Report	Ongoing	Summarizes the current knowledge of the watershed	www.ghostwatershed.ca/GWAS/Research_%26_Data.html
Jumpingpound Creek Watershed Partnership	WSG	Integrated Watershed Management Plan	Completed 2014	Provides recommendations for maintaining surface water and groundwater quality	www.rockyview.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=400
Oldman River Watershed					
Oldman Watershed Council	WPAC	Integrated Watershed Management Plan – Phase 2: Identifying and prioritizing risks	Completed 2011	Identified 34 risks to achieving the community's vision for the watershed	http://oldmanwatershed.ca/the-planning-process/
		Integrated Watershed Management Plan – Phase 3: Setting priorities	Completed 2011	Narrowed down the 34 risks from Phase 2 into 8 action-oriented goals for the IWMP	http://oldmanwatershed.ca/the-planning-process/
		Headwaters Action Plan	Completed 2014	Addresses one of the 8 goals identified in IWMP Phase 3	http://oldmanwatershed.ca/headwaters-action-plan

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South Saskatchewan River Watershed					
SEAWA South East Alberta Watershed Alliance	WPAC	IWMP	Ongoing – Terms of Reference completed 2013	Will state shared goals for the region and outline actions to achieve these goals	http://seawa.ca/state-of-the-watershed/iwmp/
		Review of water monitoring in this sub-basin	Completed 2013	Provides background information for the development of a long-term monitoring strategy for SEAWA	www.seawa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/SEAWA-Report-on-Water-Monitoring-in-the-SSR-Sub-basin_web_enabled_May8.pdf
Milk River Watershed					
Milk River Watershed Council Canada	WPAC	Transboundary State of the Watershed Report	Completed 2013	Builds on 2008 State of the Watershed Report by expanding to include Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana	www.mrwcc.ca/index.php/projects/state-watershed-report/
			Ongoing	Will provide guidance in the management of water, land/water interactions, aquatic life and aquatic resources within the watershed	www.mrwcc.ca/index.php/projects/integrated-watershed-management-plan/

Appendix D — AWC Work for 2012–2015

Team/Committee	Completion	Recommendations Made	Status
1) <i>Water for Life</i> Implementation Review Committee	October 2012	<p>The Government of Alberta continue to develop, adopt and promote a watershed, risk-based, source-to-tap drinking water management approach that includes source protection planning, effective monitoring and compliance of point and non-point source pollution, and efficient and effective water distribution systems.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Government of Alberta and stakeholders complete outstanding Healthy Aquatic Ecosystem actions including: finalize and implement a wetland policy (Action 2.1), protect critical aquatic ecosystems (Action 2.2) and set water conservation objectives for each basin (Action 2.5).</p> <p>Target: Ongoing Implementers: GoA and stakeholders</p>	In progress
		<p>The Government of Alberta continue to work with its partners to: develop the best available science- based methods and tools to better define requirements for healthy aquatic ecosystems and performance measures; incorporate healthy aquatic ecosystem assessment and management into the province's new integrated cumulative effects monitoring and management systems; and publicly report on progress towards the achievement of healthy aquatic ecosystem outcomes.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing Implementers: GoA and stakeholders</p>	In progress
		<p>The Government of Alberta complete the water allocation review via transparent, broad-based public consultation based on socio-economic and environmental objectives; ensure current and future water demand and supply are understood in each basin; and make this information and other water use data publicly available to inform regional, municipal and other land-use planning initiatives.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p>The Government of Alberta and its <i>Water for Life</i> partners, working closely with research and academic institutions and other education and outreach providers, revisit the knowledge and research key direction and develop a plan to improve public and sector understanding of the value of water to better inform public policy and decision making. In progress</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementers: GoA and <i>Water for Life</i> partners</p>	In progress
		<p><i>Water for Life</i> partnerships clearly identify their capacity needs in relation to provincial and basin <i>Water for Life</i> priorities and seek collaborative approaches to long-term sustainable resourcing of these needs.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementers: <i>Water for Life</i> partners</p>	In progress
		<p>Water-using sectors with water conservation, efficiency and productivity (CEP) plans raise awareness of their plans by promoting them to their members, thus encouraging all members to develop individual CEP plans or strategies to contribute to CEP gains.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementers: Water-using sectors with CEP plans</p>	In progress
		<p>The Government of Alberta investigate the use of additional economic instruments, applied in an equitable manner, to encourage water conservation, efficiency and productivity and determine how this approach will contribute to the achievement of all three <i>Water for Life</i> goals.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p><i>Water for Life</i> partnerships, in undertaking iterative and adaptive watershed assessment and planning, continue to work with the Government of Alberta and other sectors to integrate this work into the provincial cumulative effects management system and regional, municipal, resource and other land-use planning initiatives.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementer: GoA and <i>Water for Life</i> partners</p>	In progress
		<p>The Government of Alberta develop quantitative performance criteria and clear metrics that assess the progress towards <i>Water for Life</i> goals and key directions before the next Alberta Water Council strategy review in 2015.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
2) Non-point Source Pollution Project Team (NPSP)	March 2013	<p>GoA, with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, within one year of the approval and release of this report, identify an internal Non-point Source Pollution lead that will coordinate and facilitate the development of a multi-stakeholder process to set the direction on how to better manage NPSP.</p> <p>Target: June 2014</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	Implemented
		<p>GoA, with ESRD as lead, through the multi-stakeholder process, coordinates and promotes the development and implementation of a provincial strategic approach. This will set provincial level outcomes and priority research needs for NPSP management. The provincial strategic approach will also outline alignment with existing policy frameworks and the development of regional plans and associated management frameworks. This approach to NPSP will be completed within two years of the approval and release of this report.</p> <p>Target: June 2015</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p>GoA, with ESRD as lead, within two years of the approval and release of this report, will coordinate a Multi-Sector Implementation Advisory Partnership that will recommend cost effective and practical solutions to address NPSP and support implementation.</p> <p>Target: June 2015</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>GoA, with ESRD as lead, within two years of the approval and release of this report, create and coordinate an NPSP Cumulative Effects Research Partnership to address the gaps in scientific knowledge of all aspects of NPSP in Alberta.</p> <p>Target: June 2015</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>GoA, with ESRD as lead, in collaboration with the NPSP Cumulative Effects Research Partnership, develop an NPSP research strategy within two years of the approval and release of this report, which will lead to better understanding and improved management of NPSP.</p> <p>Target: June 2015</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
3) Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity Project Team	March 2013	<p>Sector Progress Reports</p> <p>A. All seven priority sectors prepare progress reports based on performance data as of December 31, 2014, and submit these reports to the Alberta Water Council's final meeting of 2015</p> <p>B. The two sectors that completed sector CEP plans in 2010 (irrigation and urban municipalities) prepare interim progress reports based on data as of December 31, 2012 and submit to the Alberta Water Council not later than the final meeting of the Alberta Water Council in 2013.</p> <p>Target: October 2014</p> <p>Implementers: Seven priority sectors</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>

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		<p>Focus of Sector Progress Reports</p> <p>A. Describe and evaluate the sector's success in meeting CEP plan objectives, benchmarks and targets, including productivity and efficiency improvements, any reductions in water use, impacts on return flows, and performance relative to the baseline year. This should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the adoption of new industry best practices and technologies, subject to confidentiality and competitiveness considerations; • Note adjustments needed to improve the sector plan or adapt to new technologies or legislative requirements (e.g., regional land use plans); and • Make reference to development of CEP plans by individual sector members, if appropriate. <p>B. Encourage member(s) to be aware of opportunities that could improve the health of aquatic ecosystems and to work with appropriate organizations engaged in watershed management within the watersheds in which the member(s) operate(s).</p> <p>C. Using metrics developed for each sector plan, summarize water use, assess and document impacts of CEP efforts, and indicate how implementation of the CEP plan is contributing to the three <i>Water for Life</i> goals, namely safe secure drinking water supply, healthy aquatic ecosystems, and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy. Other environmental impacts of CEP efforts should also be noted; e.g., impacts on riparian health, instream flow improvement, water quality. D) Discuss opportunities and challenges. E) Describe interactions with stakeholders on plan implementation and progress. F) Indicate how other environmental endeavours are affecting water use (e.g., increase in water use as a result of efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions).</p> <p>D. Discuss opportunities and challenges.</p> <p>E. Describe interactions with stakeholders on plan implementation and progress.</p>	Implemented

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		<p>F. Indicate how other environmental endeavours are affecting water use (e.g., increase in water use as a result of efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions).</p> <p>Target: October 2014</p> <p>Implementers: Seven priority sectors</p>	
		<p>Establishing a New Team</p> <p>A new multi-stakeholder project team be established in 2014 to undertake the tasks listed below. The team would have representation from the seven priority sectors, Government of Alberta, environmental and other non- government organizations, and other stakeholders identified by the Alberta Water Council. The new team would:</p> <p>A. Serve as a forum for sectors to share ideas, experiences and challenges in implementing their sector plans and developing their sector progress reports.</p> <p>B. Receive reports from sectors on the evaluation of overall progress in implementing their CEP plans, provide feedback as appropriate, and coordinate the presentation of sector progress reports to the Water Council.</p> <p>C. Evaluate and update the Framework to reflect changes as CEP plans evolve and are updated in the future (if needed).</p> <p>D. Determine how to measure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall success of CEP plans in contributing to achieving the goals of <i>Water for Life</i> including, the <i>Water for Life</i> outcome of a 30% improvement in overall efficiency and productivity of water use by 2015, and • The extent to which the Criteria for Reviewing Sector Plans (Alberta Water Council, 2008, p. 18, item 2) have been met. 	Implemented

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		E. Prepare a report to the Alberta Water Council that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes the progress of sector plans in achieving CEP desired outcomes as reflected in the Framework (Alberta Water Council, 2008, p. 18, item 2), and • Includes recommendations to enhance sector CEP planning, implementation and reporting if needed. Data from this report would be used by the Council in its report on implementation of the <i>Water for Life</i> strategy. Target: 2014 Implementer: AWC	
4) Aquatic Invasive Species webinar	September 2013	A webinar on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was hosted by the AWC for all its members. The webinar outlined what are AIS, invasive mussels and their impact on the environment and the economy, how they are spread, potential implications for Alberta, and the plans for policies underway to combat AIS. Target: n/a Implementer: AWC	Implemented
5) Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team	October 2013	The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within six months identify a lead who is accountable for the coordination and integration of riparian land conservation and management in the province, including implementation and annual public reporting on the progress of the remaining recommendations in this report. Target: August 2014 Implementer: GoA	In progress
		The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in consultation with stakeholders establish a provincial riparian land conservation and management vision that recognizes the ecological, social and economic importance of riparian lands and their functions. Target: February 2015 Implementer: GoA	In progress

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		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in consultation with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Health, and other key Ministries and stakeholders, lead the development of desired provincial level riparian land conservation outcomes that are consistent with the provincial vision and that support integrated management. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development should also provide a framework for the development of aligned and more specific outcomes at multiple scales.</p> <p>Target: February 2015</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years, and as frameworks and regional plans are developed, in consultation with stakeholders including other Ministries, ensure that the riparian land conservation and management vision and desired outcomes are integrated into regional land use planning, watershed management planning, and other relevant plans and frameworks including municipal planning as guided through the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>.</p> <p>Target: March 2017</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years undertake a cross-Ministry review of legislation, regulation, policies and programs to ensure consistency and to facilitate removal of disincentives or barriers to conservation and management of riparian lands.</p> <p>Target: March 2017</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years and in consultation with stakeholders, initiate and support the development of a suite of incentive tools, including conservation and stewardship tools, that are targeted toward the provincial outcomes for integrated riparian land conservation and management, with ongoing implementation and review.</p> <p>Target: March 2017 Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within three years and in consultation with relevant Ministries improve implementation and consistent enforcement of legislation and application of policy relevant to riparian lands, with ongoing review and continuous improvement.</p> <p>Target: March 2017 Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years in consultation with Alberta Municipal Affairs and municipalities, improve riparian land conservation and management in municipalities by ensuring regulatory support and building capacity, with ongoing review.</p> <p>Target: March 2017 Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within three years and in partnership with stakeholders, develop and implement an integrated province wide strategy to improve the sharing of knowledge and information regarding riparian lands. The strategy should increase sector and public understanding and stewardship of riparian lands functions, values, conservation and management, with ongoing implementation and review.</p> <p>Target: March 2017 Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within five years in partnership with stakeholders, lead the identification and adoption of accepted methodologies to delineate and map the extent of riparian lands in Alberta at multiple scales, and then map riparian lands as a coordinated ongoing activity.</p> <p>Target: February 2019</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development within one year and in partnership with stakeholders, lead the review, adoption and ongoing implementation of a provincial riparian health and function assessment framework that includes well accepted and currently practiced methods that are compatible at multiple scales.</p> <p>Target: February 2019</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within two years and in partnership with stakeholders identify, adopt and support ongoing implementation of best or beneficial riparian management practices and approaches that align with nested outcomes.</p> <p>Target: February 2016</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The Alberta Water Council recommends that the Government of Alberta within five years and in partnership with stakeholders, produce a publicly available “Alberta State of Riparian Lands Conservation and Management” progress report, and update and re-publish every five years thereafter.</p> <p>Target: February 2019</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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6) Water Literacy webinar	April 2014	<p>A webinar on Water Literacy was hosted by the AWC for all its members. The webinar outlined what the need to increase water literacy in light of findings from the GoA's water conversation, the GoA's development of a water literacy strategy, and the Environmental Education Framework.</p> <p>Target: n/a Implementer: n/a</p>	Implemented
7) Symposium on Exploring Water Reuse for Household, Municipal, and Industrial Applications Committee	October 2014	<p>This Committee was formed in October 2012 to organize and host a symposium to bring water- using sectors together to share global water reuse knowledge, challenges and solutions to inform the potential development of responsive water reuse policy in Alberta. Municipalities, industries, and other major water users in Alberta, particularly in water-short areas, are starting to explore alternatives to using potable water when lower quality water is adequate for certain uses. It was an opportunity to explore the implications of water reuse from an environmental, social and economic perspective, as well as understand the issues, potential concerns and successes related to water reuse.</p> <p>Target: n/a Implementer: n/a</p>	Implemented
8) Aquatic Invasive Species Project Team	October 2015	<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta continue working with governments and national, regional and local partners to enhance the effectiveness of the provincial AIS program, focusing particularly on prevention; increasing public awareness of AIS and their potential impacts, targeting high-risk audiences; and supporting AIS-related stakeholder communication and coordination networks.</p> <p>Target: Over the course of 2016 and 2017 Implementers: GoA and stakeholders</p>	In progress

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		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta collaborate with and support industry, non-government organizations, academia and all levels of government to develop and disseminate effective AIS tracking and control options for long-term management by the end of 2018.</p> <p>Target: 2018</p> <p>Implementers: GoA and stakeholders</p>	In progress
		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta work with its partners to communicate success stories of AIS management.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementers: GoA and stakeholders</p>	In progress
		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta work with AEMERA to develop and begin implementing a provincial AIS monitoring plan for fish, invertebrates and aquatic plants, with assistance from stakeholders, including citizen scientists, by spring 2017.</p> <p>Target: 2017</p> <p>Implementers: GoA and AEMERA</p>	In progress
		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta maintain the mandatory watercraft inspections element of the AIS program and also begin inspecting other vectors of potential introduction by 2017. This should include working with stakeholders where inspections are planned to raise the profile of the issue and increase buy-in from the public.</p> <p>Target: 2017</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress

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		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta have a protocol in place by the spring of 2017 to ensure that fishery officers and fishery guardians are educated and trained on their authority to enforce AIS legislation.</p> <p>Target: 2017</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
		<p>The team recommends that the Government of Alberta share information on enforcement activities and potential penalties with stakeholders and the public to raise the profile of the issue.</p> <p>Target: Ongoing</p> <p>Implementer: GoA</p>	In progress
9) AWC Annual <i>Water for Life</i> partnerships newsletter	Annually	<p>The AWC's annual partnerships newsletter highlights the successes of <i>Water for Life</i> partners over the past year. Building on the work of the Moving from Words to Actions Project Team, the annual partnerships newsletter helps to increase awareness of the <i>Water for Life</i> partnerships and the work being done in water management across Alberta.</p> <p>Target: n/a</p> <p>Implementer: n/a</p>	Ongoing

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10) Factsheets	As needed	<p>As part of the AWC's Communication Strategy 2011-2013, the Council develops a series of fact sheets to provide sectors with necessary tools to facilitate information flows to reach a wider audience within each sector. The intent is to showcase key learnings from our recently completed projects in the form of fact sheets to be available to our sectors as informational material. To date, fact sheets have been created for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water CEP • Non-Point Source Pollution • Partnerships • <i>Water for Life</i> Implementation Review <p>Target: n/a Implementer: n/a</p>	Implemented



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