

Aquatic Invasive Species						
Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Last Status Update (Year provided)	2017 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevention; • increasing public awareness of AIS and their potential impacts, targeting high-risk audiences; and • supporting AIS-related stakeholder communication and coordination networks. Significant progress should be evident over the course of 2016 and 2017.	Government of Alberta	Ongoing, with significant progress through 2016-2017	In progress (2016)	Pending-to be completed	Initiated and on-going. AEP participates in many local, regional, national and international organizations and groups to enhance collaboration and AIS program success. These groups currently include: The Alberta Invasive Species Council board of directors, the Crown Managers Partnership, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, the Western Regional Panel, the Columbia River Basin AIS Working Group/100 th Meridian, and the National Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. We have just recently formed an AIS Working Group for Western Provinces as well, and are participating and presenting at the International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species in April 2016. The focus of all of these partnerships is prevention, as well as enhanced coordination and awareness.
2	The Government of Alberta collaborate with and support industry, non-government organizations, academia and other orders of government to develop and disseminate effective AIS tracking and control options for long-term management by the end of 2018.	Government of Alberta	December 31, 2018	Not under consideration at this time (2016)	Pending-uncertain	Still developing long-term program – this task is certainly a need and will be addressed when possible.
3	The Government of Alberta work with its partners to communicate success stories of AIS management.	Government of Alberta	Ongoing	In progress (2016)	Pending-to be completed	This year, we're working closely with Communications on getting timely information out about control efforts, interceptions of fouled boats/conveyances, and instances of AIS violations (so that they may be a deterrence to others). This will continue to be an important element of the program.
4	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.	Government of Alberta	Spring 2017	In progress (2016)	Pending-uncertain	Discussions are underway between senior management at AEP and AEMERA to determine the protocol for how we prioritize monitoring work and deal with the reporting and, when necessary, subsequent management actions. Until this is sorted out negotiating on specific AIS monitoring will not be possible.
5	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.	Government of Alberta	2017	In progress (2016)	Pending-to be completed	The mandatory inspections of all passing watercraft during operating hours (seasonal) will continue for 2016. Inspections of other conveyances are in the works – including commercially hauled watercraft and water-operated equipment and fish hauling equipment from aquaculture producers, where possible.
6	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.	Government of Alberta	Spring 2017	In progress (2016)	Pending-to be completed	On-going. This year working on a webinar so that Fishery Officers may receive updates on their own time given a lack of resources for annual/regional meetings on behalf of many agencies. Working on getting Traffic Sheriffs appointed under the <i>Fisheries (Alberta) Act</i> .
7	The Government of Alberta share information on enforcement activities and potential penalties with stakeholders and the public to raise the profile of the AIS issue.	Government of Alberta	Ongoing	In progress (2016)	Pending-to be completed	Working with Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch to get the word out on the two existing violations from last season, as well as adopt a protocol for more timely updates in the future. The Alberta AIS Program is now eligible for "Creative Sentencing" funds where appropriate as well.