



TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF AWC RECOMMENDATIONS

Update Report



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Introduction

The Alberta Water Council (AWC) has been tracking the implementation status of its recommendations since 2012. As part of the tracking system, AWC staff prepare two reports: a Detailed Report and an Update Report. The Detailed Report lists all recommendations and their implementation status (provided by the identified implementer), by individual recommendation, theme or full suite of recommendations. The Detailed Report is in table format and is posted on the Council's website. The Update Report provides a general overview of implementation progress; it is presented at the first board meeting of each year. As part of this presentation, the board has an opportunity to discuss implementation progress and offer advice to implementers concerning any challenges that are identified.

In October 2017, the board approved a revised process with the objective of facilitating more meaningful updates on the status of the recommendations and incorporating a process that would allow us to stop tracking them once they had achieved criteria. New options for reporting should facilitate more meaningful updates and allow the AWC to identify recommendations that will require no further updates. This is intended to streamline the recommendation tracking process and focus future updates on recommendations for which the work is ongoing.

This is the third Update Report based on the revised tracking system. It highlights key changes to the status of recommendations and describes implementation progress by project since the last report (February 2019). The date shown after each project name is when the recommendations were originally presented to the board.

Overview

This report synthesizes updates received on 276 recommendations from 19 AWC projects. The charts on the following page provide an overview of how the distribution of recommendation status has evolved since the last updates were provided in 2019.

Starting in 2018 many recommendations were assigned to new categories such as: implemented through an alternative approach, partially implemented, and closed, either because not a priority or not appropriate.

Starting in 2020, recommendations that were closed in previous years are assigned to previously implemented/closed.

To date recommendations from the following projects have **all** been reported as implemented:

- Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity (CEP)
- Shared Governance
- Provincial Ecological Aquatic Criteria for Health
- Moving from Words to Actions
- Wetland Policy
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Water Literacy

To date recommendations from the following projects have been considered closed:

- Intra-basin Water Movement
- Water Allocation Transfer System Upgrade

To date recommendations from the following projects have been considered implemented or closed:

- Non-Point Source Pollution
- Water CEP
- Watershed Management Planning
- Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems

AWC Recommendation Tracking Detailed Reports – 2020

The Alberta Water Council (AWC) tracks the implementation status of its recommendations annually. You are receiving this document because your organization was identified as an implementer for the attached recommendations. Please refer to the status key below to select the appropriate status for each recommendation. Within each category, please also select from the two to three additional options to describe the rationale for the status of the recommendation:



Implemented

Implementer reports that the recommendation or its intent has been implemented.

Choose one of the following options:

OPTION 1 - As written: Recommendation has been implemented as written by the AWC

OPTION 2 - Alternative approach: Intent of the recommendation has been implemented through an alternative approach

OPTION 3 - Unclear but met: The recommendation did not include a clear goal and/or timeframe, but the intent has been met



Partially implemented

Recommendation or its intent has been partially implemented but there is no plan to implement the outstanding portion.



Pending

Implementer reports that the recommendation is at various stages of implementation or uncertain; further follow-up is required next year. Choose one of the following:

OPTION 1 - To be completed: Implementation has begun with the intent to be completed

OPTION 2 - Uncertain: Implementation may or may not have begun but further progress is contingent on other factors (e.g., other work, budget limitations, staffing limitations)



Closed (no further follow-up planned)

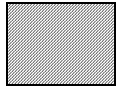
Implementer reports that the recommendation will not be implemented and no further follow-up is expected. Choose one of the following:

OPTION 1 - Not a priority: Recommendation is no longer considered a priority

OPTION 2 - Not appropriate: Recommendation is no longer considered appropriate (e.g., this is not part of the mandate of the identified implementer, this

group does not exist anymore, AWC targeted the recommendation to an inappropriate group)

OPTION 3 - Unclear and not met: The recommendation did not include a clear goal and/or timeframe, and the intent has not been met



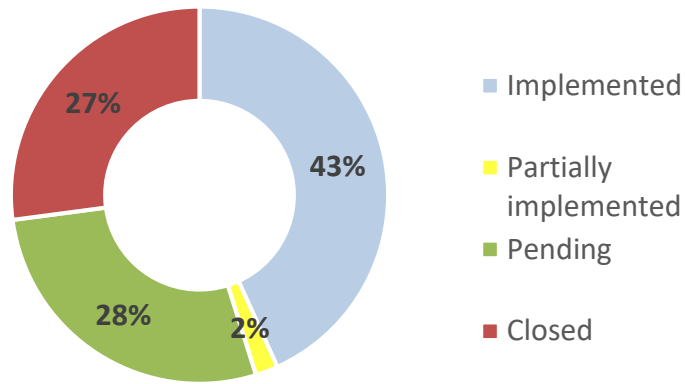
Previously Implemented or Closed

Recommendation was reported as implemented or closed in previous reports

Recommendations Overview

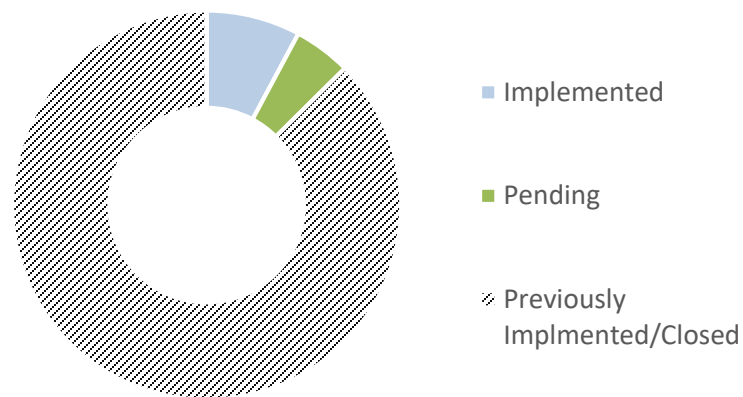
The first chart shows the distribution of recommendation status at the last update in 2019.

2019 Implementation Status of Recommendations



The second chart shows the distribution of recommendation status as of 2020. There were no new projects to add since the last report in 2019.

2020 Implementation Status of Recommendations



Projects

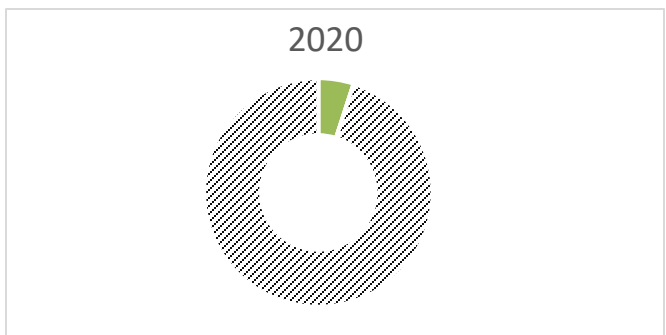
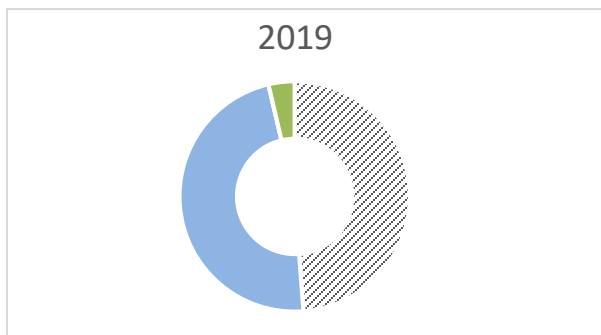
This section presents project-specific updates. For each project, the charts on the right are a quick way to assess how the status of recommendations has evolved from 2016 to 2018. **Please note that the charts below use the same legends as the charts on the previous page:**

- ▨ Previously Implemented/Closed
- Implemented
- Partially implemented
- Pending
- Closed

Wetland Policy and Implementation Plan (September 2008)

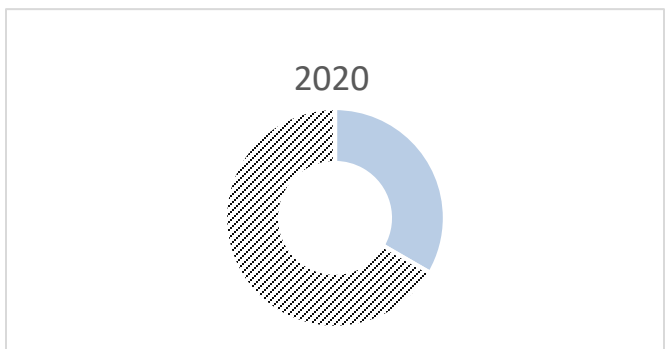
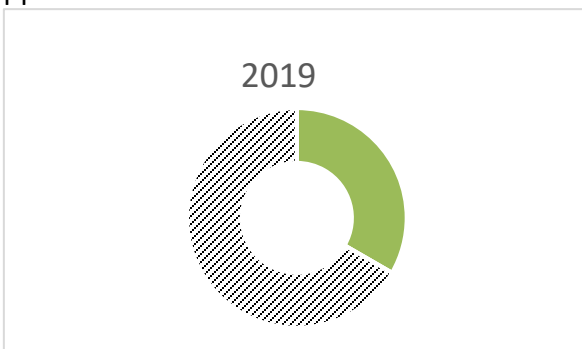
Two recommendations remain pending:

- **Recommendation 2.1.3:** remains as pending, with no changes in status identified from Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs).
- **Recommendation 2.2.1:** remains as pending, with no changes in status identified from WPACs.



Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems (March 2009)

Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 were updated from “pending” to “implemented” alternative approach.”



Water for Life Implementation Review 2006 – 2008 (June 2009)

Recommendations 3, 5, 7 and 8 were updated:

- **Recommendation 3:** remains “pending” by the WPACs
- **Recommendation 5:** updated from “pending” to “implemented – alternative approach”
- **Recommendation 8:** remains “pending” by the WPACs



Water for Life Implementation Review 2009 – 2011 (October 2012)

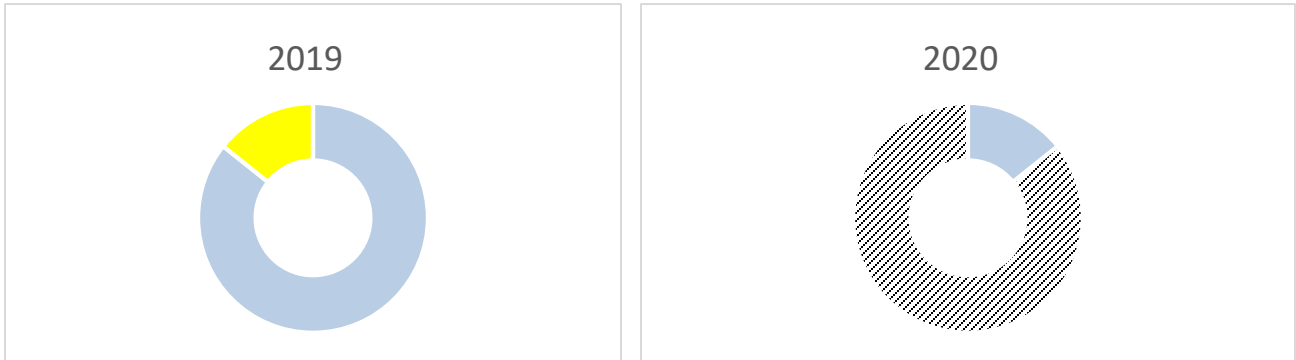
- **Recommendation 6:** remains “pending” by the WPACs and ASN
- **Recommendation 7:** remains “pending”
- **Recommendation 9:** updated from “pending” to “implemented – unclear but met”



Aquatic Invasive Species (October 2015)

All recommendations were previously implemented in 2019, except recommendation 2.

- **Recommendation 2:** updated from “partially implemented” to “implemented – as written”



Water Literacy (April 2016)

Recommendation 1 was implemented as written in 2019.

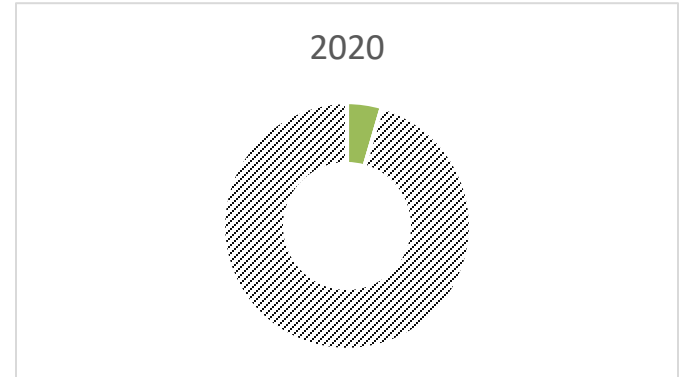
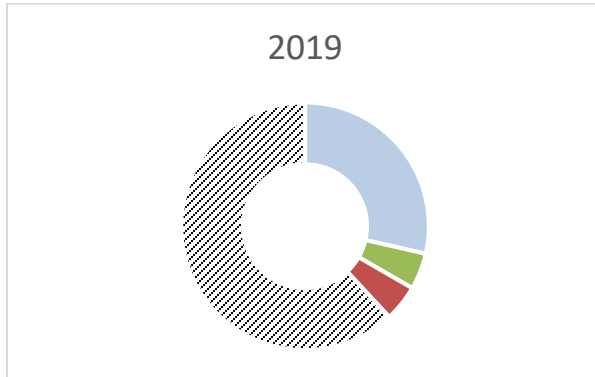
- **Recommendation 2 – 5:** updated from “pending” to “implemented – alternative approach”



Water for Life Implementation Review 2012-2015 (October 2016)

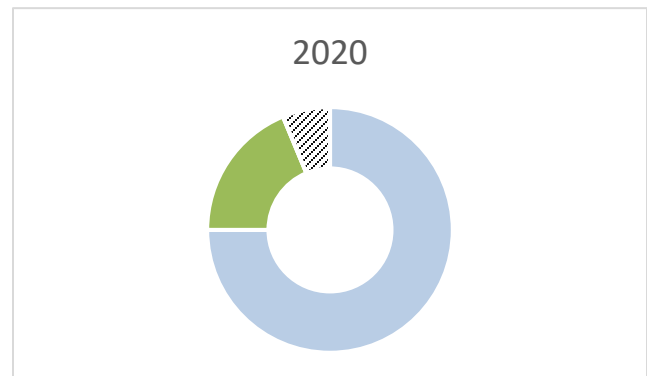
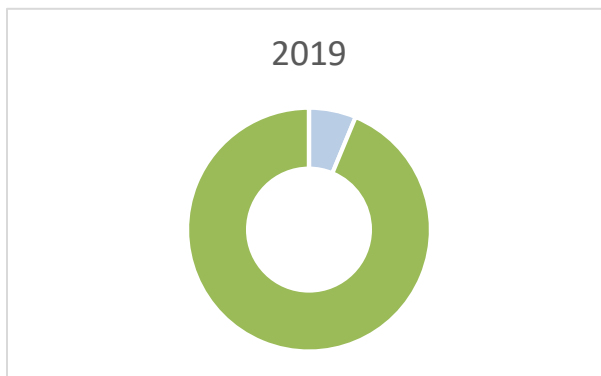
All recommendations apart from recommendation 10 have been implemented or closed as of 2019.

- **Recommendation 10:** reported as “implemented” by the AWC and WPACs in 2018, and remains “pending” by the WSGs



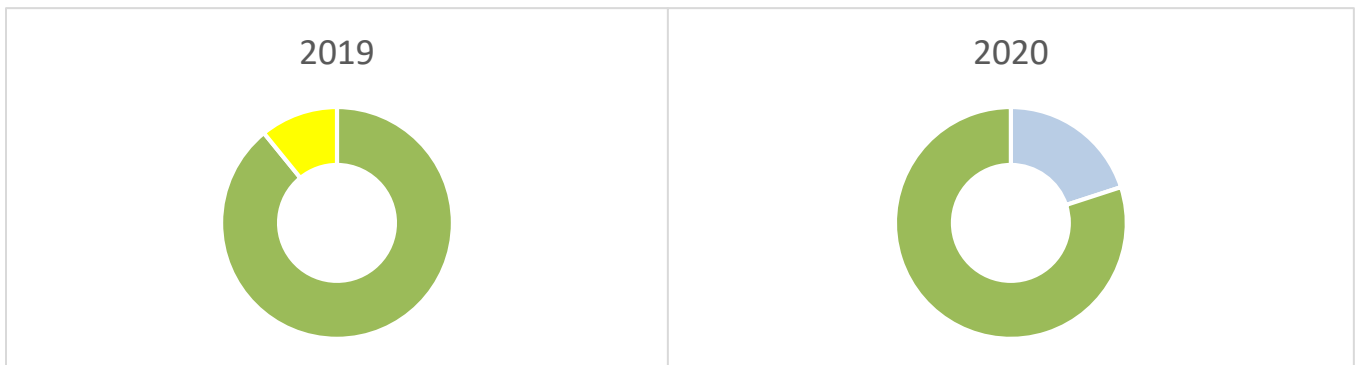
Lake Watershed Management (March 2017)

Recommendations 1, 4-8, 10, and 11 have been updated from “pending” to “implemented – alternate approach.” Recommendation 12 was updated from “pending” to “implemented as written.” Recommendation 2 and 9 remain pending.



Evaluating Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity (March 2017)

- **Recommendation 1:** Remains pending
- **Recommendations 2:** Reported as implemented by Irrigation and Forestry. Remains pending with Downstream Petroleum, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), Chemical and Power Generation.
- **Recommendation 3:** Reported as implemented by Irrigation, Forestry, Downstream Petroleum, and Chemical. Remains pending with AUMA, RMA, and Power Generation
- **Recommendation 4:** Updated from “partially implemented” to “Implemented – alternative approach”

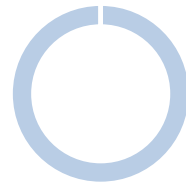


Previously Complete or Closed

Shared Governance (September 2008)

All recommendations are implemented, either as written, or with an alternate approach.

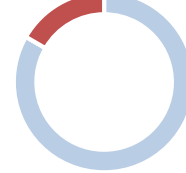
2016/2018



Watershed Management Planning (September 2008)

All recommendations apart from recommendation 3 and recommendation 8 have been implemented as written. Recommendation 3 and 8 were marked as closed.

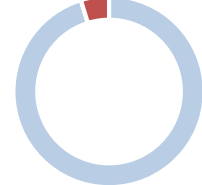
2018



Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Sector Planning (September 2008)

All recommendations apart from one have been implemented as written. Recommendation 13 was closed.

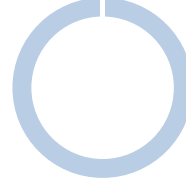
2018



Provincial Ecological Aquatic Criteria for Health (November 2009)

This recommendation has been implemented as written.

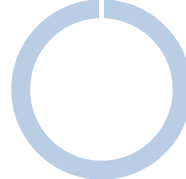
2016/2018



Sector Planning for CEP (March 2013)

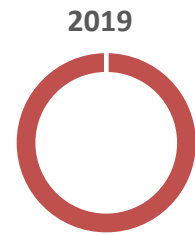
All recommendations have been implemented as written.

2016/2018



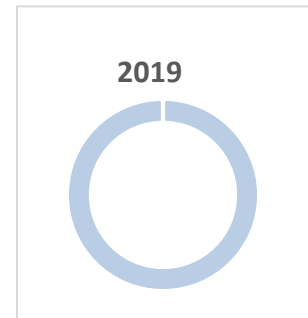
Intra-Basin Water Movement (June 2008)

All recommendations were updated to reflect that they have been closed, as a comprehensive response for these recommendations is not being developed. The Government of Alberta (GoA) is considering new policies and protocols resulting from the emergence of Whirling disease in Alberta, and other actual or potential aquatic invasive species. Additionally, a 10-year review of *Approved Water Management Plan for the South Saskatchewan River Basin (Alberta)* is currently being undertaken.



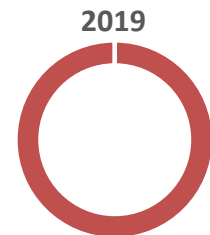
Wetland Policy

All recommendations have been updated to implemented.



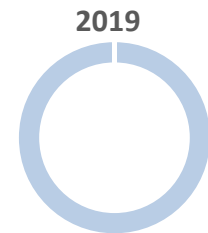
Water Allocation Transfer System Upgrade Project (August 2009)

The status of all recommendations was updated from “pending” to closed.” Alternative approaches and options are being utilized by the Ministry which align with emerging government priorities and available staffing resources.



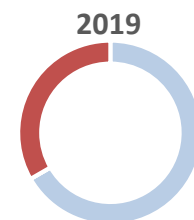
Moving from Words to Actions (June 2011)

All recommendations have been implemented either as written, or with an alternative approach.



Non-Point Source Pollution (March 2013)

Recommendation 1-4 was implemented as written. Recommendation 5 was closed.



Riparian Land Conservation and Management (March 2013)

The status for all recommendations was updated to “closed.” These recommendations are not part of current water priorities and resources have not been allocated to this work at this time.

