

Project Team	Rec #	Project Completion	Implementer	Implementation Target	Recommendation	Status at-a-glance			Status
						Implemented	In Progress	Not Under Consideration at this time	*NOTE* The updates below are provided by the identified implementer(s) and do not necessarily reflect the interpretation of the Alberta Water Council
Wetland Policy	1	16-Sep-08	AESRD, WPACs		Manage impacts to wetlands - From a regulatory perspective, this will be achieved through use of the Wetland Mitigation Decision Framework.		●		AESRD has applied the wetland policy recommendations provided by the AWC in preparing <i>Wetlands - Policy Intent</i> (2010). This document, in conjunction with the AWC recommendations, has formed the basis for ongoing development of a new provincial wetland policy. Once approved, the Alberta Wetland Policy will replace the existing interim policy, providing a comprehensive framework for informed wetland management throughout the province. It will incorporate the concept of 'relative wetland function', which recognizes that individual wetlands perform a range of different functions on the landscape. As such, they are not all equal -- a fact that must be considered in making informed wetland management decisions. Multiple external and internal stakeholders, including staff from a wide range of GOA ministries, have helped inform the policy development process to date. The AWC recommendations remain foundational to ongoing policy discussions.
Wetland Policy	2	16-Sep-08	AESRD, WPACs		Be proactive by setting wetland objectives and by integrating policy and planning - this will be achieved by developing a multi-stakeholder process for establishing watershed and regional wetland objectives that consider ecological, social and economic values; integrating the objectives into planning, policy and management processes; using performance measurement, monitoring and reporting to determine whether objectives are met; and responding adaptively.				
Wetland Policy	3	16-Sep-08	WFL Partners, AESRD		Encourage voluntary stewardship - All Albertans are encouraged to increase wetland area through voluntary stewardship. The GOA and its partners will also work with willing landowners on wetland restoration, construction and enhancement. Further, the GOA and its partners will develop tools that facilitate stewardship to increase wetland area, as well as tools that facilitate working with willing landowners on wetland restoration, construction and enhancement. These tools may include initiatives such as education and awareness, and voluntary programs and/or incentives that encourage wetland protection, conservation and restoration activities. It will be essential to recognize ongoing good works by stewardship groups, municipalities, industry and other stakeholders.				

Wetland Policy	4	16-Sep-08	WFL Partners, AESRD		Build knowledge and capacity - This will be achieved by collaborative partnership, coordination, provision of infrastructure, and financial and human capacity. Policy implementation must occur across many decision-making levels, with enhanced cooperation between individuals, local municipalities, First Nations, Métis Settlements and other Aboriginal communities and individuals, and provincial government departments. Inter-sectoral involvement and linkages will be essential in building knowledge and capacity.				
Wetland Policy	5	16-Sep-08	AESRD, WPACs		Protect wetlands of exceptional value - This will be achieved by developing a process, criteria and tools to identify and protect Alberta wetlands that are locally, regionally, provincially, nationally or internationally exceptional.				
Wetland Policy	6	16-Sep-08	AESRD, WPACs		Develop and implement a new, cutting edge policy for all of Alberta.				