



Commission Provides List of Identified Weeds and Invasive Plants in Northeast British Columbia

Effective immediately the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is providing operators with a list of identified weeds and invasive plants for Northeast British Columbia. This list, though not exhaustive, identifies the plants to be managed as weeds or invasive plant species for all activity sites within the Northeast and provides consistency amongst sectors within the province.

Operators are required to minimize damage and disturbance from oil and gas activities and related activities. The Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA) and the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPMR) provide for the management and protection of environmental values in relation to oil and gas activities. The Drilling and Production Regulation (DPR) provides further direction to permit holders regarding management of weeds.

In regard to weeds and invasive plant species, to prevent damage and disturbance from activities, operators must:

- Make reasonable efforts to ensure that seed, plant parts or propagules of an invasive plant are not transported into sites.
- Revegetate areas disturbed by activities using seed of ecologically suitable species as soon as practicable after the disturbance.
- Ensure that invasive plants do not become established on sites.
- Undertake activities to restore the ground surface to enable the control of weeds.

The Commission considers the species of plants on the following list to be invasive or weeds specific to the Northeast region of British Columbia:

Common Name	Latin Name
Burdock	<i>Arctium spp.</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>
Comfrey	<i>Symphytum spp.</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Green foxtail	<i>Setaria viridis</i>
Invasive knotweeds	<i>Fallopia spp.</i>
Invasive yellow hawkweeds	<i>Pilosella spp.</i>

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Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Marsh plume thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
Meadow goat's-beard	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>
Mountain bluet	<i>Centaurea montana</i>
Night-flowering catchfly	<i>Silene noctiflora</i>
Orange hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
Oxeye daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>
Russian thistle	<i>Salsola kali</i>
Scentless chamomile	<i>Matricaria maritima</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>
Spurge	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>
St. John's wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Tall/meadow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
Tartary buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum tataricum</i>
Wild caraway	<i>Carum carvi</i>

Permit holders are responsible for ensuring they meet all requirements of the Act, the regulations, and their permits on both new and existing sites. The Commission's Compliance and Enforcement division routinely inspects sites for weeds and invasive plants. Instances of weeds or invasive plants on sites are brought to the attention of the operator to rectify as a result of these inspections.

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