



Annual Area-based Analysis Status Updates

Effective Date: June 1, 2018

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has completed the annual update of surface land use data and updated Area-based Analysis (ABA) to reflect changes on the land base. Effective June 1, 2018, the following ABA status updates apply:

- Riparian Reserve Zones are largely unchanged, with 45 areas defined as normal, 23 enhanced management and one regulatory policy. The Lower Peace River is escalated to enhanced management, which will come into effect on July 1, 2018.
- There is no change to Old Forest with three areas remaining as enhanced management and three as normal.
- The ABA Wildlife value has been updated with 25 new areas to reflect new designations over the past year. There are some changes to ABA Wildlife Status (see table below).

Revised ABA status information is now available as shapefiles on the Commission's [ABA web page](#), and ABA Status has been updated in the online [ABA Status Reports](#).

The enhanced management and regulatory policy areas for 2018 are:

Water Management Basins Classified as Enhanced Management

Blueberry River	Lower Fort Nelson River	Lower Pine River	Moberly River
Cache Creek	Lower Halfway River	Lower Prophet River	Murray River
Cameron River	Lower Kiskatinaw River	Lynx Creek	Sukunka River
Chinchaga River	Lower Liard River	Middle Beatton River	Upper Peace River
Doig River	Lower Muskwa River	Middle Fort Nelson River	Upper Pine River
Kyklo River	Lower Peace River	Milligan Creek	

Water Management Basins Classified as Regulatory Policy

Pouce Coupe River

Old Forest Classified as Enhanced Management

Omineca Wet Trench Wet Mountains

Wildlife Areas Classified as Enhanced Management

9-047	9-105	9-135	u-9-001_SPE-013
9-052	9-117	9-140	u-9-001_SPE-015
9-058	9-121	9-141	u-9-002_SPC-018
9-066	9-125	u-7-005_E-001	u-9-002_SPC-047
9-097	9-134	u-9-001_SPE-002	u-9-004_GR-009

Wildlife Areas Classified as Regulatory Policy

9-033	9-110	9-124	9-138
9-034	9-111	9-126	9-139
9-049	9-112	9-127	9-142
9-060	9-113	9-128	9-143
9-063	9-115	9-129	9-144
9-067	9-116	9-130	u-9-002_SPC-001
9-070	9-118	9-131	u-9-002_SPC-009
9-073	9-119	9-132	u-9-002_SPC-017
9-099	9-120	9-133	u-9-004_GR-007
9-100	9-122	9-136	u-9-004_GR-017
9-104	9-123	9-137	u-9-004_GR-024
9-109			

Changes to ABA Status reflect changes on the landscape resulting from new activity. 2018 results are also influenced by improvements to cutblock delineation by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development.

Operators are reminded to avoid enhanced management and regulatory policy areas when planning oil and gas activities. Any application affecting enhanced management or regulatory policy areas requires a Mitigation Strategy signed by a Qualified Professional. Any application for activity within a regulatory policy area will be flagged for escalated review by the Commission.

Additional guidance for ABA wildlife areas can be found in the [Environmental Information Management System](#) (EIMS), including specific Ungulate Winter Range exceptions such as Chinook Ridge and Red-willow Low Elevation Winter Range.

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