



2019 Status Updates to Area-based Analysis

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2019

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has completed the 2019 annual update to Area-based Analysis (ABA). These changes come into effect on May 1, 2019.

The status of Riparian Reserve Zones in the northeast largely remains the same. In total, 45 water management basins are status normal, 22 are enhanced management and two are regulatory policy.

There is no significant change to Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA). 191 OGMA are ABA Status normal and 49 OGMA are regulatory policy. In addition, there is no change to ABA Old Forest with Boreal Plains, Northern Boreal Mountains and Boreal Foothills remaining ABA status normal, and Omineca, Wet Mountains and Wet Trench remaining enhanced management.

There are no new Ungulate Winter Range or Wildlife Habitat Areas in the Peace region. 323 wildlife areas are status normal, 21 are enhanced management and 46 are regulatory policy.

ABA is an operational program which monitors incremental cumulative disturbance on the land base from multiple sectors. In effect for four years, ABA supports the consideration of cumulative effects in decision-making, and helps to identify development risks and promote applicable mitigation development in areas of potential sensitivity.

In 2017, ABA transitioned to a two-tier program which takes into account field-based analysis in addition to desktop analysis. This allows the Commission to consider detailed information on the ground, understand cause and effect and practice continuous operational improvement and decision-making.

ABA status information is available as industry shapefiles on the Commission's [ABA web page](#). In addition, the information will be published in [online reports](#) by May 1. Additional information regarding ABA can be found in [Supplementary Information for Area-based Analysis](#). Applicants are reminded that all ABA enhanced management and regulatory policy areas should be mapped on construction plans and any new disturbance in these areas requires a Mitigation Strategy signed by a Qualified Professional.

Aligned with our commitment to safe and responsible energy resource management for British Columbia, the Commission continues to consider the inclusion of additional values and assessment protocols into ABA process as we monitor and meaningfully engage with Provincial initiatives.

Status information for 2019 follows in Backgrounder.

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Backgrounder

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 Pine River
Doig River	Lower Muskwa River	Middle Fort Nelson R.	
Kyklo River	Lower Peace River	Milligan Creek	

Water Management Basins Classified as Regulatory Policy

Pouce Coupe River Upper Peace River

OGMA Classified as Regulatory Policy

FSJ_DC_bea_01	FSJ_DC_gwi_01	FSJ_DC_kis_22	FSJ_DC_ois_11
FSJ_DC_bea_02	FSJ_DC_gwi_05	FSJ_DC_kis_23	FSJ_DC_ois_15
FSJ_DC_bea_06	FSJ_DC_gwi_09	FSJ_DC_kis_27	FSJ_DC_pbo_13
FSJ_DC_bea_08	FSJ_DC_gwi_11	FSJ_DC_lmo_02	FSJ_DC_ppa_15
FSJ_DC_bea_09	FSJ_DC_hhp_12	FSJ_DC_lmo_03	FSJ_DC_pug_05
FSJ_DC_bel_01	FSJ_DC_kin_01	FSJ_DC_lmo_05	FSJ_DC_pug_09
FSJ_DC_bel_04	FSJ_DC_kin_06	FSJ_DC_lmo_12	FSJ_DC_red_01
FSJ_DC_dck_02	FSJ_DC_kin_07	FSJ_DC_lmo_13	FSJ_DC_red_09
FSJ_DC_dck_03	FSJ_DC_kin_10	FSJ_DC_ois_04	FSJ_DC_sep_03
FSJ_DC_dck_05	FSJ_DC_kin_11	FSJ_DC_ois_07	FSJ_DC_umo_18
FSJ_DC_dck_07	FSJ_DC_kis_04	FSJ_DC_ois_09	FSJ_DC_wap_06
FSJ_DC_dck_08	FSJ_DC_kis_07	FSJ_DC_ois_10	FSJ_DC_wap_12
FSJ_DC_dck_11			

Wildlife Areas Classified as Enhanced Management

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

Wildlife Areas Classified as Regulatory Policy

9-033	9-104	9-119	9-130	9-143	9-100
9-034	9-109	9-120	9-131	9-144	
9-049	9-110	9-122	9-132	u-7-005_E-002	
9-060	9-111	9-123	9-133	u-7-006_S-008	
9-063	9-112	9-124	9-136	u-9-002_SPC-001	
9-067	9-113	9-126	9-137	u-9-002_SPC-017	
9-070	9-115	9-127	9-138	u-9-004_GR-007	
9-073	9-116	9-128	9-139	u-9-004_GR-017	
9-099	9-118	9-129	9-142	u-9-004_GR-024	

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