



## Permitting Changes During Interim Moratorium for Caribou Recovery

### EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is making permitting changes as a result of an interim moratorium on new resource development in the vicinity of Mackenzie, Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd. The two year interim moratorium recently [announced by the provincial government](#) became effective June 20, 2019 for areas considered critical to southern mountain caribou recovery.

A [map](#) of the interim moratorium areas and [shapefiles](#) are available on the provincial government website.

The section of the Order pertaining to oil and gas permitting is:

Oil and gas permits:

- 5 (1) The Commission must not, during the deferral period, issue a permit under section 25 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act with an operating area that is entirely or partially within the deferral area.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a permit that relates to any of the following projects:
  - (a) the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project, as described in and certified by Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-06 as amended from time to time under the Environmental Assessment Act;
  - (b) the Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project, as described in and certified by Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-05 as amended from time to time under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Please note the deferral period also extends to the Commission's delegated authority under the Mines Act to issue or amend permits for aggregates.

Also note, routing for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project does not intersect the moratorium areas.

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