

2020
Jurisdictional Scan: Riparian Buffers

Does your jurisdiction have policies or strategies for managing riparian (near-shore) land use protection?

JURISDICTION	REPLIED	YES/NO	CONTACT NAME
B.C PARKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	Jaime Hilbert

COMMENTS:

Hi Peter, A couple of items below re: BC Parks riparian area management/protection. Good luck on your research and let us know if you would like any additional information on any of this. Cheers, Jaime

Policies

Most of the policies that guide riparian area management are provincial and not BC Parks specific. That being said we have a few program specific policies:

- BC Parks Overarching Conservation Policy (few riparian specifics but describes are general policies):
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/conservation-policy2014.pdf?v=1582148974570>
- BC Parks Riparian Access Guidelines:

Protected Area Boundaries:

In general when we establish a new protected area we include foreshore within the protected area boundary to allow for BC Parks to allow for values protection and enforcement/management with the near shore areas. In the case of older protected areas without foreshore, where possible we will look to adding foreshore especially where management issues exist. In general, to determine the foreshore boundary for a protected area, BC Parks will use a 100 metre offset for freshwater foreshore as a guide. This is, however, not firmly set and each boundary proposal for a protected area is viewed on its own merits. The management objectives for the protected area as well as other considerations such as the location of cultural, natural and recreation values are considered when proposing a boundary.

ALBERTA PARKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	Angela Holzapfel
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COMMENTS:

In Alberta Parks, we do not have a Parks policy/procedure/standard on riparian area development, although we do need such a thing. There are some best practices and legal requirements (provincial and federal) around this type of activity. Our internal Environmental Review process and the best practices we are developing will capture this to a point, and we've also identified the need to develop a Conservation Policy where we can address it at a high level as well. Our Capital Planning Director has also identified that standards/procedures around this are on her radar for future development.

Please let me know if there are other questions I can help with

SASKATCHEWAN PARKS	X		
MANITOBA PARKS	X		
ONTARIO PARKS	Inquiring Jurisdiction		Peter Mills
<p>Original Email: Algonquin Park staff are preparing a literature review on riparian (near-shore) land use protection, and are looking for policies or strategies used in other park agencies to inform their review. Could you please send a request out to the FPT members of the CPC and ask that they share contact information or relevant policies with Peter Mills, Acting Assistant Park Biologist, Algonquin Park, at peter.mills2@ontario.ca or 705-789- 0489. We will be happy to share results with any interested agencies.</p>			
SEPAQ (QUEBEC)	X		
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR PARKS	X		
NOVA SCOTIA PARKS	X		
PARKS NEW BRUNSWICK	X		
P.E.I PARKS	X		
GOVERNMENT OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PARKS	X		
NUNAVUT PARKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	Linda Vaillancourt
<p>COMMENTS: Nunavut does not have such policies or strategies.</p>			
YUKON PARKS	X		
PARKS CANADA	X		

Response Rate: 3/13 for **23%**

Key Findings:

- 2/3 responding jurisdictions did not have policies or procedures for managing riparian land use protection.
- 2/3 responding jurisdictions stated that policies or procedures for managing riparian areas do exist on a provincial level (not Parks specific)

Future Questions to Ask:

- How much attention is given to Riparian areas in Conservation planning? Is it a reasonable amount of consideration?
- Revisit question in the future to capture more responses.

Links to Resources:

- [B.C Riparian Rights Adjacent to Protected Areas: Guidelines for Boundary Design and Authorization of Docks/Wharves](#)