

# Tools for Riparian Management

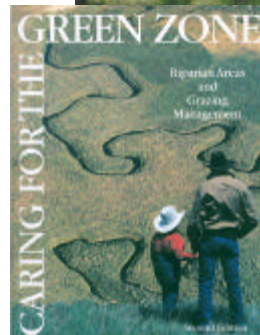


The Cows and Fish Program has developed many useful resources that can help you build a better riparian area.

## Non-Technical Materials

### Caring for the Green Zone: Riparian Areas and Grazing Management

How riparian systems work, the things that can disturb their healthy function and grazing strategies to keep them healthy.



Liz Saunders

### Riparian Health Assessment for Streams and Small Rivers Field Workbook

A pocket guide for landowners to easily determine the health of their riparian area and as a training aid for resource managers.



### Along the Water's Edge Video

Interviews with ranchers who provide messages about the importance of riparian areas to their operation.

### Cows and Fish Brochure

A summary of the Cows and Fish program, its process, achievements, and goals.

### Community/Watershed Based Riparian Health Assessment

This brief summary explains why riparian health assessment can be a valuable tool for communities and more specifically, how it benefits producers, their communities, and watersheds.

### Facing the Issues Fact Sheet

A two page summary of the role Cows and Fish plays in riparian management, and where our emphasis lies in terms of program goals.

### Caring for the Green Zone: Your Legacy

A youth guide on how riparian areas work, what affects their health and how they can be properly managed. It includes educational materials useful for ages 15-18.

### Riparian Health Training

Fact sheet on levels of training we provide, how to select a training session or workshop, and who to contact.

### Managing Riparian Areas for Water Quality

A fact sheet containing tips to help improve and maintain water quality through good riparian management.

## Technical Materials

### Riparian Classification for the Grasslands Natural Region

A detailed riparian habitat and vegetation community classification guide for use in the prairie ecoregion. Ask about our classifications for the Parkland and Boreal Regions too.

### Can Cows and Fish Co-Exist?

Published scientific paper written by Barry Adams, P. Ag. and Lorne Fitch, P. Biol.

### Riparian Areas: A User's Guide to Health.

Information on what makes riparian areas healthy and the functions riparian areas perform.



Lorne Fitch

# Other Tools for Communities & Resource Groups

## Riparian Presentations, Workshops & Training

We are available for presentations to promote awareness of riparian areas, describe the Cows and Fish program, explain riparian grazing management, and the use of riparian health assessments. We host or go to communities for riparian field days, workshops, and riparian health assessment training.



## Cows and Fish Web Site [www.cowsandfish.org](http://www.cowsandfish.org)

An overview of the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Program - Cows and Fish, process, partners and many of our extension materials.

## Demonstration and Profile Sites

On ranch/farm examples of riparian management strategies are implemented in demonstration sites. Profile ranchers are producers making their operation work for both riparian areas and cattle production.

## The Cows and Fish Process

The approach of the Cows and Fish program involves awareness, team building, tool building, encouraging community-based action and monitoring. We promote ecological literacy and voluntary action, while putting the decision-making power into the hands of producers and communities. This may be a useful template for work by your group or organization.

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NOTE: Many of these and other extension items are available on the web at <http://www.cowsandfish.org> for viewing and / or printing at no cost.

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## Cows and Fish Partners

Producers & Community Groups, Alberta Cattle Commission, Trout Unlimited Canada, Canadian Cattlemen's Association, Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, Alberta Environment, Department of Fisheries & Oceans, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, Alberta Conservation Association

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