

Tools for Riparian Management

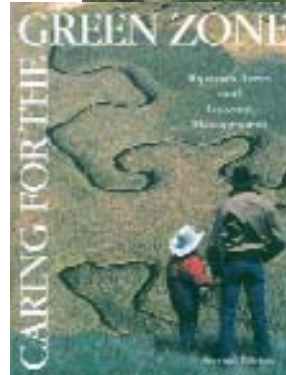


The Cows and Fish program has developed many useful resources that can help you build a better riparian area.

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.



Riparian Health Assessment for Streams and Small Rivers Field Workbook

A pocket guide for landowners to easily determine the health of their riparian areas and 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 and how it might help you and your community.

Riparian Health Assessment & Inventory

This fact sheet 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.

Riparian Areas: A User's Guide to Health

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

Caring for the Green Zone: Your Legacy

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

Riparian Health Training

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

Water Quality and Riparian Areas

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

Other Fact Sheets

- ◆ Biodiversity and Riparian Areas
- ◆ Community Stories
- ◆ The Cows and Fish Process
- ◆ Getting Past the Talk
- ◆ Invasive and Disturbance-caused Plants
- ◆ Lakes and Wetlands
- ◆ Riparian Demonstration Sites
- ◆ Riparian Profile and Reference Sites

Technical Materials

Riparian Plant Communities of the Alberta Grassland Natural Region and Adjacent Areas

A detailed riparian habitat and vegetation community classification guide for use in the Grassland Natural Region. 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.



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

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

Demonstration and Profile Sites

On ranch/farm examples of riparian management strategies are implemented in demonstration sites. Profile producers are making their operations work for both riparian areas and cattle production. See our fact sheets for more information on demonstration and profile sites.

The Cows and Fish Process

Our approach 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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Please check the items you wish to receive. In order to partially cover the cost of production, please note that there is a fee for videos (\$8) and large orders of materials.

- Caring for the Green Zone: Riparian Areas and Grazing Management (\$2/copy for orders over 5)
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- Water Quality and Riparian Areas Fact Sheet
- Can Cows and Fish Co-Exist? (scientific paper)
- Other (please list): _____

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