

ALBERTA WETLAND HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR
LARGE RIVER SYSTEMS (Survey)

Polygon number: _____ Record ID No: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

- A1.** Field data collected by (Organisation): _____
- A2.** Funding Agency/Organisation: _____
- A3.** Date field data collected: _____ **A4.** Year: _____ **A5.** Observers: _____
- A6a.** Indian or Metis Reserve? (Yes; No): _____ **A6b.** Reserve Name: _____
- A7a.** National or Provincial Park, Preserve, or Sanctuary? (Yes; No): _____ **A7b.** Name: _____
- A7c.** City Park/Reserve (Yes/No): _____ **A7d.** Name: _____
- A8a.** Ecological, Environmental and/or Municipal Reserve (Exclude national or provincial reserves)? (Yes; No): _____
- A8b.** Name: _____
- A9.** Watershed Group Affiliation: _____ **A10.** Project Name: _____
- A11.** Is This Private Land? (Yes; No): _____ **A11b.** Owner's Name: _____
- A12a.** Is This Rented Private Land? (Yes; No): _____ **A12b.** Renter's Name: _____
- A12c.** Renter's Home Legal Land Description: _____ **A12d.** County, if different than polygon: _____
- A13a.** Is this Public Land? (Yes; No): _____ **A13b.** Land Manager's Name: _____
- A13c.** Land Manager's Title, Office/Dept: _____
- A14a.** Is this part of a grazing lease or grazing reserve? (Yes; No): _____ **A14b.** Lessee Name: _____
- A14c.** Agricultural disposition No.: GRL: _____ GRP: _____ FGL: _____ Other: _____
- A14d.** Agricultural disposition Name (e.g., Community Pasture): _____
- A15a.** Has this polygon been inventoried before? (Yes; No): _____ **A15b.** Other years sampled: _____
- A15c.** Does this polygon coincide exactly with a previously inventoried polygon? (Yes; No): _____
- A15d.** ID No.(s) of other inventories of this exact polygon: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
- A16a.** Does this polygon share common area with other inventoried polygon(s), but is not exact? (Yes; No): _____
- A16b.** ID No.(s) of other records sharing area with this polygon: _____, _____, _____, _____
- A17a.** Has a change in management occurred? (Yes; No, Unknown): _____ If Yes, **A17b.** Year changed occurred: _____
- A17c.** Type of management change applied: _____
- A18.** Primary Contact: _____

LOCATION DATA

- B1.** Province: _____ **B2.** County/Municipal District: _____
- B3a.** City/Town/Village: _____ **B3b.** SubdivPlan #: _____ **B3c.** Block #: _____ **B3d.** Lot #: _____
- B4.** Waterbody Name: _____
- B5.** Polygon number: _____ **B6.** Side of Waterbody: _____
- B7.** Legal Land Location: 1/4 1/4 Sec: _____ 1/4 Sec: _____ Section: _____ Township (NS): _____ Range (EW): _____ Meridian: _____
- B8a.** Natural Region: _____ **B8b.** Sub-Region: _____
- B9a.** Major Watershed (e.g. North Saskatchewan River): _____
- B9b.** Minor Watershed (e.g. Battle River): _____
- B9c.** Sub-basin (e.g. Iron Creek): _____
- B10a.** UTM coordinates of polygon Upper end: Easting: _____; Northing: _____; Zone: _____
- B10b.** UTM coordinates of polygon Lower end: Easting: _____; Northing: _____; Zone: _____
- B10c.** UTM coordinates of any other point of interest in the polygon: East: _____; North: _____; Zone: _____
- B10d.** GPS Unit #: _____ WPt Upper: _____ WPt Lower: _____ WPt Other: _____
- B10e.** Comments: _____
- B11a.** Map Title(s): _____
- B11b.** Map Scale: _____ **B11c.** Map Year: _____
- B12.** Aerial Photo Info: Scale: _____ Date: _____ Job#: _____ Line#: _____
AS#: _____ Photo#: _____ Other Info: _____

SELECTED SUMMARY DATA

Polygon number: _____ Record ID No: _____

C1. Water body type: _____ **C2.** Polygon size (acres): _____ ; (hect): _____

C3a. Is the entire polygon upland? (Yes; No): _____ **If No, C3b.** Does the polygon consist entirely of functional wetland types? (Yes; No): _____ **C3c.** Functional wetland (acres): _____ ; (hect): _____ **C3d.** Percent of total polygon: _____

C4. Channel length (mi): _____ ; (km): _____ **C5.** Number of river miles the polygon represents: _____ ; (km): _____

C6. Average polygon width (ft): _____ ; (m): _____

C7. Habitat Types And Community Types

Classification Type Name	Phase	Pct of Poly	Successional Stage or Comments
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OPTIONAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS

D1a. Does the polygon have potential for tall woody type(s) (Yes, No, Unknown): _____

If **Yes, D1b.** Does the polygon have tall woody type(s) present? (Yes, No): _____

D2. Waterbody number (FMIS/Hydro code): _____

D3a. Is water quality data available on this waterbody? (Yes, No, Unknown, NA): _____

If **Yes, D3b.** Describe the reference for that data (name, year, etc.): _____

PHOTOGRAPH DATA

Polygon number: _____ Record ID No: _____

E1. Identification of photos (taken at the most *Upstream* end of polygon):

Photographer: _____

Roll #: _____ Photo #: _____ Description: _____

Camera Number: _____

(Views out of polygon) _____

(Views into polygon) _____

Other views: _____

E2. Is there an adjacent polygon *upstream* of this polygon? (Yes; No): _____

E3. Is there an adjacent polygon *downstream* of this polygon? (Yes; No): _____

E4. Identification of photos (taken at the most *downstream* end of polygon):

Photographer: _____

Roll #: _____ Photo #: _____ Description: _____

Camera Number: _____

(Views out of polygon) _____

(Views into polygon) _____

Other views: _____

E5. Identification of additional photos taken outside of polygon (i.e., non-polygon photos):

Roll #: _____ Photo #: _____ Description: _____

E6. Film and Camera Specs: Camera Type: _____ Film Speed(ASA)/Image Quality (dpi): _____

Lens dia. (mm): _____ Lens foc. len. (mm): _____ Filter used (polarizer or none): _____

RIVER HEALTH EVALUATION

Record ID No: _____

Polygon number: _____

	Actual Score	Possible Score	Comment
1. Cottonwood and Poplar Regeneration from Seed	_____	_____	_____
2. Regeneration of other Native Tree Species	_____	_____	_____
3. Regeneration of Preferred Shrub Species	_____	_____	_____
4. Standing Decadent and Dead Woody Material	_____	_____	_____
5a. Browse Util. of Preferred Trees and Shrubs	_____	_____	_____
5b. Woody Veg. Removal other than Browsing	_____	_____	_____
6. Total Canopy Cover of Woody Species	_____	_____	_____
7a. Total Canopy Cover of Invasive Plant Species	_____	_____	_____
7b. Density/Distribution Pattern of Invasive Plant Species	_____	_____	_____

List Invasive Plant Species present, including Percent Canopy Cover and Density Distribution Class:	Species	Can.Cov.	Dens.Dist.
	1. _____	_____	_____
	2. _____	_____	_____
	3. _____	_____	_____
	4. _____	_____	_____
	5. _____	_____	_____

8. Disturbance-increaser Undesirable Herbaceous Species _____

Vegetation Subtotal: _____

9. Riverbank Root Mass Protection _____

10. Human-Caused Bare Ground _____

11. Removal or Addition of Water from/to River System _____

12. Control of Flood Peak and Timing by Upstream Dam(s) _____

13. Riverbanks Structurally Altered by Human Activity _____

14. Human Physical Alteration to the Rest of the Polygon _____

15. Floodplain Accessibility within the Polygon _____

Soil / Hydrology Subtotal: _____

Overall Polygon Total: _____

RATING CALCULATION

(Actual Score/Possible Score) X 100 = Rating Percent

Descriptive Category

Vegetation Rating: _____ / _____ x 100 = _____

Soil / Hydrology: _____ / _____ x 100 = _____

Total: _____ / _____ x 100 = _____

Rating Percent Range	Descriptive Category
80-100	Proper Functioning Condition (Healthy)
60-79	Functional At Risk (Healthy, but with Problems)
<60	Nonfunctional (Unhealthy)

