

Alberta North American Waterfowl Management Plan Partnership

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About the Alberta NAWMP Partnership

Alberta NAWMP is a partnership of one federal and two provincial government departments and two non-government agencies that all have a responsibility for Alberta's wetlands as part of their mandates. The five organizations continually seek opportunities to work with each other and with regional and municipal agencies and other stakeholders.

Alberta NAWMP's creativity and success come from the synergy of working together. The Alberta NAWMP partners and their collaborators enhance existing wetland stewardship efforts and launch innovative initiatives that otherwise might not happen.

The Partners of the Alberta NAWMP Partnership are as follows:

- Alberta Environment and Parks
- Alberta Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Nature Conservancy of Canada

The partnership is directed by a Board of Directors and a Management Committee, which are advised by Policy and Communications committees. Together these committees coordinate joint projects, communications, planning and policy support, and facilitate funding options among the partners. Alberta NAWMP supports the partners through technical and logistical assistance and by advancing innovative ideas. The committees and projects are directed and overseen by the Alberta NAWMP Coordinator.

Vision

Healthy prairie, parkland and boreal landscapes that support sustainable bird populations and provide ecological and economic benefits to society.

Mission

Provide leadership to achieve healthy and diverse waterfowl and other bird populations through conservation partnerships. These partnerships strive for sustainable and responsible management of the landscape taking into account social, economic and environmental factors.

The Bigger Picture

Alberta NAWMP is a provincial partnership, however the North American Waterfowl management Plan is a landmark partnership between Canada, the United States and Mexico for habitat conservation with a focus to sustain continental waterfowl populations. The Plan, signed in 1986, defines and prioritizes geographic regions across the continent. These geographic regions focus on using collaborative approaches at local, regional, national and international levels.

Alberta NAWMP falls under the Prairie Habitat Joint Venture regional partnership, and this region which incorporates prairie, parkland and boreal landscapes in western Canada is one of the most productive areas for waterfowl in the world. The Alberta NAWMP habitat goals are based on the PHJV's Habitat Implementation Plans, and Alberta NAWMP works closely with NWAMP counterparts in Saskatchewan and Manitoba to collaborate on furthering projects to enhance wetland and waterfowl policy and science.

Projects of Interest

The Alberta NAWMP Partnership has a variety projects of focus at any given time, however the following projects are of interest to the AEPA:

- The Agriculture Working Group
- The Wetland Education Network
- Annual forums and workshops

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