

Decision Making (Governance Powers) for Consideration - CWB

	Areas of Decision Making (WSA)	Current Mgmt? (1-5)	Spectrum of Authority				Decision Making (accountability) ** with increased capacity
			Right to be informed & Advise/Local Expertise (informal)	Input to DM (formal)	Influence DM (formal consideration /response)	Veto (ability to say no)	
Fresh Water	Allocations (Licencing)						
	Surface water						
	Groundwater						
	Enviro Flows						
	Critical Flows						
	Planning						
	Drought Planning						
	Water Sust Plans (WSPs)						
	Drinking Water Source Protection Plans (DWPA)						
	Water Objectives						
	Dam and Dyke Safety						
	Inventory						
	Inspections						
	Riparian Areas						
	Riparian Areas Regulations (FPA)						
	Protected Stream Designations						
	Compliance and Enforcement						
	Licences (and conditions)						
	Dams and Dykes						
	Monitoring/Reporting						
	Water Use						
	State of the Watershed Reporting						

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Other Watershed Resources	Areas of Decision Making (WSA)	Current Mgmt? (1-5)	<i>Spectrum of Authority</i>				
			Advise/Local Expertise (informal)	Input to DM (formal)	Influence DM (formal consideration /response)	Veto (ability to say no)	Full Decision Making (accountability)
	Water Quality -Prov Objectives (EMA)						
	Liquid Waste Management (EMA)						

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Marine -moorage -marina -general (multiple acts							
Marine -Estuary Plan							
Fish and Wildlife -closures (Wildlife Act) -species at risk							
Parks							
Oversight of private forestry							
Mining							
Agriculture							
Land Use Planning							

About these tables

These tables are meant to help generate discussion and understanding about what areas CWB would like to be more active in decision making. This is a draft (living) document and will be refined over time.

Context

An immediate opportunity for governance reform is available around implementation of the new *Water Sustainability Act* – thus table 1 emphasizes aspects of the WSA that are potentially available for shared or delegated governance. Currently the Provincial government is inviting discussion among a select group (including the CWB) to explore options for piloting some of these new governance arrangements in the Act. Table 2 offers an overview of other areas of relevant watershed management that might be considered going forward.

NOTE: it is important to differentiate from areas you wish to see better management (but for the same governance structure to remain (ie province/feds/local government to remain active) versus

Acronyms

- DM Decision Maker
- EMA Environmental Management Act
- WSA- Water Sustainability Act
- DWPA – Drinking Water Protection Act
- FPA – Fish Protection Act

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Key questions for government:

1. Possibility of affirming/grandparenting of existing Watershed Plans (or amended plans) for WSPs?
2. Will water objectives be regionalized or general for provincial application?
3. What options are available for revenue flows? (with increased roles in decision making is it possible to attach a portion of resource rentals to local activities?)