



Fish and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS)

Data Sharing Agreement

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The Fish and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS) stores information on the location and number of wild species and their habitats in Alberta. FWMIS is supported by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, and will hereafter be referred to as the “Supporting Organization”. By requesting access to and using the FWMIS data you agree to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this document governing the use of the FWMIS information.

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Fish and Wildlife Management Information System FWMIS Statement Regarding Use of Data

I. Guiding Philosophy

The Supporting Organization has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of the database with current and accurate information as available, and to protect the species and habitats represented in the database. Data stored in FWMIS is intended to support appropriate conservation and management of Alberta's wild species and their habitats.

The data are considered to be fundamentally in the public domain, however as the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides that Government may refuse to disclose information that could reasonably be expected to result in damage to or interfere with the conservation of rare, endangered, threatened or vulnerable species. Measures are taken to secure the locations of particularly sensitive species and their habitats against inappropriate use in order to protect the species, their habitats, and stakeholders concerned.

II. Statement of Acceptable Use

Data will be provided to individuals and organizations only on a demonstrated need basis for single use and specific declared purposes related to appropriate conservation and management of Alberta's fish and wildlife, including the review of development proposals. Redistribution of the data is prohibited. Data will not be provided to commercial firms for the creation of independent datasets.

Data stored in FWMIS originate from multiple sources. Source credit will be given with any data distributed from FWMIS, and this credit must be acknowledged by all users of the data.

Example Format:

Reference Author(s). Reference Year. Reference Title. Retrieved month-day-year from the Fish and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS), Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

Buell, Z., R.Timonsteen, and D.Loray. 2001 Biodiversity of wildlife in the Youngman drainage of Alberta. Retrieved Jan-16-2004 from the Fish and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS), Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

III. Location Security and Data Sensitivity

Following accepted guidelines and standards, the locations of Endangered, Threatened, and selected Vulnerable Species and their habitats will be kept secure. In all distribution and sharing of data such records will be clearly identified. Security is accomplished by generalizing the specific locations within appropriate limits such that the exact location cannot be identified. The normal hazing factor will be ± 5000 m, but other greater limits are possible.

Only generalized data will be provided to external individuals and organizations, except on demonstrated need assessed by the staff of the Supporting Organization.

The specific locations of secured records are not to be published in any form without the express written consent of the Supporting Organization or the FWMIS administrator.

IV. Reciprocation of Data

As a recipient of data stored in FWMIS, you agree to submit any observations of fish and wildlife occurrences that you record in association with the use of FWMIS data. Immediately upon the conclusion of your field inventories, you will submit reciprocated data to the Supporting Organization for inclusion into FWMIS. Reciprocated data is to be submitted within a properly formatted 'FWMIS Loadform' (contact the Supporting Organization for a copy of the loadform). The Supporting Organization will treat the data submitted in the same fashion as if the data was already part of the FWMIS database.

V. Disclaimer

Many individuals and organizations have contributed data to FWMIS. However, many areas in Alberta have never been surveyed comprehensively, and the results of a data search of FWMIS are not intended as a final statement on the presence, absence, or status of species within a given area, nor as a substitute for on-site surveys.

While every effort will be made to ensure that the information contained in FWMIS is accurate and up to date, the Supporting Organization, and its agents and employees are not liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly from the possession, publication, or use of, or reliance on, that information. It is provided "as is" without express or implied warranty.

VI. Rights Reserved

The Supporting Organization reserves the right to vary without notice any material placed in FWMIS, and the Terms and Conditions of Use. Violations and non-compliance of conditions found within the Agreement may result in refusals of future data requests made to FWMIS.

VII. Acknowledgement and Contact

You acknowledge having read these Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, and that your request and use of the data indicate that you agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

For questions or comments, please contact:

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