



## Appendix III – Provincial Legislation Regulating Activities In and Around Lakes

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Legislation	Administered by	Background	Regulated Lake Activities
<i>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</i>	Alberta Environment	This Act sets up the regulatory framework to ensure problems are identified and addressed before a development project is given approval, that conditions are applied to operations where required, and that activities are monitored to stringent environmental standards. It takes an integrated approach to the protection of Alberta’s air, land, and water. It guarantees public participation in decisions affecting the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic vegetation control (using chemicals).</li> <li>• Cyanobacteria blooms (chemical control).</li> <li>• Depositing harmful material into the water, or where it may harm fish.</li> <li>• Storage and application of fertilizers.</li> <li>• Regulation of stormwater drainage systems.</li> <li>• Regulation of municipal wastewater treatment facilities.</li> <li>• Regulation of septage disposal.</li> </ul>
<i>Fisheries Act (Alberta)</i>	Alberta Sustainable Resource Development	This Act provides a mechanism to enter into agreements with the federal government regarding the licensing of the use of fish for different purposes, and the culture, use, and marketing of fish for commercial purposes within the province. While it does not manage water directly, the management of fisheries can impact how we manage for in-stream flow and other ecological needs of our water bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic vegetation control.</li> <li>• Setting catch limits on fish.</li> </ul>

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<i>Municipal Government Act/Land Use Policies</i>	Alberta Municipal Affairs	This Act provides the primary statute governing the affairs of Municipalities. Pursuant to the Act, the Land Use Policies identify those matters that the Province feels that municipalities should address in their land-use planning decisions. Each municipality is expected to incorporate the Land Use Policies into its planning documents and planning practices. A goal of the Policies is to contribute to the protection and sustainable use of the province's water resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of municipal and environmental reserve lands.</li> </ul>
<i>Public Health Act/Regulations</i>	Regional Health Units	This legislation provides for the protection of public health including issues related to protection of potable water supplies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyanobacteria/algae blooms (health information).</li> <li>• Inappropriate disposal of wastewater or septage material.</li> </ul>
<i>Public Lands Act</i>	Alberta Sustainable Resource Development	This Act governs the administration and use of all public lands. This legislation regulates development and activities that might affect the bed and shore of crown water bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic vegetation control.</li> <li>• Beach development / sand placement.</li> <li>• Placement of boat docks.</li> <li>• Any project on the bed or shore of a lake.</li> <li>• Dredging / in-filling.</li> <li>• Shoreline development (erosion control works, permanent structures).</li> </ul>



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<i>Safety Codes Act</i>	Alberta Municipal Affairs	This Act sets out the codes and standards relating to building, fire, electrical, gas, plumbing, private sewage treatment systems, elevators, boilers and pressure vessels, amusement rides, and ski lifts. The Act allows for permit systems. Qualified municipalities can carry out some responsibilities under this Act. One example would be the role of a municipality issuing certain permits. The Safety Codes Council oversees this Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation of onsite sewage disposal systems.</li> <li>• Accreditation of municipalities.</li> <li>• Private sewage system permits and inspections (if accredited).</li> </ul>
<i>Water Act</i>	Alberta Environment	This Act supports and promotes the conservation and management of water, including the wise allocation and use of water to sustain the environment and quality of life in the present and the future. This legislation regulates all developments and activities that might affect streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and aquifers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic vegetation control.</li> <li>• Beach development / sand placement.</li> <li>• Stormwater management works.</li> <li>• Dredging / in-filling.</li> <li>• Any project on the bed or shore of the lake.</li> <li>• Shoreline development (erosion control works, permanent structures).</li> </ul>