

KEEPING PACE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Alberta Society of Professional Biologists'
2009 Conference



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April 15 and 16, 2009
Calgary Zoo, Safari Room, Calgary, Alberta

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2009		
TIME	PRESENTATION	SPEAKER
7:00am-7:50am	Conference Registration and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
7:50am-8:00am	Opening Remarks – Carol Engstrom, ASPB President	
SESSION 1 – Land-Regulatory Policy and Management (CHAIR: Charles Macmichael)		
8:00am-8:45am	Keynote Address-the Land Use Framework	Morris Seiferling Assistant Deputy Minister Land-use Secretariat Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
8:45am-9:15am	Cumulative Effects Policy	Menzie McEachern Cumulative Effects Projects Cumulative Effects Alignment Team Alberta Environment
9:15am-9:45am	Integrated Land Management	Aniko Parnell Integrated Land Management Lands Division Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
9:45am-10:15am	PANEL DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS	
10:15am-10:30am	COFFEE BREAK (15 minutes)	
SESSION 2 – Land-Reclamation and Remediation (CHAIR: Donna Andrews Oswald)		
10:30am-11:00am	New Reclamation Criteria	Shane Patterson Science Division Alberta Environment
11:00am-11:30am	Range Ecology and Application of the New Reclamation Criteria	Barry Adams Prairies Area Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
11:30am-12:00pm	Common Misconceptions about the Alberta Tier 1/Tier 2 Guidelines and Challenges in Implementing the Guidelines	Jennifer Shalagan, Ian Mitchell and David Williams Meridian Environmental Inc.
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK (1 hour)	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2009 - Continued**SESSION 3 – Federal Initiatives (CHAIR: Shireen Palmer)**

1:00pm-1:30pm	Species at Risk Act-Moving Forward	Sherry Nugent Alberta District - Calgary Office Fisheries and Oceans Canada
1:30pm-2:00pm	Implementing New EA Legislation-Lessons from the Yukon Environmental and Socio Economic Assessment Act	Michael Muller Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board
2:00pm-2:30pm	SARA rare plant survey guidelines and setback guidelines	Darcy Henderson Prairie Region Environment Canada
2:30pm-2:45pm	COFFEE BREAK (15 minutes)	
SESSION 4 (CHAIR: Linda Zimmerling)		
2:45pm-3:15pm	Changes in IOGC Environmental Protocols	Elaine Blais Indian Oil and Gas Canada
3:15pm-3:45pm	First Nation Consultation Process	Neil Brad Aboriginal Consultation Unit Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
3:45pm-4:15pm	Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and what it means to the professional biologist.	Robin Leech Alberta Society of Professional Biologists Linda Michaluk BC-College of Applied Biology
4:30pm-5:30pm	ASPB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
6:00pm-10:00pm	DINNER BANQUET	Marian and Robin White (<i>Authors of Wild Alberta at the Crossroads</i>) A book that features photographs and information from their 7 years of travels throughout the province.

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2009		
TIME	PRESENTATION	SPEAKER
7:00am-8:00am	Conference Registration & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
8:00am-8:10am	Opening Remarks & Housekeeping	
SESSION 5 – Wetlands (CHAIR: Chad Willms)		
8:15am-8:45am	Wetland Policy	Petra Rowell Partnerships and Strategies Section Alberta Environment
8:45am-9:15am	The Riparian Setback Matrix Model and the Need for a Provincial Riparian Policy	Jay White Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd.
9:15am-9:45am	Municipal Wetland Conservation Policy Development and Implementation	Jocelyn Thrasher-Haug Strathcona County
9:45am-10:15am	PANEL DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS	
10:15am-10:30am	COFFEE BREAK (15 minutes)	
SESSION 6 – Air (CHAIR: Leslie Monteleone)		
10:30am-11:00am	TBA-Climate Change	Andy Ridge Climate Change Policy Section Alberta Environment
11:00am-11:30am	The New King of EIA's, Air Quality	David Chadder RWDI Air Inc.
11:30am-12:00pm	Human Health Risk Assessment and Beyond-the Holistic Health Approach	Gordon Brown Intrinsic Environmental Sciences Inc. Murray Lee Habitat Health Impact Consulting
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK (1 hour)	
SESSION 7 – Wildlife and Plants (CHAIR: Susan Patey-LeDrew)		
1:00pm-1:30pm	A Comparison of bird deterrent systems for oil sands tailings ponds in NE Alberta	Brock Simons, John Gulley and Martin Jalkotzy Golder Associates Ltd.
1:30pm-2:00pm	Wildlife Survey Protocols	John Taggart Fish and Wildlife Division Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
2:00pm-2:30pm	Proposed Weed Act Revisions and Development of an Integrated Weed Management Program	Atty Bressler AMEC Earth and Environmental
2:30pm-2:45pm	COFFEE BREAK (15 minutes)	
2:45pm-3:15pm	Assumptive Error and Overestimation of Effects in Wildlife Model Output – Woodland Caribou	Don Harron TetrES Consultants Inc.
3:15pm-3:45pm	Applicability of ABMI Protocols for Monitoring Biodiversity on Reclaimed Oil Sands Sites	Carol Stefan and Cynthia Lane Golder Associates Ltd.
3:45pm-4:00pm	Conference Closing Remarks – Incoming ASPB President	