

Thank you for your e-mail dated January 17, 2008 and a copy of the letter, regarding the timing of the Alberta Water Council's (AWC) Wetland Policy consultation process.

I have forwarded a copy of the letter to Mr. Gordon Edwards, the AWC's Executive Director, for his consideration in planning future council consultation initiatives. I understand that ephemeral wetlands was a key topic area during consultation, and that the project team is considering the input it received on this issue.

As you are aware, Ms. Carrie Selin continues to do an excellent job bringing an agricultural perspective to the wetland team. I encourage you to continue to provide your input to Ms. Selin, particularly as the wetland team prepares to make its recommendations to the AWC in early March 2008, and as the AWC undertakes its review of those recommendations before its June 2008 board meeting.

Please be aware that Mr. Ian Rudland has recently retired from Alberta Environment. For the interim, his replacement contact is Ms. Petra Rowell. Ms. Rowell may be reached at (780) 644-1260; or by e-mail at [Petra.Rowell@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Petra.Rowell@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

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