

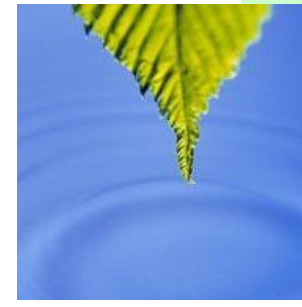
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A Partnership Protocol

With Alberta's

Watershed Planning & Advisory Councils

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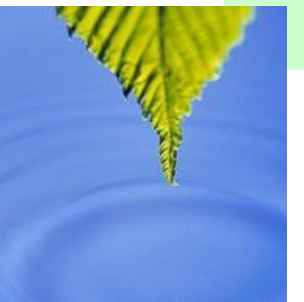


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- GOA cannot achieve the goals of W4L alone.
- WPACs are being designated to help achieve these goals through watershed assessment and planning



The Growing Community



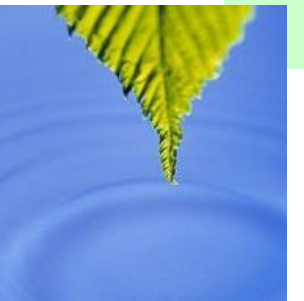
- 2004: the Oldman WC, BRBC
- 2005: NSWA, Red Deer RWA
- 2006: Battle RWA, Milk RWCC
- 2007: Lesser Slave WC, Beaver RWA
- 2008: SEAWA
- 2010: Athabasca WC
- 2011: the final WPAC in the Peace watershed?



Designation as a WPAC



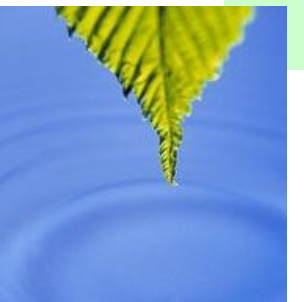
- What does this mean?
 - ◆ Water for Life
 - ◆ Enabling Partnerships
 - ◆ Grant & contract agreements
 - ◆ Letters, emails & conversations
- Something more is needed.





Let's write it down!

- Comfort letter
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Partnership Protocol





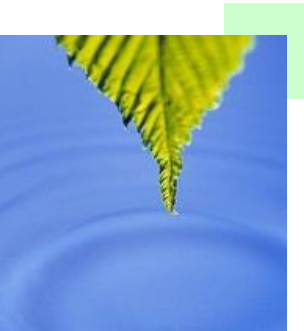
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- An expression of GOA's expectations regarding roles and responsibilities.



- Some general statements
- Some details.





What is the Partnership Protocol ?

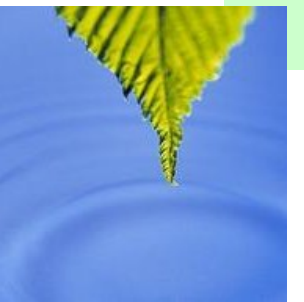


Section 3 Shared Outcomes and Goals.



Section 4. The Ministry's Mandate, Roles & Responsibilities

- Authority & accountability for water management
- An AENV representative



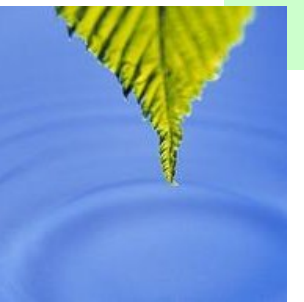


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Section 5. The WPAC's Mandate, Roles & Responsibilities

- State of the watershed
- Watershed management planning
- Advice



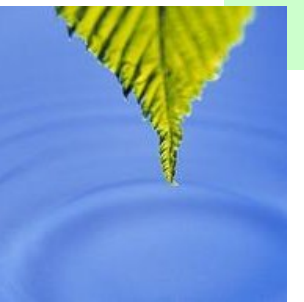


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Section 5. (continued...)

- Business Planning
- Financial aspects
- Societies Act
- Insurance, conflict of interest.
personal information, decision-making



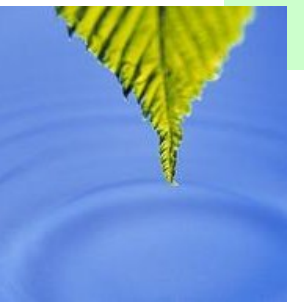


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Section 6. Working relationships

- General conduct
- Information sharing
- Reporting to the Ministry



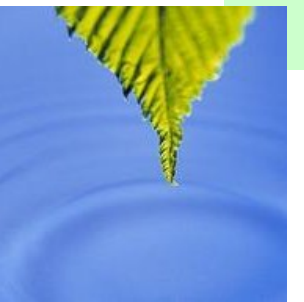


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Section 7. General conditions and limitations of the Protocol

- Not legally binding
- Periodic review
- Amendment, termination, notices



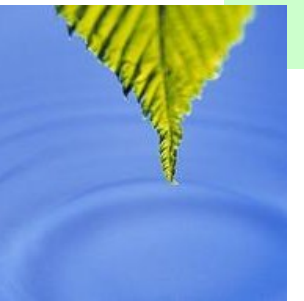


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Appendices

- Letter of designation
- Map of the watershed

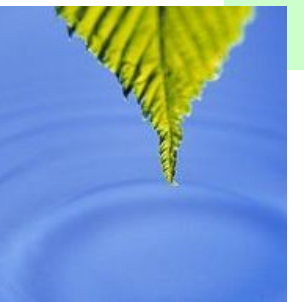




Next steps



- Allow time for WPAC Boards to familiarize themselves with the Protocol
- Prepare individual Protocols
- Exchange / sign the Protocols
- Timeline: All signed by September 2010

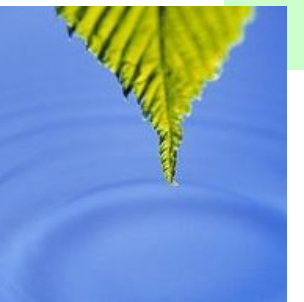


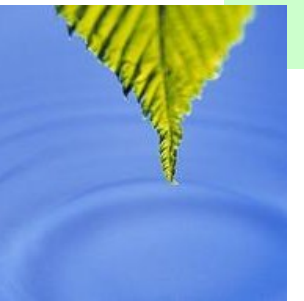


And now....



1. A few general questions for clarification
2. Individual worksheets and smaller discussion groups
3. Plenary session for feedback & discussion





Thank you !