

2024-2025 UPDATES



The Policy Committee continues to play an active role in wetland and grassland policy support, implementation, and evaluation across the ecoregions of the PHJV. This is accomplished in three ways:

1) COMMUNICATION

Education and outreach are important for maintaining engagement. Newsletters are distributed monthly to an audience of over 400 individuals, and are accompanied by monthly webinars that explore current conservation issues and activities within the PHJV.

2) RESEARCH

The Human Dimensions and Policy Committees are continuing to collaborate on a three-year research project that focuses on grassland conservation policy across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This environmental scan of the existing work of grassland conservation organizations is complemented by directly engaging ranchers and Indigenous communities. Sharing perspectives, experiences, and outcomes will inform habitat conservation activities undertaken by the PHJV and the JV8 network of grassland joint ventures.

3) COOPERATION

Partnerships across the Prairie Parklands build policy support. In 2024, workshops on grassland policy were held with Indigenous community members and implementers of grassland conservation work from agricultural, ENGO, municipal and industry sectors. The committee also facilitated four wetland and grassland policy meetings with provincial and federal policymakers. Interprovincial and federal information sharing ensures that successes and challenges faced by regions and areas will improve collective efforts.

POLICY INITIATIVES
are activities undertaken by joint venture partners with the purpose of supporting government legislation, policies, and programs that benefit waterfowl habitat.

FLYING FORWARD

Continued engagement with the Environmental Law Center will help the Policy Committee measure the impact of policies and their success.

The Policy Committee is an active and vibrant group of representatives from various sectors that are passionate about guiding decisions that benefit land, water, and people. Follow what we do:

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