Quarterly Oil and Gas Water Management Summary



Fourth Quarter 2019 (Oct - Dec)



PURPOSE

This *Quarterly Oil and Gas Water Management Summary* presents short-term water use and water licence data from the Q4 October to December 2019 period.

Previous annual water use reports and quarterly water management summaries are available on the BC Oil and Gas Commission website at www.bcogc.ca.

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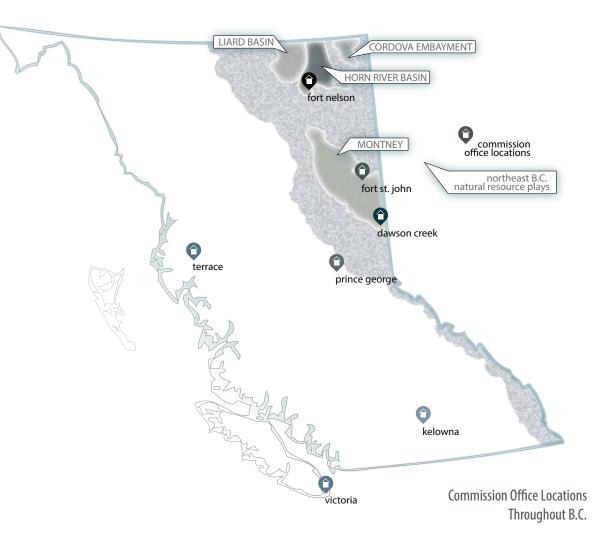
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BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

he <u>BC Oil and Gas Commission</u> (Commission) is the provincial regulatory agency with responsibilities for regulating oil and gas activities in British Columbia, including exploration, development, pipeline transportation and reclamation.

The Commission's core services include reviewing and assessing applications for industry activity, consulting with First Nations, cooperating with partner agencies, and ensuring industry complies with provincial legislation and all regulatory requirements. The public interest is protected by ensuring public safety, respecting those affected by oil and gas activities, conserving the environment, and ensuring equitable participation in production.

The Commission is responsible for reviewing, assessing, and making decisions on water authorizations from both surface and subsurface water sources. The Commission has the expertise and tools to make informed water allocation decisions, and protecting and maintaining environmental and community water needs are its first priorities.



HOW WATER IS USED

Water is used for various purposes in the oil and gas industry.



The largest use of water for oil and gas activities is for hydraulic fracturing.

However, water is used for other purposes, such as:



Seismic or geophysical exploration

Drilling

Machine washing

Dust control

Water floods (to enhance oil recovery)

Ice road freezing

Hydrostatic testing of pipelines

HOW WATER IS ACCESSED

here are different ways the oil and gas industry may access water in British Columbia. Some methods are managed through provincial legislation, including:

- Water licences issued under the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) for surface and groundwater. The Commission has staff designated as Regional Water Managers with authority for issuing and administering long-term water licences.
- Short-term surface water use or diversion approvals issued under Section 10 of the WSA. Short-term water use is administered by the Commission.
- Water source wells authorized by the Commission under the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA). Water source wells are a specific type of well where the water withdrawn is intended for injection into an underground formation to enhance oil or natural gas recovery.
- **Flowback water** that returns to the surface after being injected for hydraulic fracturing.
- **Produced water** that flows to the surface as a by-product of oil and gas production.

The oil and gas industry can access water by means outside of regulatory oversight:



• **Private agreements** can be made with land owners or others who have a source of surface water supply such as a dugout or a groundwater well. In some cases, private agreements may require a Waterworks water licence under the WSA.

SHORT-TERM WATER APPROVAL AND USE

During October to December of 2019, there were 297 short-term water use approvals in place, representing 686 withdrawal locations, held by 49 companies (Table 1).

The total water volume associated with short-term approvals active on the last day of the fourth quarter was 13,347,623 m³.

A total of 1,281,115 m³ was reported as withdrawn by oil and gas operators during 2019.

	- SUMMARY OF SHORT-TERM APPROVAL AND USE GAS ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 20		Q2	Q3	Q4
	Companies with Active Approvals	46	44	43	49
	Active Approvals	201	239	267	297
SHORT- TERM	Approved Withdrawal locations	623	575	571	686
I LNIVI	Volume Available for Use (m ³)	12,781,913	12,270,357	12,458,574	13,347,623
	Cumulative Volume Reported Withdrawn (m ³)	313,178	647,292	1,109,121	1,281,115

A break-down of short-term water approval and use by OGC Water Management Basin is listed in Table 4.

LONG-TERM WATER LICENCES AND USE

In the fourth quarter of 2019, there were 79 active oil and gas related water licences, representing 84 withdrawal locations, held by 21 companies (Table 2).

The total annual licenced water volume was 29,946,496 m³.

A total of 2,767,043 m³ of licenced water was reported withdrawn by year end. Companies with active licences in Q4 are listed in Table 3.

	- SUMMARY OF WATER LICENCE AND USE FOR OIL AND S FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2019) GAS Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Companies with Active Water Licences	15	18	19	21
WATER	Active Water Licences	57	72	74	79
LICENCE	Licenced Withdrawal Locations	60	77	79	84
LICLINCE	Annual Volume Available for Use for Water Licences (m ³)	26,822,997	29,326,444	29,521,425	29,946,496
	Cumulative Volume Reported Withdrawn (m ³)	464,272	1,759,139	2,530,827	2,767,043

A break-down of water licence allocation and use by OGC Water Management Basin is listed in Table 4.

ICENCE #	LICENCEE	SOURCE	OGC WATER MGMT BASIN	ANNUAL APPROVAL (m³/YR)	2019 WATER USE (m³/YR)
112155	Whitecap Resources Inc.	Peace River	Lower Peace River	1,825,000	157,258
132688	Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL)	Charlie Lake	Lower Beatton River	394,000	5,592
134104	Petronas Energy Canada	Unnamed Stream	Lower Halfway River	50,235	925
134111	Petronas Energy Canada	Unnamed Stream	Upper Beatton River	49,588	765
500226	Veresen Energy Pipeline	Aquifer 621	Smoky River	5,500	914
500342	Petronas Energy Canada	FSJ Aquifer	Cameron River	8,988	36
500355	Ovintiv Canada ULC	Dugout nr Eight Mile Creek	Lower Peace River	90,000	254
500449	Kelt Exploration Ltd.	Aquifer 451	Cache Creek	146,000	22,417
500453	Kelt Exploration Ltd.	Aquifer 451	Cache Creek	160,235	10,411
500794	Petronas Energy Canada	FSJ Aquifer	Upper Beatton River	6,924	328
501073	Petronas Energy Canada	FSJ Aquifer	Cameron River	6,240	588
501076	Ovintiv Canada ULC	Bissette/Dawson Ck Aquifer	Pouce Coupe River	482,000	1,002
501120	Canlin Energy Corp.	FSJ Aquifer	Upper Beatton River	1,825	40
501135	CNRL	Aquifer 451	Blueberry River	1,825	301
501206	CNRL	Dawson Creek Bedrock	Murray River	730	165
501207	CNRL	FSJ Aquifer	Kahntah River	2,555	552
501210	CNRL	FSJ Aquifer	Kahntah River	365	55
501211	CNRL	FSJ Aquifer	Upper Beatton River	730	165
501212	CNRL	Dawson Creek Aquifer	Smoky River	1,095	184
501270	Black Swan Energy Ltd.	FSJ Aquifer	Upper Beatton River	6,570	425
501357	Pineview Trucking/Excav.	Unnamed Aquifer	Parsnip River (Outside NEB		2,672
501398	Umbrella Oilfield Ltd.	Chrissy Creek/FSJ Aquifer	Cameron River	150,000	12,963
501477	TAQA North Ltd.	FSJ Aquifer	Middle Beatton River	1,095	148
501507	Ovintiv Canada ULC	Aquifer 622	Pouce Coupe River	200,000	18,040
501686	Kelt Exploration Ltd.	FSJ Aquifer	Blueberry River	27,375	9

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TABLE 4 - SUMMARY OF WATER ALLOCATION AND USE FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN 2019,	SHOR	T-TERM WATER US	E APPROVALS - BC	OIL AND GAS C	OMMISSION	OIL AND GAS RELATED WATER LICENCES						
ORGANIZED BY OGC WATER MANAGEMENT BASIN (Page 1 of 4)	NUMBER OF APPROVED	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED (m ³) FOR LOCATIONS	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED as %	TOTAL VOLUME	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN AS % OF MEAN	NUMBER O LICENCED		TOTAL VOLUME LICENCED as % of MEAN	TOTAL VOLUME	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN as % of MEAN	MEAN ANNUAL	
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BEATTON RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)												
Upper Beatton River	14	240,510	0.048%	38,180	0.008%	18	2,089,459	0.418%	145,958	0.029%	499,408,440	
Middle Beatton River	1	18,000	0.007%	0	0.000%	1	1,095	0.000%	149	0.000%	249,152,995	
Middle Beatton Total (incl. Upper Beatton)	15	258,510	0.035%	38,180	0.005%	19	2,090,554	0.279%	146,107	0.020%	748,561,435	
Milligan Creek	11	140,000	0.073%	887	0.000%	0					191,536,686	
Blueberry River	41	1,464,722	0.499%	142,238	0.048%	4	197,100	0.000%	6,520	0.000%	293,278,540	
Doig River	10	86,000	0.027%	0	0.000%	0					323,069,523	
Lower Beatton River	32	378,033	0.273%	85,488	0.062%	1	394,000	0.285%	18,389	0.013%	138,262,629	
BEATTON TOTAL	109	2,327,265	0.137%	266,793	0.016%	24	2,681,654	0.158%	171,016	0.010%	1,694,708,813	
HALFWAY RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)												
Chowade River	0					0					327,027,527	
Upper Halfway River	0					0					795,962,409	
Upper Halfway Total (includes Chowade)	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,122,989,936	
Graham River	2	3,450	0.000%	0	0.000%	0					860,627,172	
Cameron River	33	958,957	0.429%	191,469	0.086%	13	685,625	0.307%	17,196	0.008%	223,679,567	
Lower Halfway River	17	1,039,099	0.686%	97,697	0.064%	7	3,838,688	2.533%	1,181,993	0.780%	151,526,991	
HALFWAY TOTAL	52	2,001,506	0.085%	289,166	0.012%	20	4,524,313	0.192 %	1,199,189	0.051%	2,358,823,666	
MOBERLY RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											J	
Moberly River	5	55,631	0.014%	24,296	0.006%	0					391,714,995	
MOBERLY TOTAL	5	55,631	0.000%	24,296	0.006%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	391,714,995	
PINE RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)												
Burnt River	0					0					737,930,022	
Sukunka River	3	30,000	0.003%	0	0.000%	0					1,047,282,572	
Sukunka River Total (includes Burnt)	3	30,000	0.002%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,785,212,594	
Upper Pine River	0	10,000	0.000%	2,650	0.000%	0					1,466,884,035	
Murray River	3	20,850	0.001%	0	0.000%	1	730	0.000%	493	0.000%	2,698,285,017	
Lower Pine River	34	563,908	0.410%	77,152	0.056%	1	650,000	0.472%	0	0.000%	137,619,889	
PINE TOTAL	40	614,758	0.019%	79,802	0.001%	2	650,730	0.011%	493	0.000%	6,088,001,535	

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SIKANNI CHIEF RIVER (sub-basin of Fort Nelson River)												
Upper Sikanni Chief River	0					3	3,117,689	0.386%	0	0.000%	807,771,692	
Middle Sikanni Chief River	32	413,783	0.044%	70,240	0.007%	4	29,203	0.003%	302	0.000%	949,755,794	
Middle Sikanni Chief Total (incl. Upper Sikanni)	32	413,783	0.024%	70,240	0.004%	7	3,146,892	0.179%	302	0.000%	1,757,527,486	
Lower Sikanni Chief	19	200,042	0.023%	7,685	0.001%	0					875,678,142	
SIKANNI CHIEF TOTAL	51	613,825	0.023%	77,925	0.003%	7	3,146,892	0.120%	302	0.000%	2,633,205,628	
FORT NELSON RIVER												
Kahntah River	30	168,248	0.000%	2,660	0.001%	2	2,920	0.000%	1,815	0.000%	400,582,903	
Fontas River	3	17,200	0.003%	4,200	0.001%	0					591,531,903	
Fontas Total (includes Kahntah)	33	185,448	0.019%	6,860	0.001%	2	2,920	0.000%	1,815	0.000%	992,114,806	
Klua Creek	0	0	0.000%	0		0					402,135,448	
Upper Fort Nelson River	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0					276,181,026	
Upper Fort Nelson Total (incl. Sikanni Chief Tota Kahntah, Fontas, Klua)	l, 84	799,273	0.019%	84,785	0.002%	9	3,149,812	0.073%	2,117	0.000%	4,303,636,908	
Snake River	1	4,200	0.001%	195	0.000%	0					310,763,522	
Sahtaneh River	14	65,356	0.014%	595	0.000%	0					474,904,729	
Middle Fort Nelson River	6	15,000	0.003%	6,987	0.001%	0					515,348,901	
Middle Ft Nelson Total (incl. Upper Ft. Nelson total,	112	918,929	0.007%	97,287	0.001%	10	3,186,405	0.026%	2,117	0.000%	12,314,371,343	
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Kiwigana River	18	149,400	0.034%	1,866	0.000%	0					441,657,543	
Lower Fort Nelson River	0	,		.,		0					312,768,938	
FORT NELSON TOTAL	130	1,068,329	0.008%	99,153	0.001%	10	3,186,405	0.024%	2,117	0.000%	13,068,797,824	
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Muncho River	0					0					551,551,360	
Upper Liard River	0					0					33,125,817,465	
Upper Liard Total (incl. Muncho)	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	33,677,368,825	
Grayling River	0					0					630,833,914	
Upper Toad River	0					0					1,521,055,576	
Racing River	0					0					1,488,336,681	
Lower Toad River	0					0					419,472,722	
Beaver River	0					0					10,862,659,426	
Middle Liard River	0					0					463,652,312	
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MAJOR and Sub-Basin Name	NUMBER OF APPROVED WITHDRAWAL LOCATIONS	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED (m ³) FOR LOCATIONS ACTIVE ON 12/31/2019	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN IN 2019 (m³)	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN AS % OF MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	NUMBER (Licencei Withdraw Location	D VOLUME /AL LICENCED	TOTAL VOLUME LICENCED as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN IN 2019 (m³)	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	MEAN
LIARD RIVER con't											
Middle Liard Total (incl. Upper Liard Total, Grayling, Upper Toad, Racing, Lower Toad, Beaver)	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	49,063,379,456
Capot-Blanc Creek	0					0					183,879,851
Dunedin River	0					0					820,464,167
Lower Liard River	0					0					1,236,634,664
LIARD TOTAL (incl. Fort Nelson)	130	1,068,329	0.002%	99,153	0.000%	10	3,186,405	0.005%	2,117	0.000%	64,373,155,962
PETITOT RIVER											
Sahdoanah River	9	29,800	0.012%	4,023	0.002%	0					252,625,362
Upper Petitot River	31	73,200	0.005%	0	0.000%	0					1,476,579,488
Tsea River	27	198,734	0.046%	14,058	0.003%	0					434,062,484
Middle Petitot River	24	103,800	0.015%	0	0.000%	0					698,562,753
Middle Petitot Total (incl. Sahdoanah,	91	405,534	0.014%	18,081	0.001%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	2,861,830,087
Upper Petitot, Tsea)											
Lower Petitot River	21	175,400	0.019%	1,210	0.000%	0					904,314,069
PETITOT TOTAL	112	580,934	0.015%	19,291	0.001%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	3,766,144,156
HAY RIVER											
Upper Kotcho River	0	0	0.000%	162	0.000%	0					311,519,217
Kyklo River	6	33,960	0.023%	1,825	0.001%	0					145,897,691
Shekilie River	27	158,940	0.035%	0	0.000%	0					450,747,494
Lower Kotcho River	4	10,065	0.003%	3,064	0.001%	0					311,519,217
Lower Kotcho Total (includes Upper Kotcho,	37	202,965	0.017%	5,051	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,219,683,619
Kyklo, Shekilie)											
Hay River	29	198,500	0.037%	5,908	0.001%	0					538,672,352
HAY TOTAL	66	401,465	0.023%	10,959	0.001%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,758,355,971
CHINCHAGA RIVER											
Chinchaga River	41	279,100	0.255%	775	0.001%	0					109,492,680
CHINCHAGA TOTAL	41	279,100	0.255%	775	0.001%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	109,492,680
OTHER (outside Northeast B.C.)	27	890,780	0.000%	19,002	0.000%	1	98,550		2,672		N/A
GRAND TOTAL	686	13,347,623	0.011%	1,281,115	0.001%	84	29,946,496	0.025%	2,767,043	0.002%	120,568,508,464



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