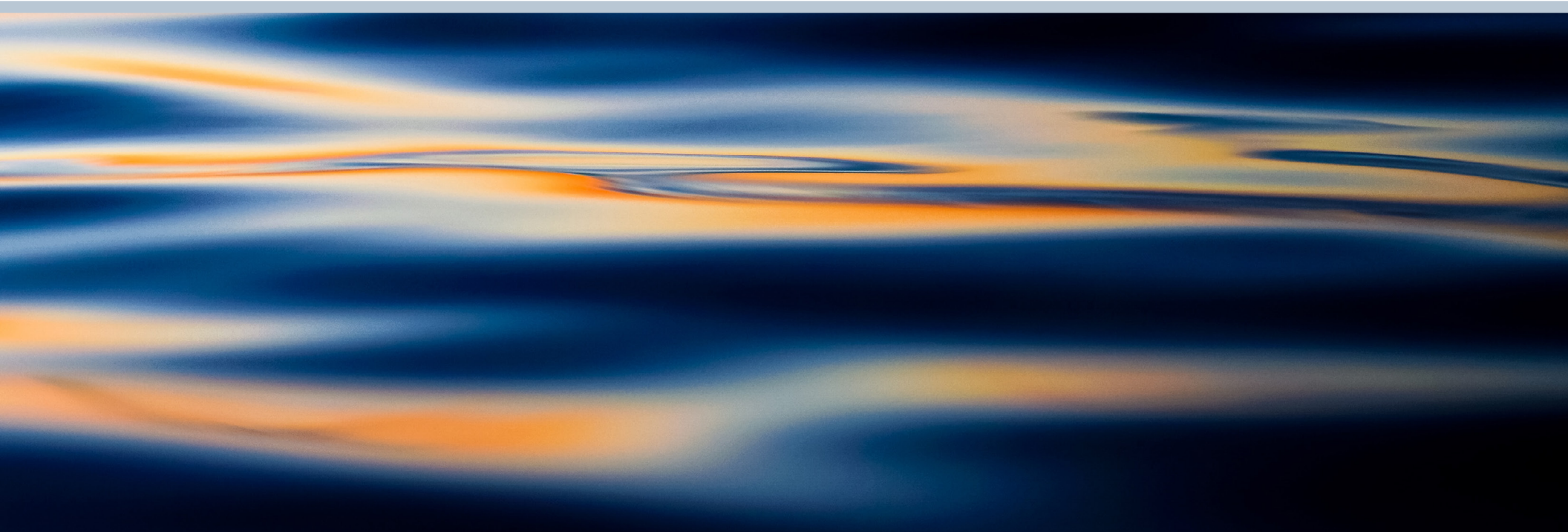


Quarterly Oil and Gas Water Management Summary



First Quarter 2019 (Jan - Mar)



PURPOSE

This *Quarterly Oil and Gas Water Use Summary* presents short-term water use and water licence data from the Q1 January to March 2019 period.

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

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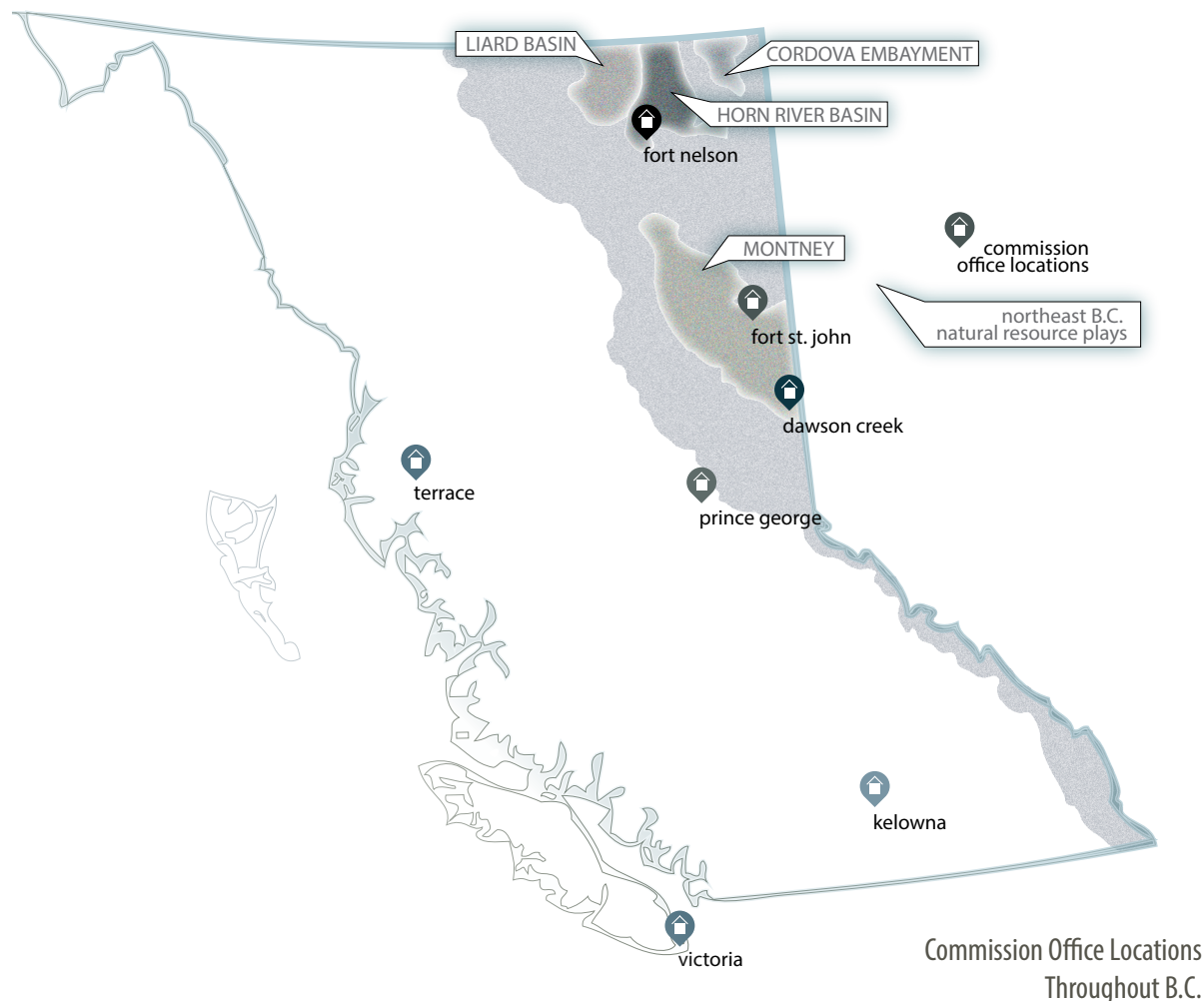
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BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

The [BC Oil and Gas Commission](#) (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

There 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 landowners 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.

LONG-TERM WATER LICENCES AND USE

In the first quarter of 2019, there were 57 active oil and gas related water licences, representing 60 withdrawal locations, held by 15 companies (Table 1).

The total annual licenced water volume was 26,042,671 m³.

A total of 464,272 m³ of licenced water was reported as withdrawn in the first three months of the year by seven companies (Table 1, 2).

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

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF WATER LICENCE AND USE FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2019

		Q1
WATER LICENCE	Companies with Active Water Licences	15
	Active Water Licences	57
	Licensed Withdrawal Locations	60
	Annual Volume Available for Use for Water Licences (m ³)	26,042,671
	Cumulative Volume Reported Withdrawn (m ³)	464,272

TABLE 2: OIL AND GAS RELATED WATER LICENCES THAT WITHDREW WATER IN 2019 - Q1

LICENCE #	LICENCEE	SOURCE	OGC WATER MANAGEMENT BASIN	ANNUAL APPROVAL (m ³ /YR)	2019 WATER USE (m ³ /YR)
C112155	Whitecap Resources Inc.	Peace River	Lower Peace River	1,825,000	165,537
C126568	Petronas Energy Canada	Williston Lake	Peace Arm	3,650,000	1,702
C132688	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Charlie Lake	Lower Beatton River	394,000	6,936
C134110	Petronas Energy Canada	Unnamed Stream	Cameron River	79,045	1,236
C134469	ConocoPhillips Canada	Halfway River	Lower Halfway River	3,650,000	131,880
C500022	Encana Corporation	Damn near Bissette Creek	Pouce Coupe River	32,000	1,160
C500185	Kelt Exploration Ltd.	Aquifer	Cache Creek	146,000	26,924
C500226	Veresen Energy Pipeline	Aquifer	Smoky River	5,500	1,052
C500246	Kelt Exploration	Aquifer	Cache Creek	160,235	44,316
C500345	Encana Corporation	Unnamed Stream	Lower Kiskatinaw River	102,100	19,846
C500355	Encana Corporation	Dugout	Lower Peace River	90,000	63,682

SHORT-TERM WATER APPROVAL AND USE

During January to March of 2019, there were a total of 201 short-term water use approvals in place, representing 617 withdrawal locations, held by 46 companies (Table 3).

The total water volume associated with short-term approvals that were active on the last day of the quarter was 12,563,613 m³.

A total of 313,178 m³ was reported as withdrawn by oil and gas operators during the first quarter of 2019 (Table 3).

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

TABLE 3 - SUMMARY OF SHORT-TERM APPROVAL AND USE FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2019

Q1

SHORT-TERM	Companies with Active Approvals	46
	Active Approvals	201
	Approved Withdrawal locations	617
	Volume Available for Use (m ³)	12,563,613
	Cumulative Volume Reported Withdrawn (m ³)	313,178



TABLE 4 - SUMMARY OF WATER ALLOCATION
AND USE FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN 2019,
ORGANIZED BY OGC WATER MANAGEMENT BASIN
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OIL AND GAS RELATED WATER LICENCES											
MAJOR and Sub-Basin Name	NUMBER OF APPROVED WITHDRAWAL LOCATIONS	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED (m³) FOR LOCATIONS ACTIVE ON 3/31/2019	TOTAL VOLUME APPROVED as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN IN 2019 (m³)	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN AS % OF MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	NUMBER OF LICENCED WITHDRAWAL LOCATIONS	TOTAL VOLUME LICENCED (m³)	TOTAL VOLUME LICENCED as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN IN 2019 (m³)	TOTAL VOLUME WITHDRAWN as % of MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF	MEAN ANNUAL RUNOFF (m³)
BEATTON RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											
Upper Beatton River	13	748,530	0.150%	401	0.000%	12	1,322,795	0.265%	0	0.000%	499,408,440
Middle Beatton River	23	210,650	0.085%	0	0.000%	0					249,152,995
Middle Beatton Total (incl. Upper Beatton)	36	959,180	0.128%	401	0.000%	12	1,322,795	0.177%	0	0.000%	748,561,435
Milligan Creek	6	62,000	0.032%	375	0.000%	0					191,536,686
Blueberry River	46	893,686	0.305%	14,876	0.005%	1	173,375				293,278,540
Doig River	6	46,000	0.014%	0	0.000%	0					323,069,523
Lower Beatton River	17	274,287	0.198%	12,618	0.009%	1	394,000	0.285%	6,936	0.005%	138,262,629
BEATTON TOTAL	111	2,235,153	0.132%	28,270	0.002%	14	1,890,170	0.112%	6,936	0.000%	1,694,708,813
HALFWAY RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											
Chowade River	0	0	0.000%			0					327,027,527
Upper Halfway River	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	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	27	765,798	0.342%	39,700	0.018%	8	382,103	0.171%	1,236	0.001%	223,679,567
Lower Halfway River	14	121,399	0.080%	154	0.000%	7	3,838,688	2.533%	131,881	0.087%	151,526,991
HALFWAY TOTAL	43	890,647	0.038%	39,854	0.002%	15	4,220,791	0.179%	133,117	0.006%	2,358,823,666
MOBERLY RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											
Moberly River	8	65,829	0.017%	7,411	0.002%	0					391,714,995
MOBERLY TOTAL	8	65,829	0.000%	7,411	0.002%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	391,714,995
PINE RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											
Burnt River						0					737,930,022
Sukunka River	3	20,000	0.002%	0	0.000%	0					1,047,282,572
Sukunka River Total (includes Burnt)	3	20,000	0.001%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,785,212,594
Upper Pine River	2	40,500	0.003%	0	0.000%	0					1,466,884,035
Murray River	3	20,850	0.001%	0	0.000%	0		0.000%	0	0.000%	2,698,285,017
Lower Pine River	35	731,408	0.531%	14,385	0.010%	1	1,300,000	0.945%	0	0.000%	137,619,889
PINE TOTAL	43	812,758	0.019%	14,385	0.000%	1	1,300,000	0.021%	0	0.000%	6,088,001,535

MAJOR and Sub-Basin Name	SHORT-TERM WATER USE APPROVALS - BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION					OIL AND GAS RELATED WATER LICENCES					
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KISKATINAW RIVER (sub-basin of Peace River)											
West Kiskatinaw River	0					0					117,515,115
East Kiskatinaw River	0		0.000%	0	0.000%	0					105,452,962
Middle Kiskatinaw River	7	1,231,146	2.185%	404	0.001%	0					56,347,972
Middle Kiskatinaw Total (incl. West & East)	7	1,231,146	0.441%	404	0.000%	0	0	0.00%	0	0.000%	279,316,049
Lower Kiskatinaw River	15	811,608	0.905%	2,785	0.003%	5	2,223,069	2.479%	19,846	0.022%	89,659,847
KISKATINAW TOTAL	22	2,042,754	0.554%	3,189	0.001%	5	2,223,069	0.602%	19,846	0.005%	368,975,896
PEACE RIVER											
Peace Arm	0					3	9,125,000		1,702		N/A
Upper Peace River	5	859,313	0.002%	37,900	0.000%	0					36,423,413,429
Lynx Creek	3	43,996	0.145%	0		0					30,436,635
Farrell Creek	11	416,244	0.457%	0	0.000%	0					91,018,843
Cache Creek	5	92,000	0.123%	0	0.000%	3	491,257	0.658%	71,240	0.095%	74,603,546
Pouce Coupe River	22	1,101,266	0.431%	87,163	0.034%	4	1,284,000	0.502%	1,160	0.000%	255,686,202
Lower Peace River	16	1,404,112	1.227%	2,842	0.002%	5	2,388,348	2.086%	229,219	0.200%	114,470,012
PEACE TOTAL (incl. Kisk/Pine/Moberly/Half/Beatton)	289	9,964,072	0.021%	221,014	0.000%	50	22,922,635	0.048%	463,220	0.001%	47,891,853,572
SMOKY RIVER											
Smoky River	3	9,000	0.000%	0	0.000%	2	8,000	0.000%	1,052	0.000%	2,669,506,123
SMOKY TOTAL	3	9,000	0.000%	0	0.000%	2	8,000	0.000%	1,052	0.000%	2,669,506,123
MUSKWA RIVER (sub-basin of Fort Nelson River)											
Upper Muskwa River	0					0					1,725,201,511
Middle Muskwa River	0					0					1,973,711,816
Middle Muskwa Total (incl. Upper Muskwa)	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	3,698,913,327
Lower Muskwa River	2	1,500		490		0					646,841,560
MUSKWA TOTAL	2	1,500	0.000%	490	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	4,345,754,887
PROPHET RIVER (sub-basin of Fort Nelson River)											
Upper Prophet River	1	1,500	0.000%	60	0.000%	1	36,593	0.002%			1,470,271,289
Middle Prophet River	6	30,850	0.005%	63		0					621,428,680
Middle Prophet Total (incl. Upper Prophet)	7	32,350	0.002%	123	0.000%	1	36,593	0.002%	0	0.000%	2,091,699,969
Lower Prophet River	2	10,900	0.004%	4,080	0.001%	0					272,262,427
PROPHET TOTAL	9	43,250	0.002%	4,203	0.000%	1	36,593	0.002%	0	0.000%	2,363,962,396

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SIKANNI CHIEF RIVER (sub-basin of Fort Nelson River)											
Upper Sikanni Chief River	0					2	3,046,241	0.377%	0	0.000%	807,771,692
Middle Sikanni Chief River	30	515,583	0.054%	61,319	0.006%	4	29,202	0.003%			949,755,794
Middle Sikanni Chief Total (incl. Upper Sikanni)	30	515,583	0.029%	61,319	0.003%	6	3,075,443	0.175%	0	0.000%	1,757,527,486
Lower Sikanni Chief	9	48,200	0.006%	5,485	0.001%	0					875,678,142
SIKANNI CHIEF TOTAL	39	563,783	0.021%	66,804	0.003%	6	3,075,443	0.117%	0	0.000%	2,633,205,628
FORT NELSON RIVER											
Kahntah River	27	165,248	0.000%	0	0.000%	0					400,582,903
Fontas River	4	40,700	0.007%	0	0.000%	0					591,531,903
Fontas Total (includes Kahntah)	31	205,948	0.021%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	992,114,806
Klua Creek	2	8,400	0.002%	0		0					402,135,448
Upper Fort Nelson River	8	23,400	0.008%	0	0.000%	0					276,181,026
Upper Fort Nelson Total (incl. Sikanni Chief Total, Kahntah, Fontas, Klua)	80	801,531	0.019%	66,804	0.002%	6	3,075,443	0.071%	0	0.000%	4,303,636,908
Snake River	4	16,800	0.005%	195	0.000%	0					310,763,522
Sahtaneh River	15	69,056	0.015%	36	0.000%	0					474,904,729
Middle Fort Nelson River	6	15,000	0.003%	4,207	0.001%	0					515,348,901
Middle Ft Nelson Total (incl. Upper Ft. Nelson total, Muskwa Total, Prophet Total, Snake, Sahtaneh)	116	947,137	0.008%	75,935	0.001%	7	3,112,036	0.025%	0	0.000%	12,314,371,343
Kiwigana River	11	40,000	0.009%	0	0.000%	0					441,657,543
Lower Fort Nelson River			0.000%	0	0.000%	0					312,768,938
FORT NELSON TOTAL	127	987,137	0.008%	75,935	0.001%	7	3,112,036	0.024%	0	0.000%	13,068,797,824
LIARD RIVER											
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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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	0.000%	0	0.000%	0					183,879,851
Dunedin River	0					0					820,464,167
Lower Liard River	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0					1,236,634,664
LIARD TOTAL (incl. Fort Nelson)	127	987,137	0.002%	75,935	0.000%	7	3,112,036	0.005%	0	0.000%	64,373,155,962
PETITOT RIVER											
Sahdoanah River	11	39,800	0.016%	1,335	0.001%	0					252,625,362
Upper Petitot River	38	108,200	0.007%	0	0.000%	0					1,476,579,488
Tsea River	31	196,134	0.045%	10,517	0.002%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	434,062,484
Middle Petitot River	16	61,300	0.009%	0	0.000%	0					698,562,753
Middle Petitot Total (incl. Sahdoanah, Upper Petitot, Tsea)	96	405,434	0.014%	11,852	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	2,861,830,087
Lower Petitot River	26	177,100	0.020%	0	0.000%	0					904,314,069
PETITOT TOTAL	122	582,534	0.015%	11,852	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	3,766,144,156
HAY RIVER											
Upper Kotcho River	4	32,900	0.011%	162	0.000%	0					311,519,217
Kyklo River	4	20,600	0.014%	0	0.000%	0					145,897,691
Shekilie River	27	158,940	0.035%	0	0.000%	0					450,747,494
Lower Kotcho River	1	3,000	0.001%	2,378	0.001%	0					311,519,217
Lower Kotcho Total (includes Upper Kotcho, Kyklo, Shekilie)	36	215,440	0.018%	2,540	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,219,683,619
Hay River	26	180,000	0.033%	1,837	0.000%	0					538,672,352
HAY TOTAL	62	395,440	0.022%	4,377	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	1,758,355,971
CHINCHAGA RIVER											
Chinchaga River	2	1,000	0.001%	0	0.000%	0					109,492,680
CHINCHAGA TOTAL	2	1,000	0.001%	0	0.000%	0	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	109,492,680
OTHER (outside Northeast B.C.)	12	624,430	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0		0		N/A
GRAND TOTAL	617	12,563,613	0.010%	313,178	0.000%	59	26,042,671	0.022%	464,272	0.000%	120,568,508,464



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