

Cooperative Management of Natural Resources in Alberta: Reconciliation and the Importance of Indigenous Rights, Livelihoods and Knowledges

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There is increasing need and opportunity for Indigenous peoples, scientists, governments and the broader public to work together to manage natural resources (including parks and protected areas) in the province of Alberta. First Nations and Métis peoples who have lived and depended upon boreal, parkland, plains, grassland and rocky mountain ecosystems for many generations, have been marginalized in the governance of these ecosystems and natural resource use over the last century. As Canada and Alberta embark on efforts toward both reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and sustainable management of biodiversity, space and resources for research, knowledge translation and action toward “cooperative land and resource management” are needed. Drawing on a literature review on Indigenous rights and livelihoods as well as land and resource management conflict and co-management, this presentation outlines some key resource management challenges and case study examples from northern Alberta around which opportunities and challenges of cooperative management are critically discussed.

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