**Appendix 14 Wetland - Summary of Canadian Forest Inventories**

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| **PROVINCE** | **STANDARD** | **FIELD** |  | **CODES** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **BC** | Forest Cover Inventory | NO FIELD |  | NONE | Can partially derive very broad wetland classes | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VRI | NO FIELD | Broad wetland category or can derive most wtlands from other attributes | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | PHASE 3 | NO FIELD |  | NONE | Can derive very broad wetland classes | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | AVI 2.1 | NO FIELD |  | NONE | Can derive from other attributes | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |
| **AB** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | LOCAL MODIFIER | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | C (Internal Lawn/ Scar) | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | AVI2.1+ | WETLAND |  | USE ALBERTA WETLAND | WETLAND CLASS | VEGETATION MODIFIER (% Tree Cover) | | LANDFORM MODIFIER | R (Internal Lawn with island of peat plateau) | | | | | |  |
|  |  | I (Internal Lawns) | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | INVENTORY (AWI) | B, F, S, M, W, Z | Forest(>70%) Trees(6-70%) Open(<6%) | | X (permafrost) P( patterning) N (not present) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N (Lawns not present) | | | < 6%) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | S (Shrub cover >25%, tree | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | G (Grammoids, Shrub < 25% & Tree < 6%) | | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | UTM | NO FIELD |  | NONE | Can derive very broad wetland classes using drainage and texture classes | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **SK** |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SFVI | NO FIELD | NONE, can derive from other attributes or from ecosite | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SFVI+ | WETLAND | USE AWI See AVI 2.1 + above | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 701 - 704 + 721 - 725 | | 701 ( Black Spruce Treed Muskeg) 702 (Larch Treed Muskeg) 703 (Eastern Cedar Treed Muskeg) 704 Taiga ( Northern | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Pre 1998 | Non Productive Forestland | Transition Forest) 721 (Willow) | | 722 (Alder) 723 (Dwarf Birch) 724 (Shrub) 725 (Shrub Prairie) 823 (Wet Meadow) | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 823 | 831 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 831 (Muskeg) 832 (String Bogs) 835 (Marsh) 838 (Mud salt flats) 848 (Beaver floods) | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **MB** |  | WETECO1 |  | CODES 1-10 | 1 ( Open bog-low shrub), 2 (Open poor fen- low shrub), 3 (Open rich fen), 4 (Thicket swamp), 5 (Shore fen), 6 (Meadow marsh), 7 (Sheltered marsh), | | | | | | | 8 | |  |  |
|  | FLI |  | (Exposed marsh), 9 (Open water marsh- floating leaves/ peat substrate), 10 ( Open water marsh - submerged mineral substrate) | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WETECO2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | \* DOES NOT INCLUDE TREED WETLANDS - CAN DERIVE BROAD TREED WETLAND CLASSES USING OTHER ATTRIBUTES OR ECOSITE | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FRI | NO FIELD | NONE, CAN DERIVE 90% from Ecosite (does not differentiate productive forest wetland) | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ON** |  |  |  | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FRI FIM | NO FIELD | NONE OR CAN DERIVE FROM ORIGINAL OR HARMONIZED ECOSITE | | | | \* NOTE: Different from FRI which used old (Original)Ecosite System. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FRI NBI | WETLAND | Includes modified Alberta Wetland Inventory, See AVI 2.1 + above | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QC** | 3rd (TIE) | NO FIELD | CAN IDENTIFY WET AREAS FROM DRAINAGE CODES, OR ECOSITE OR DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAN IDENTIFY Organic deposits from TYPE DE DEPOT | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PE** | 2000 | CoverClass | BOW (Bog) BKW (Brackish Water) DMW (Deep Marsh) MDW (Meadow) OWW (Open Water) SAW (Salt Marsh) SMW (Shallow Marsh) SDW (Sand Dune) SSW (Shrub Swamp) SFW (Seasonally Flooded Flat) | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| WSW (Wooded Swamp) | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NB** | OLD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | WL | Freshwater: BO, FE, AB (Aquatic Bed) FM (Marsh) FW (Forested Wetland) SB (Shrub Wetland) AP (in FOREST layer, alder on poor sites) BP (Beaver Pond) Coastal: CM (Coastal Marsh) TF (Tidal Flat) | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OLD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NS** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2006 | FOR/NON (Last two digits of | 89 (Alders > 75%, See FOREST layer code 39 from 2001 onward) | | | 88 (Alders < 75%, See FOREST layer code 38 from 2001 onward) 83 (Brush - being replaced by FOREST layer code 33) | | | | | | 70 | | |  |
|  |  |
|  | four digit number) | (Wetland excluding open and treed bogs) 71 (Beaver flood) 73 (Treed Bogs) 72 (Open Bogs) 74 (Coast wetlands) 75 (Wetland in lake) | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NL** | 2005 | Non Commercial ForestNon |  | Organic Bog (Symbol), Treed Bog (Symbol), Wet Bog (Symbol), and Biophysical Class = W (Wet) assigned to S (Scrub softwood) and H (Scrub Hardwood) | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forested Land |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WBNP** | 1979 | v#pcm and v#str | CAN IDENTFY FROM v#pcm and | | v#pcm:7(willow-alder thicket); 98(ericaceous shrubland); 99 (meadows); | | | v#str:ST(shrubland thicket);M(graminoid/sedge prairie);N(fen);P(treed peatbog);PG(wet | | | | | | |  |
| v#str in concert with v#moi | | 1,2,3,4,5,6(meadows);17(wet muskeg); 18(shrub muskeg); 20,21(b-spruce) | | | graminoid muskeg);PGC(wet graminoid-herb muskeg);PST(shrub muskeg); MST(gr & shr) | | | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **PANP** | 1968 | No Field | Can identify wetland grass or herb from wetland shrub using G#SPEC field: M1 (sedge and herb) and M2 (shrub) | | | | | No moisture field, treed wetlands can be identified from species or species mix; e.g. Larch | | | | | | |  |
| and black spruce most likely wetland. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **YT** | 2001 | FOR TYPE | CAN DERIVE FOR MOST PART FROM moisture and veg cover type. Can use wetland code W (does not identify wetland type) | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Can start with LANDPOS wetland code (W) then derive from moisture and TYPE CLASS or forest cover atributes. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NT** | 3.0 | WETLAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ALSO OPTIONAL WETLAND FIELD : WE (Wetland no distinction), MA (Marsh), SW (Swamp), FE (Fen), BO (Bog), SO (Shallow Open Water) | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Appendix 14 CAS Wetland Conversion**

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| **PROVINCE** | **STANDARD** | **TRANSLATION TO COMMON (1)** | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **BC** | Forest Cover Inventory | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| VRI | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | PHASE 3 | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | |  |
| **AB** |  |  | | |  |
| AVI 2.1 | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | |  |
|  |  |  |  | |  |
|  | AVI 2.1+ | Use wetland field | B=B F=F S=S M=M W=W Z=Z or derive as per AVI 2.1 | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | UTM | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **SK** | SFVI | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES or Ecosite | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | SFVI+ | Includes AWI same as AVI 2.1+ otherwise derive as per SFVI | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | Pre 1998 | 701 = Btnn 702 = Ftnn 703 = Stnn 704 = Ftnn 721 = Sons 722 = Sons 723 = Sons 724 = Sons 725 = Sons 823 = Mong | | |  |
| **MB** | 831 = Fons 832 = Ftpn 835 = Mong 838 = Tmnn 848 = Oonn | | |  |
|  |  |
| FLI | 1 = Bons 2 = Fons 3 = Fong 4 = Sons 5 = Fons 6 = Mong 7 = Mong 8 = Mong 9 = Mong 10 = Mong | | |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | FRI | If ecosite present then ES 34 = Btnn ES 35 = Ftnn ES 36 = Stnn ES 37 = Stnn ES 38 = Stnn ES 39 = Bons ES 40 = Ftnn ES 41 = Fong | | |  |
|  | ES 42 = Fong ES 43 = Fopn (Ftpn) ES 44 = Sons ES 45 = Fong ES 46 = Mong ES47 = Mong ES 48 = Mong | | |  |
|  |  |  |
| **ON** |  |  | | |  |
| FRI FIM | Use harmonized ecosite or previous ecosite system to derive wetland from other attributes | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
|  | FRI NBI | Use wetland field (Same as AVI 2.1+) | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **QC** | TIE | NONE, NEED TO DERIVE FROM OTHER ATTRIBUTES or Ecosite | | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **PE** | 2002 | BOW=Btnn BKW=Eonn DMW=Mong MDW=Mong SAW=Mong SFW=Tmnn SMW=Mong SSW=Sons WSW=Stnn | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NB** | OLD |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | BO + veg type FS = Btnn BO + veg type SV = Bons FE + veg type FH or FS= Ftnn FE + veg type AW or SV = Fons AB = Oonn FM = Mong = FW = Stnn FW + | | |  |
|  |  |
|  | Impoundment Modifier BP = Oonn SB = Sons CM = Mcng TF = Tmnn | | |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | OLD |  |  |  |  |
| **NS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2006 | 70 = W 71 = Mong 72 = Bonn 73 = Btnn 74 = Ecnn 75 = Mong | | |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |  |  | |  |
| **NL** | 2005 | Organic Bog - Bons | Treed Bog = Btnn Wet Bog = Mong Softwood Scrub (S) or Hardwood scrub (H) with W (Wet) Biophysical Class = Stnn | |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **WBNP** | 1979 | v#str: ST=Sons, M=Mong, MST=Sons, N=Ftnn, P=Btnn, PG=Fong, PGC=Mong, | | v#pcm: 1,2,3,4=Mong, 99=Mong, 98=Sons, 7=Sons, 17=Fong, 18=Fons, 19=Stnn 20=Btnn. Can use in concert with |  |
| PST=Fons |  | v#str and v#sp# (species) for further refinement. |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **PANP** | 1968 | M1 = Fons; M2 = Sons | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **YT** | 2001 | NONE |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | | |  |
| **NT** | 3.0 | WE = Stnn SO = Oonn MA = Mong SW = Stnn (Sons) FE = Ftnn, Fong, Fons BO = Btnn | | |  |
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**Appendix 14 CAS Wetland Codes**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **WETLAND TYPE** |  | **VEGETATION MODIFIER** |  | **LANDFORM MODIFIER** |  | **LOCAL MODIFIER** | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |
| Bog | B | Forestland | F | Permafrost present | X | Collapse scars | | | C |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |
| Fen | F | Treed | T | Patterning present | P | Internal lawn with Islands of | | | R |  |
| forested peat platea | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |
| Swamp | S | Not treed, freshwater, vegetated | O | No permafrost or patterning | N | Internal lawns | | | I |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |
| Marsh | M | Not treed, coastal, vegetated | C | Saline, alkaline | S | Lawns not present | | | N |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |  |  |
| Shallow open water | O | Mud, non vegetated | M | Null |  | Shrub covers > 25% | | | S |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tidal flats | T | Null |  |  |  | Graminoids with shrub cover < | | | G |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 25% |  |  |  |  |
| Estuary | E |  |  |  |  | Null | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wetland (No distinction) | W |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Appendix 15**

**PROCEDURES FOR CAS WETLAND DERIVATION**

**(Last Revision September 14, 2010)**

# Introduction

The Boreal Avian Habitat Modeling project has produced a common attribute structure (CAS) to accommodate the various forest inventories across Canada. One attribute of interest is wetland; however, wetland is not identified for many forest inventories or not complete in others. This document identifies a means to derive a four-character CAS wetland code using existing forest attributes for each province or territory. A complete four- character identification or derivation of wetland is not always possible depending on the type of attributes recorded. Only a single generic (W) wetland code is possible to derive for some inventories and a complete four-character CAS wetland code may not be possible to derive for other inventories (usually two-character).

The classification scheme used for CAS follows the classes developed by the National Wetlands Working Group 5 and modified by Vitt/Halsey6. The scheme was further modified to take into account coastal wetlands and alkaline or saline habitats. This model identifies five major wetland classes based on wetland development from hydrologic, chemical, and biotic gradients that commonly have strong cross-correlations. Two of the classes: fen and bog are peat forming with greater than 40 cm of accumulated organics. The non-peat forming wetlands are subdivided as shallow open water, marsh (fresh and salt water), and swamp. The CAS wetland classes and codes are identified in Appendix 1 of the wetland document.

# British Columbia Forest Cover Inventory

The Forest Cover Inventory does not lend itself to a very complete derivation of wetland because there is no moisture regime or other related classes to key on. A few non productive forest and non forest categories can be identified. The only source that would provide a more complete picture of wetland would be via the biogeoclimatic classification.

The inventory has been or is being converted to VRI. If this conversion has been done then follow the VRI instructions.

1. National Wetlands Working Group 1988. Wetlands of Canada. Ecological Land Classification Series No. 24.
2. Alberta Wetland Inventory Standards. Version 1.0. June 1977. L. Halsey and D. Vitt.



If species 1 = Sb or Lt and species 1 % = 100 and CC >50% and height >12m If species 1 = Sb or Lt and species 2 = Lt or Sb and CC >50% and height >12m If species 1 = Ep or Ea or Cw or Yc or Pl

If species 1 = Sb or Lt and species 2 = Lt or Sb and CC <50%

If species 1 = Lt and species 1 percent = 100 and CC = any and height < 12m

**1.0 Non Productive Forest**

Key on NP designation associated with a forest description where Species 1 = Sb or Cw or Yc.

NP Lowland Forest NP Swamp

Stnn

Stnn

Although lowland and swamp forests are identified as separate categories in the manual, there is no differentiation identified in the attribute fields; therefore an NP forest can range from rocky to wetland. Treed bogs cannot be differentiated from treed swamps. Pine (Pl) swamps can be identified if they are Species 1 or 2 and have Sb as Species 1 or 2 or Cw or Yc as Species 2.

**2.0 Non Forest**

Key on non forest attributes.

NP Br can include upland and wetland; therefore, it is only reliable regionally (Stnn).

Swamp (Symbol) Sons

Muskeg (Symbol) Stnn

**3.0 Ecosite**

Derivation of wetland from a biogeoclimatic ecosite classification is possible via the PEM (Predictive Ecosite Mapping) or TEM (Terrain) mapping programs; however it is beyond the scope of this project.

# British Columbia Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI)

A general wetland class can be assigned as outlined in Section 1.0 below. A more detailed wetland can be derived as per Section 2.0 and 3.0.

**1.0 General Wetland (W)**

The general wetland code identifies a broad wetland category with no distinction between wetland classes. Key on Landscape Position W (Wetland). Assign CAS wetland code „W‟.

**2.0 Treed Polygons**

Key on soil moisture regime 7 and 8, species composition, crown closure, and height:

If species 1 = Sb and species 1 percent = 100 and crown closure (CC), 50% and height, 12m Btnn

Stnn

Stnn

Stnn

Ftnn

Ftnn



**3.0 Vegetated Non-treed**

Key on moisture regime 7 and 8 and land cover components for vegetated and non vegetated categories:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST | Shrub Tall (>2m) | | | Sons |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| SL | Shrub Low (<2m) | | | Sons |
| HE | Herb | | | Mong |
| HF | Herb Forb | | | Mong |
| HG | Herb Graminoid | | | Mong |
| BY | Bryoid | | | Fonn |
| BM | Bryoid Moss | | | Fonn |
| BL | Bryoid Lichen | | | Bonn |
| MU | Mudflat | | | Tmnn |

**4.0 Ecosite**

Derivation of wetland from a biogeoclimatic ecosite classification is possible via the PEM (Predictive Ecosite Mapping) or TEM (Terrain) mapping programs; however it is beyond the scope of this project.

# Alberta Phase 3

Wetland classes must be derived from several fields because moisture regime does not exist. Focus must rely on non productive forest land and non-forest land. It is not possible to differentiate between fens, bogs, or marshes. Productive Sb and Lt polygons can also be wetland types but are not possible to differentiate.

**1.0 Open muskeg, Bog, or Marsh**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| File name S1 | = OM (Open Muskeg), then = | Wo |
| File name S1 | = TM (Treed Muskeg), then = | Wt |
| File name S1 | = DS (Deciduous shrub), then = | Sons |
| File name S1 | = FL (Flooded Land), then = | Mong |

Note: DS could include some upland areas in foothill, mountain, and shield areas.

**2.0 Forest Land**

Need to include Sb and Lt stands that are classified as productive land. Suggest key on species Sb and Lt, and commercialism U (low uncommercial). This will include transitional stands that are probably moist upland types. It may include upland Sb types in foothill, mountain, and shield areas.

File name S1 = Sb or Lt or Bw and it is 100% and commercialism = U, then = Stnn



File name S1 = Sb or Lt or Bw and S2 = Lt, Sb, or Bw and commercialism = U Stnn

# Alberta Vegetation Inventory (AVI)

Includes all versions of AVI 2.1, 2.1+ (enhanced), and 2.2 inventories. The soil moisture regime, tree species, non-forested, and crown closure fields will be required to derive wetlands. Wet anthropogenic cultivated (e.g. CA, CP and CPR) and seeded industrial (e.g. CIP and CIW) are not considered. Patterning in fens and permafrost features cannot be derived from AVI data. Multi-layered (stand structure = M) polygons will require a query of both layers to identify wetland classes. Some of the enhanced versions of AVI may contain an Alberta Wetland Inventory field.

**1.0 Alberta Wetland Inventory**

The CAS wetland coding is based on the Alberta Wetland Inventory; therefore, if this field is available then it will translate directly into CAS wetland.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2.0 Non-Forested Land** | | |  |
| Key on soil moisture regime (SMR) = W (wet): | | |  |
| If Non-forested = SO or SC, and crown closure > 3 (30%), then = | | | Sons |
|  |  |  |  |
| If Non-forested = HG and/or SC or SO and crown closure is < 3, then = | | | Mong |
| If Non-forested = HF, then = | | | Mong |
| If Non-forested = BR, then = | | | Fong |
| If Naturally non-vegetated = NMB | | | Sons |

Note: For multi- layered polygons (stand structure = M) with shrub over topping HG, HF, or BR, then polygon is a Sons if shrub layer has crown closure of > 3 (30%), otherwise will be Mong or Fong as indicated above.

**3.0 Forest Land**

Key on soil moisture regime (SMR) = W (wet)

If Forested and crown closure = A or B and Species 1 or 2 = Lt, then Ft

If Forested and crown closure = C and Species 1 or 2 = Lt, then Stnn

If Forested and crown closure = D and Species 1 or 2 = Lt, then Sfnn

If Forested and crown closure = A or B and Species 1 = Sb and Species 1 % =100, then Btnn

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If Forested and crown closure = C and Species 1 = Sb and Species 1 % =100, then | | | Stnn |
| If Forested and crown closure = D and Species 1 | = Sb and Species 1 % =100, then | | Sfnn |
| If Forested and crown closure = A, B, or C and Spp 1 = Sb or Fb and Spp 2 not = to Lt | | | Stnn |
| If Forested and crown closure = D and Spp 1 = Sb or Fb and Spp 2 not = to Lt | | Sfnn |  |
| If Forested and crown closure = A, B, or C and Species 1 = Sw, then | | Stnn |  |
| If Forested and crown closure = D and Species 1 | = Sw, then | Sfnn |  |
| If Forested and crown closure = A, B, or C and Species 1 = Bw or Pb, then | | Stnn |  |
| If Forested and crown closure = D and Species 1 | = Bw or Pb, then | Sfnn |  |
|  |  |  |  |



Note: For multi-layered polygons (stand structure = M) with two tree layers, a query of both layers will be required to derive wetland classes.

# Saskatchewan UTM Inventory

The UTM inventory does not have a moisture regime field; therefore wetland must be derived from several attributes including drainage class, species, height class, crown closure class, and non productive lands. Non productive polygons are identified with symbols.

**1.0 Productive Forest Land**

If Drainage Code = PVP and or soil texture = O (Organic); or If Drainage Code = PD and texture = O, then:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| If species 1 | = bS and bS = 100%, and crown closure = C or D, then | Stnn |
| If species 1 | = bS and bS = 100%, and crown closure =A or B, then | Btnn |
| If species 1 | = bS or tL or wB or mM and species 2 = tL or bS or wB or mM, then | Stnn |

Note: some Stnn polygons will be fens or bogs and some Btnn polygons will be fens.

**2.0 Non Productive Lands**

Drainage and texture codes are not applied to non productive lands.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Code 3100 | Treed Muskeg | Wt |
| Code 3300 | Clear Muskeg | Wo |
| Code 3500 | Brushland | Sons |
| Code 3600 | Meadow | Mong |
| Code 5100 | Flooded | Mong |

Note: some meadow and Brushland could be upland moist and very moist sites.

# Saskatchewan SFVI

SFVI is very similar to AVI with key attributes being soil moisture regime, species, crown closure, height, and non forest land. Patterning in fens and permafrost features cannot be derived from SFVI data. Multi-layered polygons will require a query of all layers to identify wetland classes.

**1.0 Forested Land**

Moisture class code = MW (moderately wet):

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If species 1 | = bS and species 1 % =100, and crown closure <50%, and height <12m | | | Btnn |
| If species 1 | = any and crown closure >50% |  |  | Stnn |
|  |  |  |  |  |



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If species 1 = bS and species 1 % =100, and crown closure <50%, and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 = any and crown closure > 70% | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | Sfnn |
| Moisture class code = W (wet): | | | | |  |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| If species 1 = bS and species 1 % =100, and crown closure <50%, and height <12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Btnn |
|  | |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If species 1 = bS and species 1 % =100, and crown closure <50%, and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
|  | |  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If species 1 = bS and species 1 % =100, and CC >50% and <70%, and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 = bS and species 1 % =100, and CC >70%, and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | Sfnn |
| Moisture class code = W or VW (very wet): | | | | | | | |  | |  | | | |  |  | | | | | |  |
| If species 1 = bS or tL or wB or bP or mM and species 2 = tL or bS or wB or bP or mM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| And crown closure >50% and <70% and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
|  | |  |  |  | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |  |
| If species 1 = bS or tL or wB or bP or mM and species 2 = tL or bS or wB or bP or mM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| and crown closure > 70% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Sfnn |
|  | |  | |  | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |  |
| If species 1 = bS or tL and species 2 = bS or tL and CC < 50% and height < 12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ftnn |
| If species 1 = tL and species 1 % =100, and CC >50% and <70%, and height >12m | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 | = tL and species 1 % =100, and CC >70% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  | | Sfnn |
|  |  | | | | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  |  | | | |  |
| If species 1 | = tL and species 1 % =100, and CC <50% and height = any | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ftnn |
|  |  | | | | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  |  | | | |  |
| If species 1 | = wB or mM or gA or wE and species 1 % = 100 and CC < 70% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 | = wB or mM or gA or wE and species 1 % = 100 and CC > 70% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Sfnn |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: For multi-layered polygons with more than one tree layer, a query of all layers will be required to derive wetland classes.

**2.0 Non Forest Land**

If moisture class code = MW or W or VW: and non forested = HE or GR, then and non forested = MO, then and non forested = Av, then

Mong

Fonn

Oonn

and TS (includes all TS shrub species) or LS (includes all LS shrub species) and Sons crown closure is > 25%.

Note: For multi-layered polygons with shrub over topping GR, HE, or MO, then polygon is a Sons if shrub layer has crown closure of > 25%, otherwise will be Mong or Fong as indicated above.

**3.0 Ecosite**

Ecosite is relatively new; the following codes are in draft form. Note that there is no ecosite identified for shrubby swamp for all three ecoregions or marshes for Taiga Shield and Boreal Shield.

Taiga Shield Boreal Shield Boreal Plain



|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| TS 12 | BS 20 | BP 20 | Bonn |
| TS 11 | BS 19 | BP 19 | Bong |
| TS 10 | BS 18 | BP 18 | Bons |
| TS 9 | BS 17 | BP 17 | Btnn |
| TS 13 | BS 23, 22 | BP 21 | Ftnn |
| TS 14 | BS 23, 22 | BP 23, 22 | Fons |
| TS 15 | BS 24 | BP 24 | Fong |
| TS 16 | BS 25 | BP 25 | Fonn |
| TS 8 | BS 16 | BP 16 | Stnn |
| TS NA | BS NA | BP NA | Sons |
| TS NA | BS NA | BP 26 | Mong |

# Manitoba Prior to 1998

For FRI 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2, a good estimation of wetland, both treed and non-treed, can be derived from the productive forest land, non productive forest, and non forested land codes. Taiga and tundra cannot identify wetland areas. A moisture code and landform code were added for FRI 1.3 (1996-1997). Key on the same attributes as described for FRI 1.0, 1.1. or 1.2 or key on moisture code 4 (wet) to derive a generic wetland. Landform code 8 (depressions, poorly drained) can also be used to derive a generic wetland.

**1.0 Non Productive**

Key on non productive forested land and non forested land:

Black spruce treed muskeg (701) = Btnn, Tamarack larch treed muskeg (702) = Ftnn, Eastern cedar treed muskeg (703) = Stnn, Willow (721) = Sons, Alder (722) = Sons, Dwarf birch (723) = Sons,

Shrub (724) = Sons,

Wet meadow (823) = Mong

Taiga (704) and Barrens-Tundra (801) will contain wetland; however it cannot be separated from upland.

**2.0 Productive**

Key on species cover type and sub type.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Tamarack | 30, 31, 32, 70, 71, 72 | Stnn |
| Cedar | 36, 37, 76, 77 | Stnn |
| Black spruce | 16, 17, 56, 57 | Stnn |
| Willow | 9E | Sons |
|  |  |  |



Pure black spruce cover type 13 can be wetland (Stnn). The only way to identify which stands are wetlands is if ecosite is identified. The ecosite codes that represent Stnn will be V30, V31, V32, and V33. Some black ash sites will be Stnn, particularly if dominant to black ash.

**3.0 Ecosite**

Ecosite (vegetation type) is available for forested areas only. If this attribute is provided, then key on this attribute for forested areas as an alternative to 2.0 above or use ecosite as an enhancement using other available attributes as well.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| V2 | Black ash (White elm) hardwood (if have local knowledge) | Stnn |
| V19 | Cedar conifer and mixedwood | Stnn |
| V20 | Tamarack/Labrador tea | Stnn |
| V30 | Black spruce/Labrador tea/Feather moss (Sphagnum) | Stnn |
| V31 | Black spruce/Herb rich/Sphagnum (Feather moss) | Stnn |
| V32 | Black spruce/Herb poor/Sphagnum (Feather moss) | Ftnn |
| V33 | Black spruce/Sphagnum | Btnn |

Note: V20 can also be Ftnn (treed fens).

A soils type is also coded for FRI 1.2. Key on soil types for deep organic; S12F (feather moss) and S12S (Sphagnum) to identify locations of generic wetlands.

# Manitoba Forest Land Inventory (FLI)

A wetland classification is included in FLI; however, it only identifies non-treed wetlands. There are some options for deriving treed wetlands. One is to key on ecosite and the other is to key on the regular forest attributes. Both options are provided below. A general wetland assignment (W) is also possible.

**1.0 General Wetland (W)**

Key on soil landscape model (LANDMOD) code O (organic) and W (wet channel sloughs). Assign these polygons with CAS code „W‟. This will identify most wetlands (treed and non-treed) at a general level.

**2.0 Non-Treed Wetland**

Non-treed wetlands are identified in FLI. They are identified with the field WETECO1 and WETECO2. WETECO1 is the predominant wetland type and is the field that should be used to derive the CAS wetland. To derive CAS wetland codes from non-treed FLI wetland codes do the following:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| WE1 | Open bog-lowland shrub = | Bons |
| WE2 | Open poor fen-lowland = | Fons |
|  |  |  |



WE3 Open rich fen =

We4 Thicket swamp =

WE5 Shore fen =

WE6 Meadow marsh =

WE7 Exposed marsh =

WE8 Exposed marsh =

WE9 Open water marsh =

WE10 Open water marsh =

Fong

Sons

Fons

Mong

Mong

Mong

Mong

Mong

**3.0 Treed Wetland Using Ecosite**

Treed wetland ecosite codes and descriptions are found in *Forest Ecosystem Classification for* *Manitoba.* If they are provided in the ecosite field, then to derive treed CAS wetland codes seebelow:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| V2 | Black ash (White Elm) hardwood = | Stnn |
| V19 | Cedar conifer and mixedwood = | Stnn |
| V20 | Tamarack/Labrador tea = | Ftnn |
| V30 | Black spruce/Labrador tea/feather moss (Sphagnum) =Stnn | |
| V31 | Black spruce/Herb-rich/Sphagnum (feather moss) = | Stnn |
| V32 | Black spruce/Herb-poor/Sphagnum (feather moss) = | Ftnn |
| V33 | Black spruce/Sphagnum = | Btnn |

**4.0 Wetland Derivation Using FLI Polygon Attributes When Ecosite or Wetland Fields Are Empty**

**4.1 Treed Wetlands**

If ecosite is not available or a more detailed derivation of forested wetland codes is preferred then key on the FLI forested attributes. To keep the wetland derivation simple, only refer to Layer 1 except when Layer 1 is a veteran layer (CANLAY with code V), then use Layer 2 (SEQ 2) instead to derive the wetland class.

First step is to key on moisture regime (MR) code W (wet). This will identify all wetland areas. Then key on species composition (SP1, SP2 and SP1PER, etc) for likely wetland tree species such as black spruce and tamarack:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If SP1 = BS and SP1PER = 100 | | | | | Btnn |
| And CC (crown closure) <50% and HT (height) <12m | | | | |  |
| If SP1 = BS or TL and SP1PER = 100 | | | | | Stnn |
| And CC >50% and HT >12m | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If SP1 = BS or TL and SP2 = TL or BS | | | | | Stnn |
| And CC >50% and HT >12m | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If SP1 = WB or MM or EC or BA | | | | | Stnn |



If SP1 = BS or TL and SP2 = TL or BS

Ftnn

And CC <50%

If SP1 = TL and SP1PER = 100

Ftnn

And CC = any and HT <12m

**4.2 Non-Treed Wetlands**

First, always check to see if there are non-treed wetland codes in the WETECO1 field. If there are then see Section 2.0 for translation rules. If there are not any codes then key on Layer 1 for moisture regime (MR) code wet (W) and NNF\_ANTH (natural non-forested and anthropogenic attributes). If there is a veteran layer (CANLAY with code V), then go to Layer 2 (SEQ 2) and follow the same steps. There are three categories for NNF\_ANTH: Natural Non-Treed, Natural Non-Vegetated, and Anthropogenic. No wetland translation is necessary for Anthropogenic.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **4.2.1 Natural Non-Vegetated** | | |  |
| NWF (Flooded Uplands) | | | Mong |
| **4.2.2 Natural Non-Treed** | | |  |
| First key moisture regime MR = W, then: | | |  |
| SO, SC and crown closure > 3 | | | Sons |
|  |  |  |  |
| HG, HF, HU, and SO, SC with crown closure <3 | | | Mong |
| BR | | | Fonn |
| CL | | | Bonn |

# Ontario FRI and FRI FIM

The Ontario NBI (Whitefeather and Mishkeegogamang/Eabametoong) is not included because those inventories already have a wetland field that is based on the Alberta Wetland Inventory system on which the CAS wetland scheme is based. The FRI may or may not have an assigned ecosite for each polygon. If there is not an ecosite, then only a partial picture of wetland can be derived because FRI does not have a moisture regime field and productive forested wetlands cannot be determined from FRI attributes alone. Also, bogs and marshes cannot be separated from fens.

**1.0 Non Productive Forest Land**

Bogs cannot be separated from fens. If there is no ecosite then key on MNRCODE. This field will identify the non productive treed and non treed polygons.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| MNRCODE 310 | Treed Muskeg | Ftnn |
| MNRCODE 311 | Open Muskeg | Fons |
| MNRCODE 312 | Brush and Alder | Sons |
|  |  |  |



**2.0 Productive Forest Land**

Some productive forest wetlands can be generalized and identified using species.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| If SPC is mixed SbL or LSb or LSbCe or SbLCe | Stnn |
| If SPC is mixed CeL or LCe or CeLSb or CeSbL | Stnn |
| If SPC is L and SPC% is 100 | Stnn |
| If SPC is Ab and SPC% is 100 | Stnn |
| If SPC is mixed BwL or LBw or BwCe or CeBw | Stnn |
| Short comings include: |  |
| Pure Sb wetlands are not identified |  |
| Many Bw wetlands are not identified |  |
| Some SbL are upland |  |

**3.0 Ecosite**

FRI FIM inventories after 2007 will use the new harmonized ecosites for Ontario (224 ecosites).

FRI prior to 2008 will use the regional ecosite codes.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **3.1 NW Ontario** |  |
| Es 34 | Btnn |
| Es 35, 36, 37, 38 | Stnn |
| Es 38 | Stnn |
| Es 40 | Ftnn |
| Es 41, 42 | Fons |
| Es 43, 45 | Fong |
| Es 44 | Sons |
| Es 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 | Mong |

Es 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Oonn

Short comings: Es 35 and 36 can be fens (Ftnn) or a complex of bogs and fens.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **3.2 NE Ontario** | |  |
| Es 11 | | Btnn |
| Es 12, 13r | | Stnn |
| Es | 13p | Ftnn |
| Es | 14 | Btnn |

NE Ontario does not identify non treed wetland; therefore, will need to key on FRI codes OM (Open Muskeg – Fons) and BA (Brush and Alder – Sons). Marsh and bogs are included within OM and cannot be identified.



|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **3.3 Central Ontario** | |  |
| Es | 31 | Ftnn |
| Es | 32, 33, and 34 | Stnn |

Central Ontario does not identify non treed wetlands; therefore, will need to key on FRI codes OM (Open Muskeg – Fons) and BA (Brush and Alder – Sons). Marsh and bogs are included within OM and cannot be identified.

**3.4 Ecosites of Ontario (Harmonized ecosites)**

Ecosite number is preceded by a geographic range (Single letter code): A=Sub- arctic, B=Boreal, G=Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, and S=Southern; a vegetation cover modifier follows the ecosite code (Single or double letter code): Tt=Tall Treed, Tl=Low treed, S=Shrub, N=Non Woody, and X=Non Vegetated; e.g. B126Tl.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 126 | Btnn |
| 127 to 133 | Stnn |
| 222 to 224 | Stnn |
| 134 and 135 | Sons |
| 136 | Fons |
| 137 and 138 | Bonn |
| 139 to 141 | Ftnn |
| 142 to 145 | Mong |
| 146 | Fong |
| 145 | Fons |
| 148 to 153 | Mong |

# Quebec Troisième Inventaire Écoforestier

Wetlands must be determined from a number of sources to get as complete a wetland picture as possible. General or more detailed wetland types can be derived depending on data available. Two methods are possible; one uses the moisture regime or drainage type without or with combination of other cover type or forest attributes; the other method uses ecosite. More than one method or combination of attributes may be required. For example, polygons with a moisture regime and those identified as unproductive should be combined, or ecosite provides data for forested areas only.



**1.0 General Wetland (W)**

A general CAS wetland code „W‟ can be assigned to all polygons that have a moisture regime assigned to them. All polygons with RHY\_CO of 5 can be assigned CAS code „W‟. These will most likely be forested polygons. See Section 2.0 for unproductive forests wetland derivation.

A general CAS wetland code „W‟ can be assigned to all polygons that have a drainage class assigned to them. If code classe de drainage (CDR\_CO) is code 6, then a general CAS wetland code „W‟ can be assigned.

**2.0** **Unproductive Terrain**

Unproductive forest lands are identified in Code de Terrain. If TER\_CO is AL and moisture is wet then wetland = Sons or W if a general code is preferred. If TER\_CO is DH then wetland = W. DH includes open and semi open polygons, further differentiation is not possible.

**3.0 Forested Wetlands**

Forested wetlands can be assigned a more descriptive wetland code other than W. Key on moisture regime and species.

If régimes hydriques (RHY\_CO) is code 5 (Hydrique – wet), then:

If GES\_CO is EE and class de densité (CDE\_CO) = D and class de hauteur (CHA\_CO) = 4, 5, or 6 Btnn

If GES\_CO is EC, EPu, EMe, RMe, SE, ES, RE, MeE, MeC and classe de densité is C, B, or A and classe de hauteur is 3, 2, or 1, then wetland is Stnn

If GES\_CO is EE or MeMe and classe de densité is C, B, or A and classe de hauteur is any, then Stnn

If GES\_CO is CC, CPu, CE, CMe, RC, SC, CS, PuC, BbBb, EBb, BbBbE, BbE, Bb1E, then Stnn

If GES\_CO is EMe or MeE and classe de densité is D then Ftnn

If GES\_CO is MeMe and classe de densité is any and classe de hauteur is 4, 5, or 6: Ftnn

Any hardwoods (Fnc, Bj, Fh, Ft, Bb, Bb1, Pe, Pe1, Fi) or hardwood mix with wet moisture: Stnn

**4.0 Ecosite**

If have ecosite (TEC\_CO\_TEC) code type écologique, then wetland can be derived for forested ecosites only. Other sources will be required to include non forest ecosites or polygons (also see Terrains Improductifs for non forest wetlands).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RS 37 | Black spruce-fir sphagnum on mineral | Stnn |
| RS38 | Black spruce-fir sphagnum on organic | Ftnn |
| RS39 | Black spruce-fir sphagnum on organic | Stnn |
| RS18 | Cedar-fir on mineral | Stnn |
| RE37 | Black spruce sphagnum on mineral | Stnn |
| RE38 | Black spruce sphagnum on organic minerotrophe | Ftnn |



|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RE39 | Black spruce sphagnum on organic ombrotrophe | Btnn |
| RC38 | Cedar fir | Stnn |
| MJ18 | Yellow birch fir sugar maple on organic soil | Stnn |
| MF18 | Black ash fir on organic or mineral | Stnn |

A number of ecosites have a range from xeric to hydric. The hydric polygons cannot be differentiated from the upland polygons without other sources such as moisture regime. If have a moisture regime of code 5 then the following ecosites will be Stnn: FF 10, 20, 30, 50, 60; FC 10, MJ 10, MS 10, 20, 40, 60, 70; RB 50; RP 10; RS 10, 20, 20s, 40, 50, 70; RT 10; RE 20, 40, 70

# Prince Edward Island

Wetland can be derived from two sources; the land use code or the wetland cover class.

**1.0** **Land Use Code**

A general CAS wetland code can be assigned if a sub code is identified as part of the land use code. If Land Use Code is FOR (Forestry) and Sub Code is WET (Wetland), then assign a CAS wetland code W. If Land Use Code is WET (Wetland) and Sub Code is FOR (Forest), then assign a CAS wetland code W.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **2.0** | **Wetland Cover Class** |  |
| Key on Cover Class with wetland codes: | |  |
| BOW | Bog | Btnn |
| BKW | Brackish Marsh | Eonn |
| DMW | Deep Marsh | Mong |
| MDW | Meadow | Mong |
| SAW | Salt Marsh | Mcng |
| SFW | Seasonally Flooded Flat | Tmnn |
| SMW | Shallow Marsh | Mong |
| SSW | Shrub Swamp | Sons |
| WSW | Wooded Swamp | Stnn |

# New Brunswick

The New Brunswick Forest Inventory Classification System identifies a wetland category. Use fresh water (F) and Coastal (C) wetland identifiers. First locate wetland classes and vegetation cover types. Key on Freshwater (F) and Coastal (C) Wetland/Feature Type, then:



|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| If wetland Class is: | |  |
| AB | Aquatic Bed | Oonn |
| BO | Bog and vegetation cover type= FS | Btnn |
| BO | Bog and vegetation cover type= SV | Bons |
| FE | Fen and vegetation cover type=FH | Ftnn |
| FE | Fen and vegetation cover type=FS | Ftnn |
| FE | Fen and vegetation cover type=AW | Fons |
| FE | Fen and vegetation cover type=SV | Fons |
| FM | Freshwater Marsh | Mong |
| FW | Forested Wetland | Stnn |
| FW | Forested Wetland with Impoundment Modifier (IM) | Oonn |
| SB | Shrub Wetland (includes alders on poor sites (AP) in FOREST Sons | |
| CM | Coastal Marsh and vegetation cover type= FV | Mcng |
| TF | Tidal Flat and vegetation cover type= FV or FU | Tmnn |

# Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Spatially Referenced Forest Resources (SRFR) data base recognizes wetland within the non-forest categories. Forested wetlands are not identified and there is no moisture regime attribute to help derive forested wetlands; therefore, focus is placed on typical wetland tree species.

**1.0** **Non-Forest**

Key on the FOR/NON 4-digit code, the last two digits identifies forest and non-forest categories

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| in which wetlands are included. | |  |
| Non-forest code: | |  |
| 70 | Wetland General (any wet area other than open and treed bog) W | |
| 71 | Beaver Flowage | Mong |
| 72 | Open Bog | Bons |
| 73 | Treed Bog | Btnn |
| 74 | Ocean Wetland | Ecnn |
| 75 | Wetland in Lake | Mong |

The treed bog category includes treed fens and treed swamps. The tree species are not identified; therefore, no additional differentiation is possible.

**2.0** **Forest**

Brush and alders are identified in this category, moisture cannot be identified; therefore, upland verses wetland categories cannot be determined. Key on FOREST codes followed by tree species and tree attributes. Typical wetland tree species and mixes have been chosen to



identify possible wetland forested polygons. The short comings are that brush and alder types could include upland moist polygons. Pure black spruce stands are not included because they can also be upland polygons.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 33 | Brush and Species= BS, TL, EC, WB, YB, and AS | | | | | Sons |
| 38, 39 Alders and species= BS, TL, EC, WB, YB, and AS | | | | | | Sons |
| 00 | Natural Stand and Species= TL(100%) or TLBS or TLWB, | | | | |  |
|  | crown closure < 50% and height <12 m | | | | | Ftnn |
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1. Natural Stand and Species= TL (100%) or TLBS or TLWB, crown closure > 50% Stnn

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 00 | Natural Stand and Species=EC or ECTL 0r ECBS or ECWB | Stnn |
| 00 | Natural Stand and Species=AS or ASBS or ASTL | Stnn |
| 00 | Natural Stand and Species=BSLT | Stnn |

# Newfoundland and Labrador

A complete picture of wetlands cannot be derived because there is not an attribute for soil moisture regime; therefore, forested wetlands must be determined using wetland tree species. Non commercial forest and non-forested land have wetland classes assigned. Polygons with tree species that can occur in either upland or wetland situations (bS, tL, wB) could be assigned a wetland class.

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| **1.0** | **Non Commercial Forest** |  |
| Key on Biophysical Class = wet (W): | |  |
| If Non Commercial Forest code = S (softwood scrub) | | Stnn |
| If Non Commercial Forest code = H (hardwood scrub) | | Stnn |
| **2.0** | **Non-Forested Land** |  |
| Organic Bog (symbol or code) | | Bons |
| Treed Bog (symbol or code) | | Btnn |
| Wet Bog (symbol or code) | | Mong |
| **3.0** | **Forest Land** |  |
| If species is bStL or bStLbF or bStLwB | | Stnn |
| If species is tL or tLbF or tLwB or tLbS or tLbSbF or tLbSwB | | Stnn |
| If species is wBtL or wBtLbS or wBbStL | | Stnn |
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**4.0** **Ecosite**

Forested wetland ecosite data may be available based on the Forest Site Classification Manual

– Damman Forest Types of Newfoundland. Non forested wetland ecosites are not included (Except some shrub types). Transition to bog types (Sks 23 and Skn 22) and seepage sites (Bt 32 and Mg 30) are not included.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Ss 12 | Sphagnum – Black Spruce | Btnn |
| Sc 18 | Carex – Black Spruce | Ftnn |
| So 19 | Osmunda – Black Spruce | Ftnn |
| Al 31 | Lycopodium – Alder Swamp | Stnn |
| K 33 | Kalmia Heath – Sphagnum – Kalmia or Sphagnum – Empetrum | Sons |

# Yukon Territories

## Yukon Vegetation Inventory Version 2.1

Key on soil moisture regime, then use forested and non-forested categories. Two options are possible: one identifies a general wetland assignment that only identifies whether a polygon is wetland or not; the other option provides more detail within wetland types.

**1.0** **General Wetland**

If soil moisture regime (SMR) = W or A, then assign CAS wetland code W. All forested and non-forested wetland types can be identified with a general wetland category.

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| **2.0** | **Non-Forested Land** |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime = W (wet) and: | |  |
| If cover type class (CLASS) = S | | Sons |
| If cover type class (CLASS) =H | | Mong |
| If cover type class (CLASS) =M | | Sons |
| If cover type class (CLASS) =C | | Fons |
| Soil Moisture Regime = A (aquatic) | | Mong |
| **3.0** | **Forest Land** |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = W: | |  |
| If species 1 (SP1) = SB and SP1PER = 100 | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) < 50% and height (AVG\_HT) < 12 m | | Btnn |

If species 1 (SP1) = SB and SP1PER = 100

And crown closure (CC) > 50% and <70% and height (AVG\_HT) > 12 m Stnn



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If species 1 | (SP1) = SB and SP1PER = 100 | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) > 70% and height (AVG\_HT) > 12 m | | | | | | Sfnn |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| If SP1 = SB or L and SP2 = L or SB | | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) < 50% and height (AVG\_HT) < 12 m | | | | | | Ftnn |
|  | |  |  | | |  |
| If SP1 = SB or L or W and SP2 = L or SB or W | | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) > 50% and height (AVG\_HT) > 12 m | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 | (SP1) = L and SP1PER = 100 | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) < 50% | | | | | | Ftnn |
|  |  |  |  | | |  |
| If species 1 | (SP1) = L or W and SP1PER = 100 | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) > 50% and < 70% | | | | | | Stnn |
| If species 1 | (SP1) = L or W and SP1PER = 100 | | | | |  |
| And crown closure (CC) > 70% | | | | | | Sfnn |

# Northwest Territories

## Forest Vegetation Inventory Versions 2.1 and 3.0

Three options are possible depending on level of detail required and whether the attributes are recorded. The first option provides a general level that identifies the polygon as being a wetland or not. The second option looks at the forest and non-forest attributes to derive wetland and the third option looks at whether the optional wetland class has been recorded.

**1.0** **General Wetland**

If LANDPOS = W (wetland), then assign CAS wetland code W.

**2.0** **Wetland From Forest Attributes**

**2.1** **Non-Forested Polygons**

Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = S

Soil Moisture Regime (Moisture) = sd (subhydric - wet) or hd (hydric – very wet):

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| --- | --- |
| Type Class (TYPECLAS) = ST or SL | Sons |
| Type Class (TYPECLAS) =HG or HF or HE | Mong |
| Type Class (TYPECLAS) =BM | Fong |
| Type Class (TYPECLAS) =BL or BY | Boxc |
| Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = H (Horizontal) |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime (Moisture) = sd (subhydric - wet): |  |
| TYPECLAS or MINTYPCLS = SL or HG | Boxc |
| Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = H (Horizontal) |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime (Moisture) = hd (hydric -very wet): |  |
| TYPECLAS or MINTYPCLS = HG | Mong |
| Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = M (Multi-layered) |  |
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| Soil Moisture Regime (Moisture) = sd or hd: | | |  |
| TYPECLAS = SL or ST | | | Fons |
| **2.2 Forest Land** | | |  |
| If Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = M or C or H, and | | |  |
| MINTYPCLS = SL, and | | |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Pj and SP1PER = 100%or | | |  |
| SP1 =Sb or Pj and SP2 = Pj or Sb | | |  |
| and Crown Closure (CC) < 50% and HEIGHT <8 m | | | Btxc |
| If Stand Structure (STRUCTURE) = S, and | | |  |
| Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt, and SP1PER = 100%, and | | |  |
| Crown Closure (CC) > 50% and < 70% | | | Stnn |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt, and | | |  |
| Crown Closure (CC) > 70% | | | Sfnn |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt and SP2 = Lt or Sb, and | | |  |
| HEIGHT < 12 m | | | Ftnn |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt and SP2 = Lt or Sb, and | | |  |
| HEIGHT > 12 m | | | Stnn |
|  |  |  |  |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt, and SP1PER = 100%, and | | |  |
| Crown Closure (CC) < 50% | | | Ftnn |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Sb or Lt or Bw or Sw | | |  |
| and SP2 = Lt or Sb or Bw or Sw and CC > 50% | | | Ftnn |
| If Soil Moisture Regime (SMR) = sd or hd, and | | |  |
| Species 1 (SP1) = Bw or Po | | | Stnn |

**3.0** **Wetland Class**

The NWT Forest Vegetation Inventory has wetland class as an option. If a wetland class

attribute has been recorded, then:

Key on WETLAND:



|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| We | Wetland, no distinction | W |
| So | Shallow Open Water | Oonn |
| Ma | Marsh | Mong |
| Sw | Swamp and SP1 is populated | Stnn |
| Sw | Swamp and TYPECLAS + SL or ST | Sons |
| Fe | Fen and SP1 is populated | Ftnn |
| Fe | Fen and TYPECLAS = HG | Fong |
| Fe | Fen and TYPECLAS = SL or ST | Fons |
| Bo | Bog and SP1 is populated | Btxc |
| Bo | Bog and TYPECLAS = BY or BL or BM | Boxc |

# Wood Buffalo National Park

Wood Buffalo National Park is a biophysical inventory completed in the 70‟s based on a mapping scale of 1:100,000. This mapping scale will dictate that polygons will more than likely be heterogeneous rather than homogeneous; therefore, a single polygon can include more than one vegetation cover type or wetland vegetation cover type. Up to nine biophysical vegetation types and up to seven vegetation plant communities can be described for each polygon. The biophysical vegetation and vegetation plant community codes are identical. The position of each vegetation type within a heterogeneous polygon cannot be determined (except when a polygon is identified with only one wetland type or types); however, a percentage cover of each vegetation plant community is provided. Also note that this inventory has not been updated since the original was completed. Fire history records will need to be accessed for a more current view of the vegetation cover.

There are a few options that can be used to identify polygons that contain wetland types based on assessing different fields. A wetland code will need to be derived for each of the wetland vegetation plant communities identified for each polygon. More than one wetland type may be identified within a polygon. The best option is to key on the vegetation plant community field (v#pcm) and associated vegetation structure field (v#str). Each polygon can have up to seven vegetation plant communities described (along with descriptions of moisture (v#moi), species (v#sp1-4), percent cover (v#pct) and height (v#htc)) of which any number can be wetland types.

The bveg# field (biophysical vegetation), identifies up to nine fields but does not identify the percentage cover of each type; therefore, it is recommended that this field not be used to derive wetland. The v#pcm fields (vegetation plant community) should be used instead. The v#str and v#moi (moisture) fields can be used as a confirmation of wetland status or used to further refine the classification such as between treed fen and treed bog. The v#str# field contains several codes that identify wetland type; however, they are redundant to the v#pcm field and if not identified below, they are not necessary. Vegetation community types 21 and 22 are black spruce types but it is uncertain if they are wetland or moist upland so they have not been included. The v#pct field identifies the percent cover of each vegetation plant community in 10 percent classes.



If v#pcm = 99

If v#pcm = 98

If v#pcm = 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

If v#pcm = 7

If v#pcm = 17

If v#pcm = 18

If v#pcm = 19 and v#str = N then Ftnn and if v#str = P then

If v#pcm = 20

Mong

Sons

Mong

Sons

Fong

Sons

Btnn

Stnn

# Prince Albert National Park

Prince Albert National Park is a biophysical inventory based on 1968 photographs and a mapping scale of 1:50,000. This mapping scale will dictate that polygons will more than likely be heterogeneous rather than homogeneous; therefore, a single polygon can include more than one vegetation type or wetland vegetation type. Up to three biophysical vegetation types (including two-layered stands) and up to three ground vegetation types can be described for each polygon. The position of each vegetation type within a heterogeneous polygon cannot be determined (except when a polygon is identified with only one wetland type or types); however, a percentage cover of each vegetation plant community is provided. Also note that this inventory has not been updated since the original was completed. Fire history records will need to be accessed for a more current view of the current vegetation cover.

Three cover types (including two- layered stands) and up to three ground vegetation types (non forest) can be described for each polygon. A wetland code will need to be derived for each of the wetland types identified for each polygon. More than one wetland type may be identified within a polygon. The best option is to key on the overstory (C#SPEC), understory (U#SPEC) and ground vegetation (G#SPEC) fields.

There is no moisture regime field identified; therefore, wetlands will need to be derived or identified from other fields. Non treed wetlands are identified in G#SPEC fields:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| M1 | [lowland (wet site) herb and sedge cover] | Fong or Mong or Wo |
| M2 | [lowland (wet site) shrub cover] | Sons or Fong |
| FL (flooded lands) | | Mong |

Open fen and marsh types cannot be differentiated. A choice will need to made for M1 or M2 as to which cover type is most prevalent or a generic wetland code (Wo) can be assigned.

Treed wetlands will need to be derived. Key on overstory C#SPEC or understory U#SPEC fields with support from C#HT (height), C#DENS (crown closure) and U#HT, U#DENS fields:



If C#SPEC and U#SPEC contain only PM and C#DENS is code 1 or 2 and C#HT is code 1 then Btnn

If C#SPEC and U#SPEC contain only PM and C#DENS is code 3 and C#HT is code 1, 2 or 3 then Stnn

If C#SPEC and U#SPEC contain only LL or PM and LL occur in either one of the layers (i.e. must have PM and LL in one of the layers) or PM and LL occur as mixed in either layer and C#HT code is 1 or 3 and C#DENS is code 1, 3, 5 or 7 then Ftnn

If C#SPEC and U#SPEC contain only LL or PM and LL occur in either one of the layers (i.e. must have PM and LL in one of the layers) or PM and LL occur as mixed in either layer and C#HT code is 5 or 7 and C#DENS is code 3 then Stnn

Note that overstory and understory may need to be combined to meet density totals. Also, some moist or very moist upland black spruce and larch types will be included.

