

Appendix 6. Legislation and Statutory Authority Relating to Invasive Plant Species

Federal Legislation

Fisheries Act. Outlines criteria to protect fish and fish habitat from pesticides.

Migratory Birds Convention Act. Explains obligations to protect migratory birds from pesticides.

Pest Control Products Act. Regulates products used for the control of pests in order to protect human health and safety, and the environment.

Pesticide Control Products Act. Describes the criteria for registration of pesticides, and the safe conditions for their use.

Plant Protection Act. Describes the requirements for the introduction of biological control agents into Canada.

Seeds Act. Provides guidelines respecting the testing, inspection, quality, sale and transportation of seed in Canada. Includes Regulations that identify the species of plants classified as noxious weed seeds for the purpose of establishing seed grades.

Species at Risk Act. Protects species at risk and their habitat in Canada.

Waste Management Act. Describes methods for the safe disposal of pesticide wastes.

Provincial Legislation and Policy

Ecological Reserve Act. Provides guidelines for protecting native vegetation in Ecological Reserves.

Forest and Range Practices Act. Describes responsibility for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive plants resulting from a forest or range practice. Lists target species under the Invasive Plant Regulation.

Integrated Pest Management Act. Regulates the use of pesticides (including herbicides) for invasive plant control. Requires a confirmed Pest Management Plan before they can be applied to areas exceeding 50 hectares.

Park Act. Describes the management of native plants and their habitat, and the protection of natural features.

Plant Protection Act. Regulates the spread of insects, plant pests or diseases that adversely affect plants in British Columbia.

Pipeline Act. Designates responsibility to control noxious weeds along pipeline rights-of-way.

Ministry of Environment, BC Parks Conservation Program (Vegetation Management Policy). Describes conditions under which the ministry will consider control measures against invasive plant species within provincial protected lands.

Weed Control Act. Applies to all provincial Crown and private land in BC. Outlines the obligations to control designated noxious weeds by the land occupier.

Municipal Legislation

Community Charter Act. Provides municipalities with the authority to control or eradicate alien invasive species within their jurisdiction. Lists target species under the Regulation of the Act