

BOATING IN THE COLUMBIA WETLANDS

The following restrictions and guidelines aim to protect wildlife and their habitat.

BOATING RESTRICTIONS

1. Motorized vessels are limited to 20 hp (15 kw) or less on the main channel of the Columbia River.
2. No motorized water craft are permitted in the side channels, ponds or wetlands.
3. No towing or wakeboarding is permitted in the wetlands or on the main channel of the river.

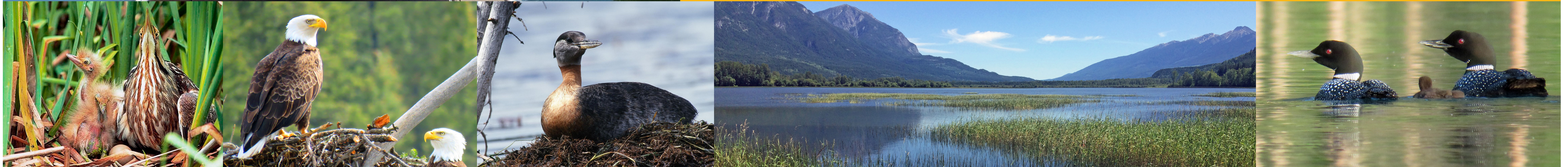


ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- Please stay in open water during the bird breeding season (spring and mid-summer).
Paddling into vegetated areas may disturb nests and separate parents from young birds.
- Maintain slow speeds to prevent wakes from disturbing nests that are floating or on the shoreline.
- Take photos of wildlife from a distance.
- Avoid spilling fuel and do not leave any garbage behind.
- Keep control of dogs at all times.

The Columbia Wetlands are the largest remaining area of biologically rich, shallow water and marsh habitats in the southern interior of British Columbia and adjacent regions of Alberta and the US. They are of critical ecological importance and great cultural value.

Migrating birds encounter many regions of lost and degraded habitat along the Pacific Flyway migration route stretching from South America to the Arctic Ocean. The Columbia Wetlands are one of the largest remaining intact wetlands on that route that haven't been permanently altered by dams.



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If we all take personal responsibility while boating in the Columbia Wetlands, wildlife will continue to thrive!