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# PREFACE

The goal of the Canada-British Columbia Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program is to achieve sustainability in British Columbia's agriculture industry. The Drainage Management Guide is one of the supplementary documents to the EFP program prepared to assist framers and ranchers to improve their farm operations and implement beneficial management practices.

The Drainage Management Guide provides information on preparing a Drainage Management Plan, operation and maintenance of drainage systems and guidance on contact requirements with agencies prior to conducting maintenance works on streams, channelized streams and constructed ditches. The Guide provides most of the information that is required for constructed ditches and guidance on where to get additional information for channelized and natural streams.

The Drainage Management Guide encourages long-term commitment to a sustainable, environmentally-sound and economically-viable B.C.'s agriculture industry.

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## **Acronyms used in this publication**

MAFF	BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
MWLAP	BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection
LWBC	Land and Water BC
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
HADD	Harmful Alteration, Disruption or Destruction (of fish habitat)
DMF	Ditch Maintenance Form

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The primary purpose of this Drainage Management Guide is to provide producers with a simple methodology to assess drainage system performance on their farm. Guidance on agency contact requirements is provided.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of these materials, additional materials may be required to complete more advanced assessments. Advice of appropriate professionals and experts may assist in completing assessments that are not covered in this Guide.

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Project Review Information Requirements for Works Affecting Fish Habitat.