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Alberta and the Life Aquatic

A strategy to manage water use in Alberta must coexist with the oil and gas sector's appetite for this precious resource

Like streams flowing into a river, the Government of Alberta's water management strategy is characterized by input from many different sources that helps shape its course.

"Fortunately, we're not in a water scarce situation in the province, although there are some challenges in the south, but over the next 30 or 40 years we know that we will have some challenges to [water] access," says Andy Ridge, director of the water policy division of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. "We don't have to fundamentally change our system but we have to start thinking about and changing the way in which we operate our water management system so that we don't run into some challenges in the coming years." >>