

LWMP Implementation

Current Regulations

THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulating the use of the foreshore and lake is a complex maze of jurisdictions and responsibilities. Responsibility for managing Lake Windermere rests in part with the federal, provincial, and local governments and the Akisqnuq First Nation and Shuswap Indian Band.

- The responsibility of the **federal government** relates to navigable waters, fisheries and the Indian Reserves.
- The responsibility of the **provincial government** relates to the environment, water and management of Crown land, such as issuing tenures or licences of occupation along the foreshore.
- The **local governments** are responsible for land use and development in the form of zoning bylaws and official community plans.
- The **First Nations** are responsible for land use and development on the Indian Reserves.

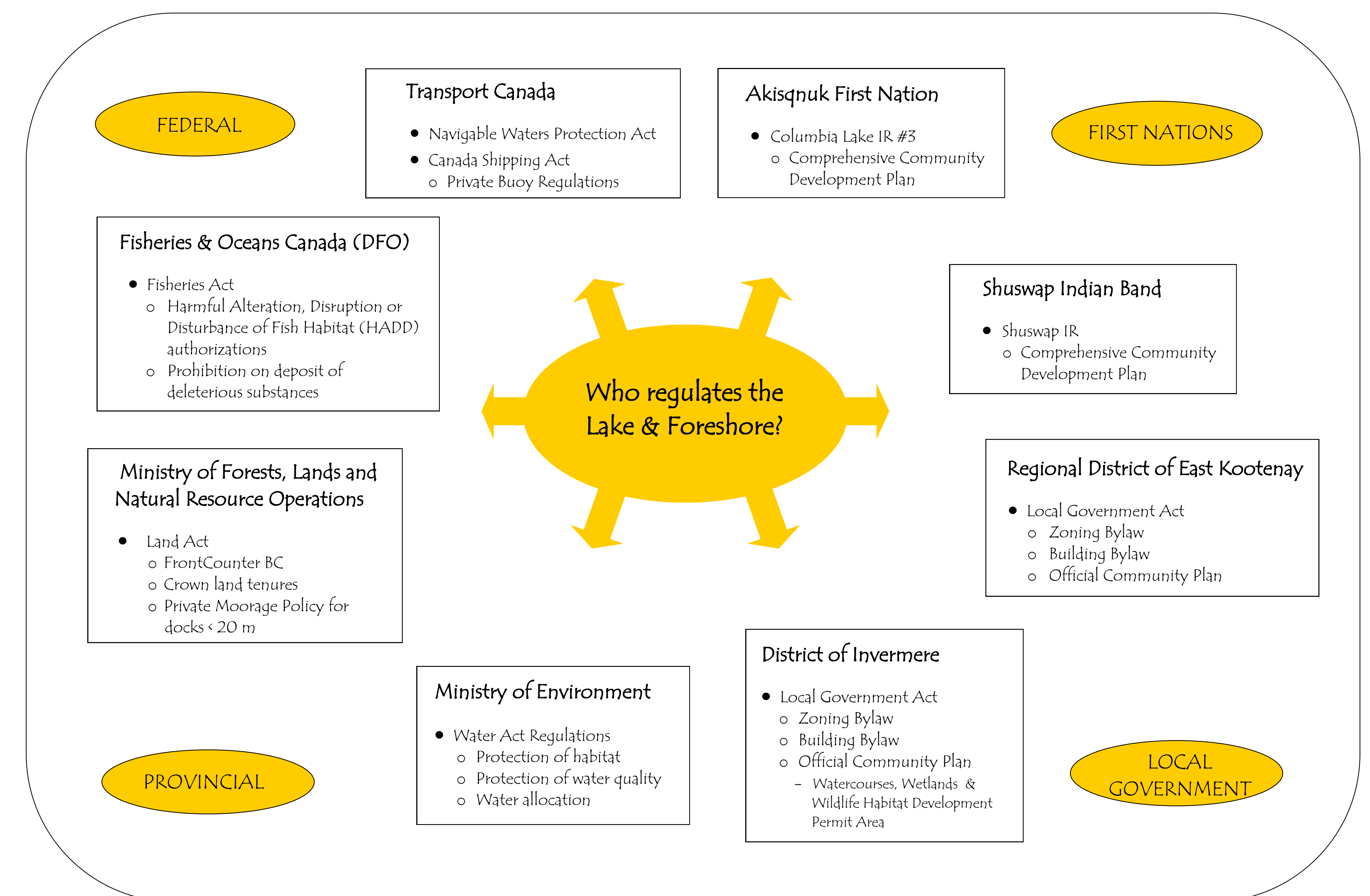
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT → APPLICATION

Undertaking work or making changes on the foreshore may trigger a requirement for a property owner to make application to a number of different agencies. Consulting with the appropriate agencies before starting work is always recommended.

- A licence of occupation for Crown land may be required from **FrontCounter BC**.
- If the General Best Management Practices established by the **Ministry of Environment** and the Regional Operating Statement by **Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)** are followed then an application may not be required. Permission to undertake the proposed works from **DFO** and the **Ministry of Environment** may be required and there may be conditions on the work or a requirement for compensation or rehabilitation.
- The placement of all structures and mooring buoys must comply with the federal legislation under **Transport Canada**.
- If you are building a structure, a building permit from the appropriate **local government** may be required. The local government will also confirm that your proposed work is permitted by the zoning bylaw.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

A Section 16 Map Reserve has been established by the Province until August 2012. The Map Reserve restricts the Province from issuing new tenures for Lake Windermere without the support of the appropriate local government. The Map Reserve was put in place to allow the completion of a new Lake Management Plan and supporting regulations by the DOI and RDEK. The Lake Windermere Management Plan (LWMP) was adopted by the DOI and RDEK in February 2011. As recommended by the LWMP, the implementation of surface water zoning and a new Development Permit Area are being explored.



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