



Use and Limitations of Floodplain Maps

Users must note the dates of base mapping, aerial photography, river surveys and issue of mapping relevant to dates of development in the map area. Subsequent developments or changes within the floodplain or channel (natural or constructed) will affect flood levels and render site-specific map information obsolete.

- Floodplain maps are administrative tools which depict minimum flood elevations and floodplain boundaries. Flooding may occur outside of the designated floodplain boundary.
- Floodplain maps do not provide information on site-specific flood hazards such as, land erosion or high water velocity, sudden shifts in the channel of the watercourse, or alluvial and debris flow fan areas.
- Other sources of water, roads, railways or other barriers can restrict water flow and affect local flood levels. As well, obstructions such as ice and debris, flooding in surrounding areas, channel deposition, groundwater or other phenomena can cause flood levels to exceed those indicated on the map. Land adjacent to a floodplain may be subject to flooding from tributary watercourses.
- Floodplain maps do not indicate or locate legal survey boundaries. A site survey is required to reconcile property location, ground elevations, and designated flood level information.
- The accuracy of the location of a floodplain boundary as shown on this map is limited by the base topography. It is generally assumed to be plus or minus one-half the increment of the ground contours.
- Professional assistance and detailed engineering analysis are required to address any of the above considerations.

NOTE:
AREAS WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN LIMIT THAT ARE ELEVATED ABOVE THE COMPUTED FLOOD LEVEL ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE FLOODING FROM OVERFLOW OF UPSTREAM RIVER BANKS.

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NOTES		FLOODPLAIN DATA		LEGEND	KEY MAP	REVISIONS		ISSUE OF MAPPING		ENVIRONMENT CANADA INLAND WATERS		BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT		CANADA-BRITISH COLUMBIA FLOODPLAIN MAPPING AGREEMENT		FILE No. 35100-30/930-1374
Produced by: British Columbia Water Management Division, Hydrology Branch, Flood Identification Section.	1. The floodplain areas as depicted on this map have been designated pursuant to the Canada/British Columbia Floodplain Mapping Agreement (1988) by the Minister of the Environment for Canada and the Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks for British Columbia. Flooding may still occur outside of the designated floodplain areas. The Ministers do not assume any liability by reason of the designation or failure to designate areas on this map.			<div>DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN LIMIT</div> <div>FLOOD LEVEL</div> <div>200 Year Frequency</div> <div>20 Year Frequency</div> <div>(METRES G.S.C. DATUM)</div>		No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	September 30, 1997	ENVIRONNEMENT CANADA EAUX INTÉRIEURES		COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE MINISTÈRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT		L'ACCORD CANADA-COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE SUR LA CARTOGRAPHIE DES PLAINES D'INONDATION		92F
Survey: River survey done by Water Management Division, Hydrology Branch, Technical Support Section, Project 34 02 F057.	2. The Designated Flood has a statistical frequency of occurrence of once every 200 years.					DRAWN				FLOODPLAIN MAPPING SOMASS RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES AT PORT ALBERNI		SCALE 1 : 5 000				
a) Horizontal control based on provincial network. b) Elevations are in metres and are referred to Geodetic Survey of Canada datum. c) (M) Indicates Survey Monument.	3. The Flood levels were computed using a standard step method modelling technique, assuming open water flow conditions.					CHECKED						Negative No.				
Mapping: Base mapping done by Lands Services Division, Surveys and Resource Mapping Branch, (SRMB) Topo/GS Section, Project 69-080 dated Sept., 1992, MAD 85. Air photography 1989.	4. The Floodplain limits assume the absence of all dykes.					RIVER SURVEY						DRAWING No. REV.				
a) Contour interval 1 metre and greater, with spot elevations shown to 0.1 metres, with a specified accuracy of 0.3 metres, except where noted. Contact SRMB for further details on base mapping specifications.	5. The Floodplain limits and flood levels include an allowance for freeboard.			DESIGNED						93-10-4						
b) Grid origin referred to U.T.M. Projection Zone 10.	6. The Floodplain limits are not established on the ground by legal survey.					ENGINEER <i>Rw Field</i>		RECOMMENDED <i>Rw N</i>	APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SHEET 4 of 4						
	7. The Floodplain limits are not delineated for side streams and tributaries.															
	8. The required setback of buildings from the natural boundary of lakes and watercourses to allow for the passage of floodwaters and possible bank erosion is not shown. This information is available either through local municipalities or the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks.															
	9. MAPS AVAILABLE FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, LANDS & PARKS, SURVEYS & RESOURCE MAPPING BRANCH, MAPS B.C. MAP & AIR PHOTO SALES, VICTORIA, B.C.															