

**A Review of the Yukon Oil and Gas Act Amendments**

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## **Review of Proposed Amendments to the Yukon Oil & Gas Act**

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is pleased to participate in the 5 year review of the Yukon Oil & Gas Act. Furthermore, we hope there is opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Oil/Gas Pipeline Regulations. We submit the following comments on the Oil & Gas Act for consideration by the Oil & Gas Resources Branch.

### **Section 67 Environmental Assessments**

DUC recommends that rather than repealing section 67 that the section be updated and changed from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act to Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act. This will ensure that there is reference to an environmental standard and it is abided by.

### **Section 65 Regulations by Activities**

Chapter 11 of the Final Umbrella Agreement outlines requirements for regional Land Use Planning to resolve land use and resource conflicts through an extensive consultation process. Regional Land Use planning provides an excellent conservation and development planning tool that considers all activities on the land base resulting in recommendations for where and how best to carry out various activities. The Yukon Government has committed to regional land use planning and invested significant resources into the process; therefore, DUC recommends that the Oil and Gas Act should acknowledge and consider Oil and Gas activities within the context of regional land use planning.

### **General comments**

1. DUC believes the Act will be strengthened by referencing other pieces of legislation (e.g. Environment Act) to ensure that other values on the landscape including wetlands, water quality, and other conservation measures are recognized in the context of development.