

Information Sheet #3 – ABMP Amendment Process

On July 9, 2024, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (now called Minister of Environment and Parks) issued [Ministerial Order No. M232-2024](#) (the Order) requiring the ministry to prepare amendments to the area based management plan (ABMP) for the Elk Valley, titled the 2014 Elk Valley Water Quality Plan (2014 EVWQP). This is the first time the ABMP is being amended since it was approved in 2014.

Schedule B of the Order sets the requirements for this amendment and provides:

- A Terms of Reference for the amendment,
- The purpose of the ABMP,
- Issues to be addressed in the amendment,
- Responsibilities,
- Process for consultation, and
- A timeline for development of the amendment.

This information sheet summarizes the process to develop the draft amendment (draft 2025 EVWQP) in alignment with the Order.

Developing the Draft 2025 EVWQP

Work to prepare the draft 2025 EVWQP was initiated by the ministry in July 2024. The draft was developed by the ministry and was informed by input from Ktunaxa First Nation Governments (KFNGs), following a process that was developed and agreed-upon by the parties to support consensus-seeking discussions.

The draft 2025 EVWQP was also informed by technical and policy input from an Advisory Committee. Organizations represented on the Advisory Committee included provincial and federal governments, KFNGs, and industry. A total of eleven organizations participated on the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee provided input from August 2024 to April 2025. In August 2024, the committee reviewed a draft overview document outlining the scope of the expected amendment. Between September 2024 and April 2025, three multi-day advisory committee meetings were held, and the committee reviewed three drafts of the amendment. For each draft, KFNGs also reviewed and provided input on early versions prior to the Advisory Committee.

Public Comment Period

The draft 2025 EVWQP reflects engagement with KFNGs, includes input from the Advisory Committee, including KFNGs, and aligns with Schedule B of the Order.

Input received during the public comment period will be considered in preparing the final draft, as appropriate, before it is submitted for decision to the Minister of Environment and Parks on or before July 9, 2025.

Figure 1 shows the process to date, and the remaining steps leading to submission of the draft 2025 EVWQP to the minister.

More Details

A summary of the content of the draft 2025 EVWQP is provided in **Information Sheet #4 – Highlights of the Draft 2025 Elk Valley Water Quality Plan**.

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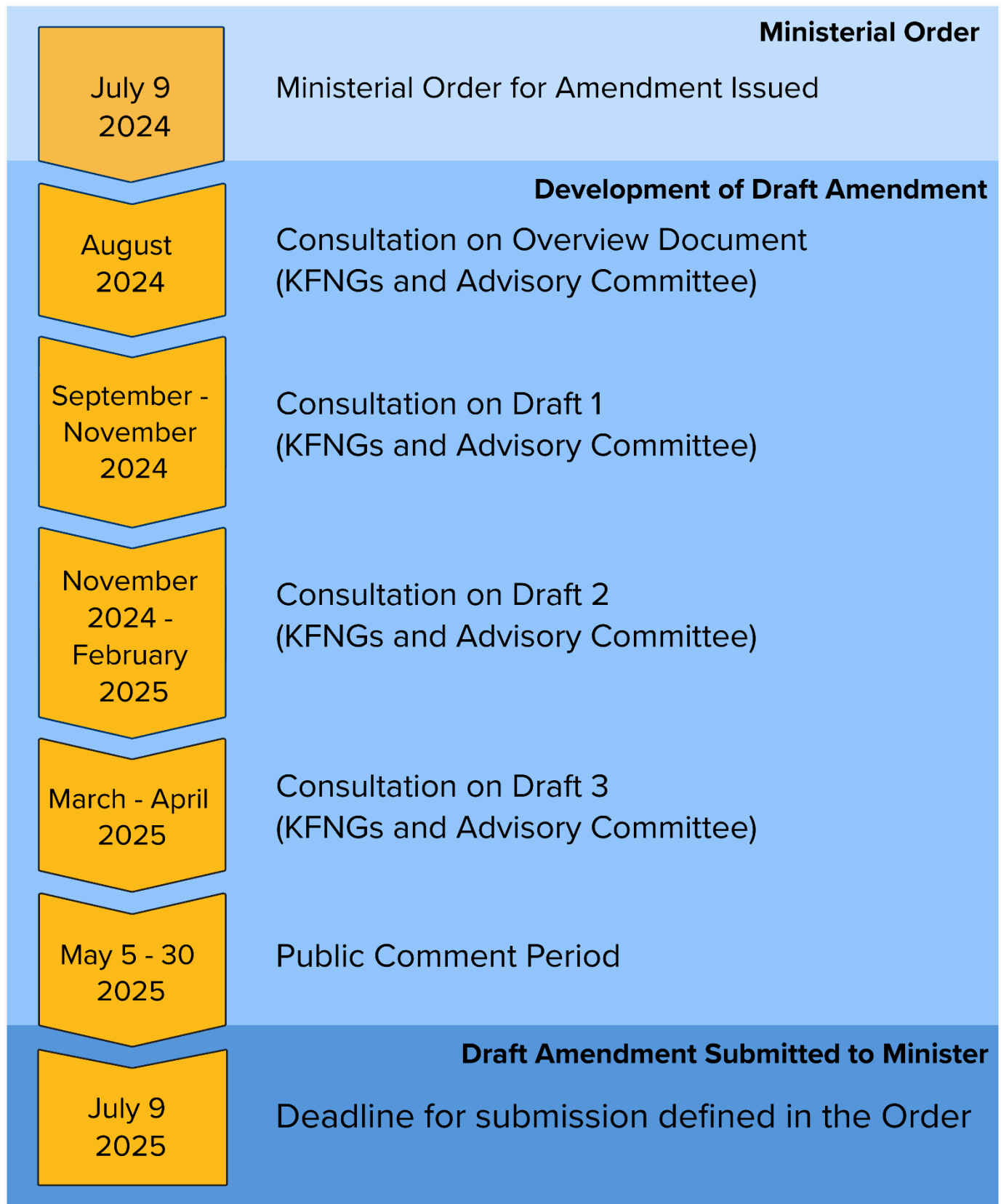


Figure 1: Amendment development process 2024-2025