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## Canadian Watershed Information Network (CanWIN)

### Introduction

The Canadian Watershed Information Network (CANWIN) is a web based open access data and information network created by Environment Canada as part of the Lake Winnipeg Basin Initiative under Canada's Action Plan on clean water. It was created in order to help address key water quality issues within the lake and its contributing watersheds. In 2012 management of the network transferred to the University of Manitoba under CEOS.

The Nelson River Watershed covers over 1 million square km. It covers 4 (four) Canadian provinces and four (4) U.S. States. The CANWIN provides a central open access data hub where researchers, decision-makers, government agencies, organizations and the community can visualize and view the WHO, WHAT WHEN and WHERE of the basin. (Who is working in the basin, and WHAT, WHEN and WHERE are they doing it?); Searchable maps and tables of research allow users to gain a better understanding of the projects and activities occurring within the basin.

The CANWIN aims to aid research, education and decision-making in the basin through three key strategies: Aid Transparency, Build Understanding, Create Awareness.

These key strategies allow the CANWIN to facilitate the management of natural and anthropogenic resources in the basin by integrating multiple information and data sources and expertise into a central open access resource.

### Objectives

This document describes the CANWIN Data Statement (DS) and Terms of Use (TOU) for accessing, uploading and searching CANWIN data, metadata, information and products. It aims to strike a balance between the rights of investigators and the need for wide spread access through open data sharing of data, meta-data and products. The ultimate goal of this document is to facilitate the production of data analysis, reports and management decisions by stating the conditions for data submission, access and use.

Specific objectives of the CANWIN DS include:

- Facilitating information exchange among CANWIN researchers and user groups;
- Developing, maintaining and updating a Lake Winnipeg Basin Data and MetaDatabase, based on Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure Standards (CGDI) and North American Profile (NAP) to ensure international interoperability;
- Using existing knowledge and infrastructure in working towards an integrated data management system (i.e. connect to existing services such as web map (WMS) or web feature (WFS)) to avoid duplication of systems;
- Respecting confidentiality requirements and researcher rights to publication;
- Ensuring the long term preservation of CANWIN data sets; and

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- Ensuring databases are widely and easily accessible to users.

### Definitions and CANWIN Assets

- **Data:** mean representation of information or concepts, in any form (*Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*)
- **Data points:** are individual numerical data
- **Data products:** are aggregated or combined sets of observation data, model data, metadata or images (e.g. Know Your Watershed map)
- **Data files:** are sets of data points grouped by any kind of pertinent criteria (e.g. vertical profiles, time series, survey data)
- **Data collection:** is a set of data files collected individually, but all related to a specific deployment
- **Data sources:** may be the originators of the data, metadata, images or products, including producers of scientific work or intermediaries such as associated institutes that commissioned or funded the work
- **Distributed database:** A distributed database or system is where data can be located at various geographically distributed nodes but still be accessible through one unique hub (i.e. CANWIN).
- **Image data:** are images (e.g. Satellite, maps, pictures) providing information on various aspects of the Lake Winnipeg Basin.
- **Metadata:** are data about data sets: can include information about observation, image, data sets and the related attribute data such as type, location, date/time, unit of measurement, accuracy of geolocation data, precision or method of measurement and owner/contact of the data and metadata.
- **Observation data:** are measurements or observations (*in situ* and remote sensing) of freshwater environmental variables. In order to interpret and process these data, related attribute data such as data type, location, time and unit of measurement are required.
- **Quality flags:** are alphanumeric indicators added to datasets after quality check protocols have occurred

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### Contribution of Data

#### 1.1 Data sources

Data sources may be the originators of the data, metadata, images or products, for example, persons responsible for the scientific work that produce them; or an intermediary such as the data sources' associated institute(s), the agency that commissioned or funded the work, or even the information technology group responsible for preparing the data for submission to the CANWIN. The data source must precisely specify through use of the metadata entry form, any access restrictions that it wishes the CANWIN to uphold. Some cases that call for restrictions include data that is protected by law and data submitted during a prescribed period of exclusive use.

#### 1.2 Data distribution

All data accessible through the CANWIN are considered freely available, unless otherwise explicitly specified and agreed. Where possible, data quality flags are appended to datasets for clarity.

#### 1.3 Metadata and catalogue services

Metadata and other supplemental information are required to enable the use of data without ambiguity or uncertainty. Metadata is structured in ISO 19115 and DataCite 4.2 formats to ensure compatibility with CCADI and international metadata standards. Information about the ISO and DataCite meta data fields required by CANWIN can be found on the FAQ or Data Templates pages of the CANWIN website. Details about these profiles can be found on their respective websites at <https://schema.datacite.org/meta/kernel-4.2/> for DataCite and <https://standards.iso.org/iso/19115/-3/> for the ISO 19115 schema

#### 1.4 Data Sets Integration

Uniformity of data format and quality have a high priority. All data, are made available by using CANWIN/CCADI standardized coding formats and protocols to the greatest extent possible.

#### 1.5 Quality Assurance

The CANWIN develops and applies quality assurance procedures as appropriate and feasible, and in cooperation with data sources and other organizations. The data source always retains complete responsibility for data quality. To indicate the quality control that has been applied to a specific data set, the CANWIN utilises quality flags and descriptors in the human readable metadata form. The system allows re-submission of data throughout the quality control process,

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and thus also allow for accelerated submission of data. The reporting of suspected errors in the data will be facilitated, and that information relayed to the respective data source so corrections can be made.

### 1.6 Preservation of Data

For the CANWIN to succeed, archival systems must be in place, so that the collected data, images, products and metadata may be safeguarded for future analysis. Data, images and products and related metadata will be permanently archived by the CANWIN and the University of Manitoba Information Services and Technology department (IST).

## Use of Data

### 1.1 General Conditions

CANWIN data is accessible as per the following definitions by the associated agencies (in brackets):

- **Availability and Access** (Government of Canada and the Open Knowledge Foundation): data available as a whole, in a convenient and modifiable form, and at no more than a reasonable reproduction cost, preferably by downloading over the internet.
- **Free and unrestricted** (World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Resolution 40): non-discriminatory and without charge. “Without charge” meaning a charge that is no more than the cost of reproduction and delivery without charge for the data and products themselves

Access conditions may vary by asset (Section 3) type:

- 1) Metadata are freely accessible without any condition;
- 2) Data and data products require:
  - a. Website registration to obtain username and pw;
  - b. Acceptance of user conditions and terms for each data/data product as set by data owners.

The availability of the data and data products may include an obligation by the users to contact the data source or designee to request permission to use the data and/or an obligation to acknowledge the data source and the CANWIN in any publication using these data. Data or data products may be restricted access to request only access by the data source.

Exceptions to the open, free and unrestricted data access include:

- Where local and Traditional Knowledge is used, rights of the Knowledge holders shall not be compromised;

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- Where data release may cause harm, specific aspects of the data may be kept protected, or generalized to a broader geographic region (e.g.: location of nests of endangered species, location of traditional use areas or sacred sites); and
- Where pre-existing data is already subject to access restrictions.

### 1.2 Data Acknowledgment

The users of CANWIN data must formally acknowledge data originators, contributors and sources. This acknowledgement should appear as a citation, such as when citing a book or journal article. In instances where formal citations are not possible, the use of ethical policies for data collection and data use are recommended. Such models are available in Article 8(j) of the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity. Suggested citation practices include:

**Project level data should be cited as:**

**Author1; Author2, Publication Date, “Project Title”, DOI, Data Repository, Version**

For citing **one file** within a Project dataset:

**Author1; Author2, Publication Date, “Dataset name”, *Project Title*, DOI, Data Repository, Version**

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WMO Resolution 40 (Cg-XII; see <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/im/wmor40.htm>)

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APPENDIX A

TERMS OF USE FOR THE CANADIAN  
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## Canadian Watershed Information Network (CanWIN)

### Terms of Use of the Canadian Watershed Information Network (CANWIN)

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#### 3. Purpose of Database

The CANWIN Database is formed of specific metadata and data provided by researchers ("Researcher"), with their express consent. The purpose of adding metadata is to create an internationally standardized and searchable data collection. Please note that the addition of Content in the Database does not constitute an endorsement by the CANWIN administrators of any such Content provided by the Researcher. The University and CANWIN administrators have no control or power over such Content.

#### 4. Use Licence

Permission is granted to temporarily download one copy of the materials within the Database for personal, non-commercial transitory viewing only.

This is the grant of a licence, not a transfer of title, and under this licence you may not:

- (a) modify or copy the materials; outside of the Data Set licence in the metadata;
- (b) use the materials for any commercial purpose unless allowed by the dataset licence;

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The University or the CANWIN administrators may terminate your access to this Database if you make or permit any unauthorized use of this Database or Content. Such actions by you may violate applicable laws including, without limitation, copyright, patents and trademark laws and communications regulations and statutes.

### 6. Exclusion of Warranties

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The University or CANWIN administrators may modify, alter or otherwise update the Terms of Use applicable to this Database from time to time without notice, and you agree to be bound by such terms as are in effect at the time at which you access the Database.

### 12. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about the Database terms, practices, third party material, or about your personal information if you provide any, please contact the CANWIN at:

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### Privacy Statement

The CANWIN is committed to preserving and safeguarding your right to privacy. As part of the University of Manitoba, the CANWIN must comply with *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) and the related University policy, available online at: [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Access\\_and\\_Privacy\\_Policy\\_-\\_2016\\_08\\_03.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Access_and_Privacy_Policy_-_2016_08_03.pdf)

The University of Manitoba Website Privacy Statement is located at [http://umanitoba.ca/access\\_and\\_privacy/Privacy\\_Statement.html](http://umanitoba.ca/access_and_privacy/Privacy_Statement.html) and is copied below.

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- Screen resolution of your monitor;
- Date and time you accessed our website;
- Webpages you visited and the links you clicked while on the page;
- Address of any external website from which you linked to the University’s website.

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- Type of browser and operating system you used to access our website;
- Screen resolution of your monitor;
- Date and time you accessed our website;
- Webpages you visited;
- The address of any external website from which you linked to the University’s website;
- Search terms;
- Type of request (For example, a request for a page or an event);
- Cookie values;
- Language encoding.

According to Google, the data collected cannot be altered or retrieved by services from other domains. If you choose, you can opt out by turning off cookies in the preferences settings in your browser. For more information on Google Analytics, please visit Google’s website.

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