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**North Saskatchewan River
Heritage Designation Initiative -
Update**

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Canadian Heritage Rivers System

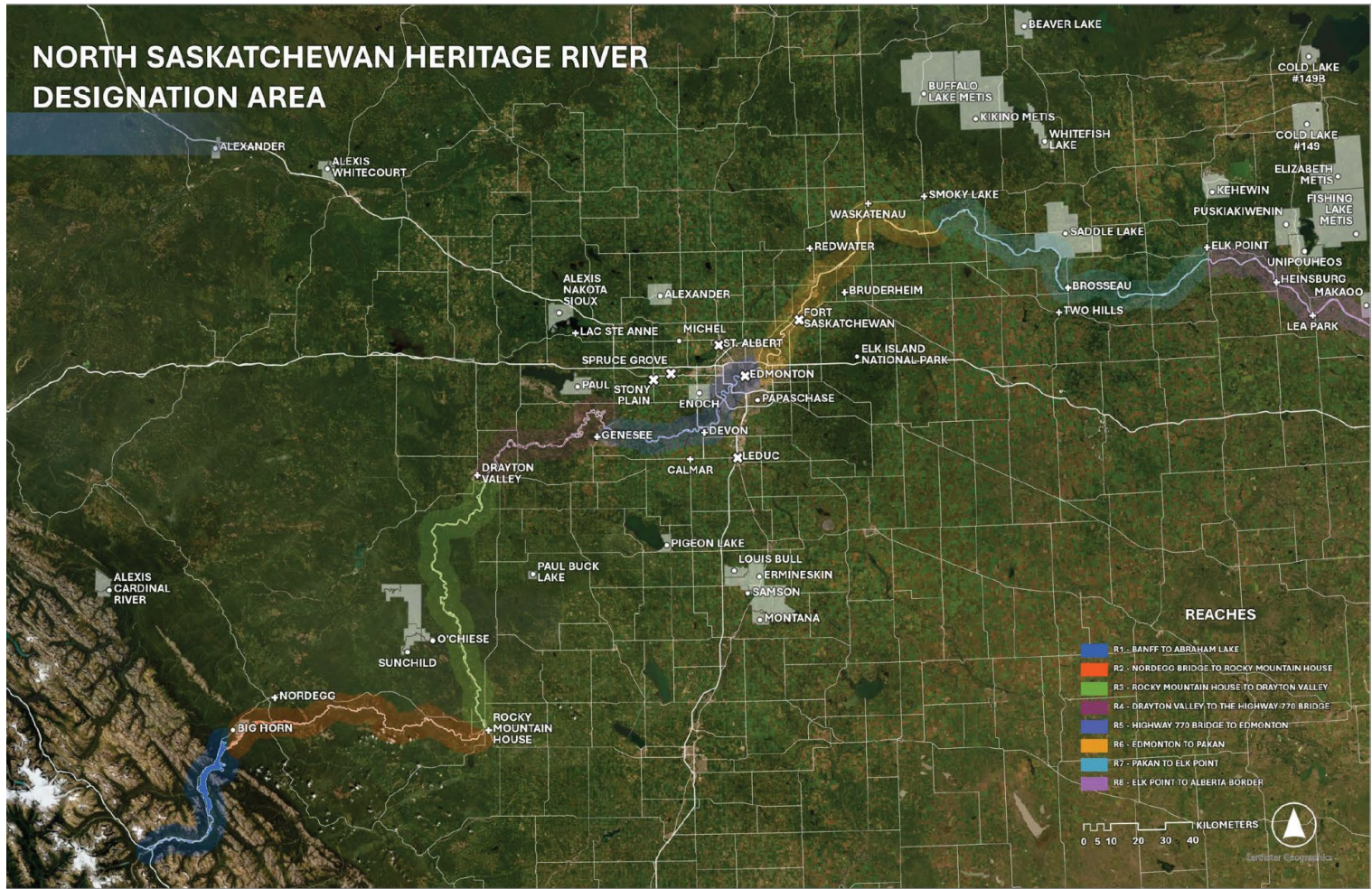
- Nominated Rivers
- Designated Rivers



2022



NORTH SASKATCHEWAN HERITAGE RIVER DESIGNATION AREA



Project History

North Saskatchewan River

“THE STORY OF THIS RIVER IS THE STORY OF THE WEST”

Canadian Heritage Rivers System Background Study
North Saskatchewan River
Alberta
2005

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

2005



NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER IN ALBERTA

Nomination Document for the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS)
November 2021

Canadian Heritage Rivers System / Réseau des rivières du patrimoine canadien

2021/22



Kisiskâciwani-sîpiy (swift-flowing river) Omaka-ty (the big river)

A Heritage River Designation Concept for the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta

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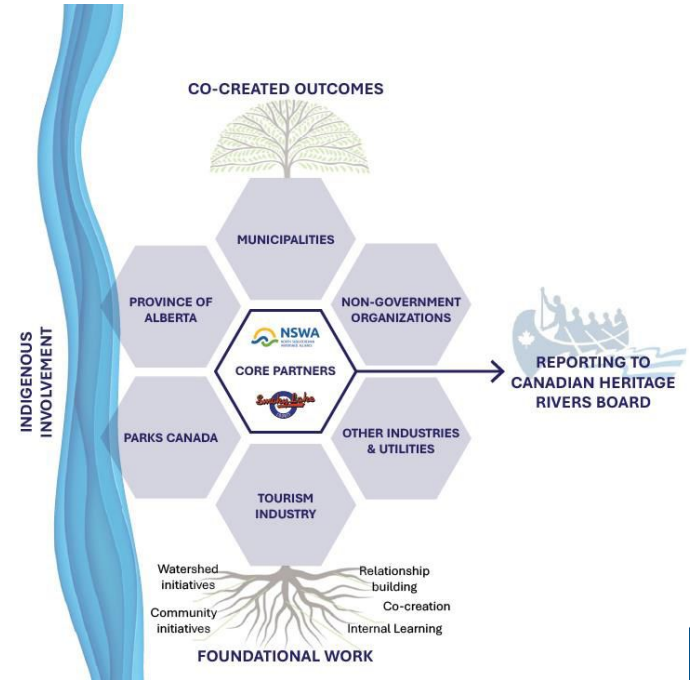
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Paddle Into the Past at Métis Crossing. Credit: Explore Edmonton

Anticipated
2023/24

Perspectives - Key Themes

- Importance of the River's role
- Language and place names
- Balance recreation with conservation
- Ecological connectivity
- Improve river access
- Maintain water quality
- Support ongoing stewardship efforts
- Recognize Indigenous value



Next Steps



- Finalize the Heritage River Concept Plan
- Present to the inter-provincial Canadian Heritage Rivers Board (CHRB)
- Dual Ministerial Approval
- Implementation

Questions and Thank You

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