

4 Regional Districts and Communities

Regional Districts

Regional districts serve as the local government in rural areas that have not been incorporated into municipalities. In some regional affairs, they affect multiple municipalities. In rural areas, regional districts provide services such as fire protection, land use planning and building inspection. They may also provide services to the entire district, including municipalities, such as solid-waste management and emergency response.

Regional Districts in BC

BC is divided into 28 regional districts. The coastline of PNCIMA is shared with five of these, namely Central Coast, Kitimat-Stikine, Mount Waddington, Skeena-Queen Charlotte and Strathcona. When the coastal watersheds

draining into PNCIMA are considered, smaller portions of four more regional districts are included, namely Bulkley-Nechako, Peace River, Cariboo and Alberni-Clayoquot.¹

Communities

Communities shown on the accompanying map attempt to capture the majority throughout PNCIMA. First Nation communities presented on the preceding First Nation Communities map are not duplicated on this map. Due to the map's scale, only the more populous communities on North Vancouver Island are displayed.²

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¹ BC Stats. 2010. Regional districts of British Columbia. <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/maps/rdmap.asp> (Accessed May 2011).

² GeoBC Information Services Branch. 2009. Gazetteer of British Columbia. BC Geographical Names Information System, Province of BC.

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