**Map 4: Wetlands with Special Features**

This map illustrates all provincially mapped wetlands in relation to wetlands that have a Special Features Component.

Special Features Component brings together some biological and ecological attributes of wetlands that cannot logically be evaluated under the biological, social or hydrological components. The Special Features Component evaluates the geographical rarity of wetlands, the occurrence of rare species including reproductive habitat or migration, feeding or hibernation habitat for an Endangered or Threatened Species, and habitat quality for wildlife, including fish. Ecosystem age is also considered in this component.

A wetland can be scored at a maximum of 250 points for the Special Feature Component; thus the wetland is evaluated as a PSW (scoring more than 200 points in the Special Feature Component). This weighted scoring system is important to ensure that habitat for endangered and threatened species are not lost.