



To: Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Clients

Changes to the *Federal Fisheries Act*

As of November 25, 2013 amendments to the *Fisheries Act*, the Applications for Authorization (under Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act* Regulations) and Information Requirements Regulations came into force.

The implementation of the amended Act now brings about many changes in the way the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) conducts business.

The focus is now on:

- Proponent self-assessment,
- Streamlining regulatory reviews; and
- Greater emphasis on large scale projects.

With these changes, the existing partnership agreements between DFO and Conservation Authorities are now null and void.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will no longer be reviewing projects on behalf of DFO and will no longer be providing Letters of Advice to proponents regarding mitigating impacts to fish habitat.

For all *Fisheries Act* requirements, reviews and/or approvals please refer to the following links:

DFO Website: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>

DFO Phone Number: 1-855-852-8320

DFO Email: fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is still responsible for administering O.Reg.180/06 under the *Conservation Authorities Act* for development within the regulated areas.

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