

Projects Near Water - Compliance with the Fisheries Act



The *Fisheries Act* requires that projects avoid causing serious harm to fish unless authorized by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). This applies to work being conducted in or near bodies of water that support fish that are part of or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery.

The DFO website provides information and guidance that can be used to determine if your project requires a review by DFO <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>.

The website states that if you are unsure about whether your project requires DFO review, you can seek support from a qualified environmental professional. CLOCA can provide the services of a qualified environmental professional to determine if your project requires a DFO review. If it is determined that your project needs to be reviewed by DFO, CLOCA can also complete the form for a Request for Review to DFO on your behalf.

The fee for providing the initial screening review service to determine if a DFO review is needed is \$500. The fee for completing the DFO Request for Review form is \$200. The applicable fee is payable at the time of request for this service.

For more information please contact Mr. Ian Kelsey, Aquatic Biologist with Central Lake Ontario Conservation at (905) 579-0411 ext. 143 or ikelsey@cloca.com.

Permission Forms:

Qualified Environmental Professional Authorization – Screening Review (\$500)

I _____ hereby request that Central Lake Ontario Conservation review my proposed project through the DFO Self-Assessment to determine if DFO needs to review it in order to be compliant with the Fisheries Act.

Project Description and File #: _____

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent _____

Date: _____

DFO Request for Review Form Assistance (\$200)

I _____ hereby request that Central Lake Ontario Conservation complete the form for a Request for Review by DFO for my proposed project.

Signature of Owner/Authorized Agent _____

Date: _____

Project Description and File #: _____

Please return the above forms to:

Mr. Ian Kelsey, Aquatic Biologist
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100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa, ON, L1H 3t3
Fax: 905-579-0994

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