



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

CHANGES TO THE *FEDERAL FISHERIES ACT*

February 2020



On June 21, 2019, the amended *Fisheries Act* received Royal Assent and became law. On August 28, 2019, provisions of the new *Fisheries Act* came into force including new protections for fish and fish habitat in the form of standards, codes of practice and guidelines for projects near water.

The changes to the *Fisheries Act* will help:

- Restore protection for fish and fish habitat
- Enhance marine protection and habitat restoration
- Improve management of projects
- Preserve independent inshore fisheries
- Strengthen Indigenous roles in project reviews, monitoring and policy development.

To learn more about the changes to the Amended *Fisheries Act*, refer to the following link:

<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/campaign-campagne/fisheries-act-loi-sur-les-peches/introduction-eng.html>

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

DFO Website:

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-003-eng.html>

DFO Phone Number: 1-855-852-8320

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

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) administers O.Reg. 180/06 under the *Conservation Authorities Act* for development within its Area of Jurisdiction. Development within the Approximate Regulated Area may require a permit from the Authority. A permit under the *Conservation Authorities Act* does not constitute review and/or approval under the *Fisheries Act*, which is a separate process.



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