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# New Interim Standards and Codes of Practice Banking

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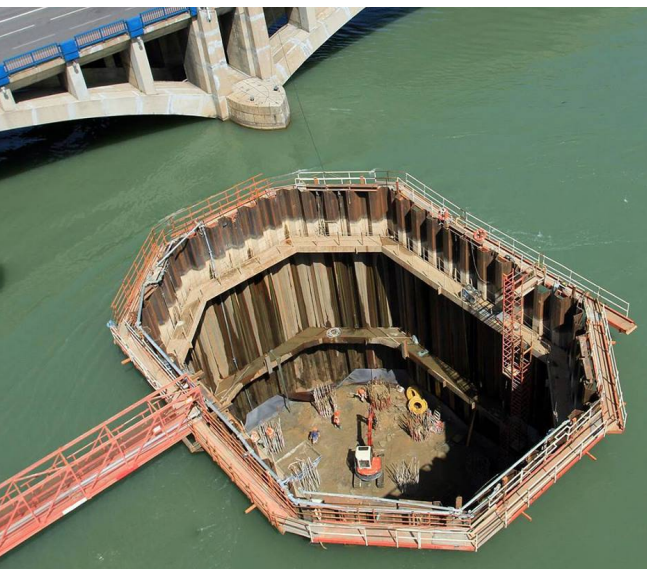


## New Interim Standards and Codes of Practice

As part of the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) will be introducing new Interim Standards and Codes of Practice. The DFO will use the new Interim Codes of Practice (SCoPs) for four types of works:

- 1 **Dock, mooring and boathouse repair, maintenance, and construction.**
- 2 **Bridge repair and maintenance.**
- 3 **Municipal and agricultural drain maintenance.**
- 4 **Repair and maintenance of in-water structures.**

The DFO is also introducing a new **Interim Standard for site isolation**. This would apply to activities in isolation of open or flowing water, such as cofferdams, turbidity curtains, flumes, and diversion channels.





## What are Standards and Codes of Practice?



### CODES OF PRACTICE

outline best practices for managing fish and fish habitat risks.



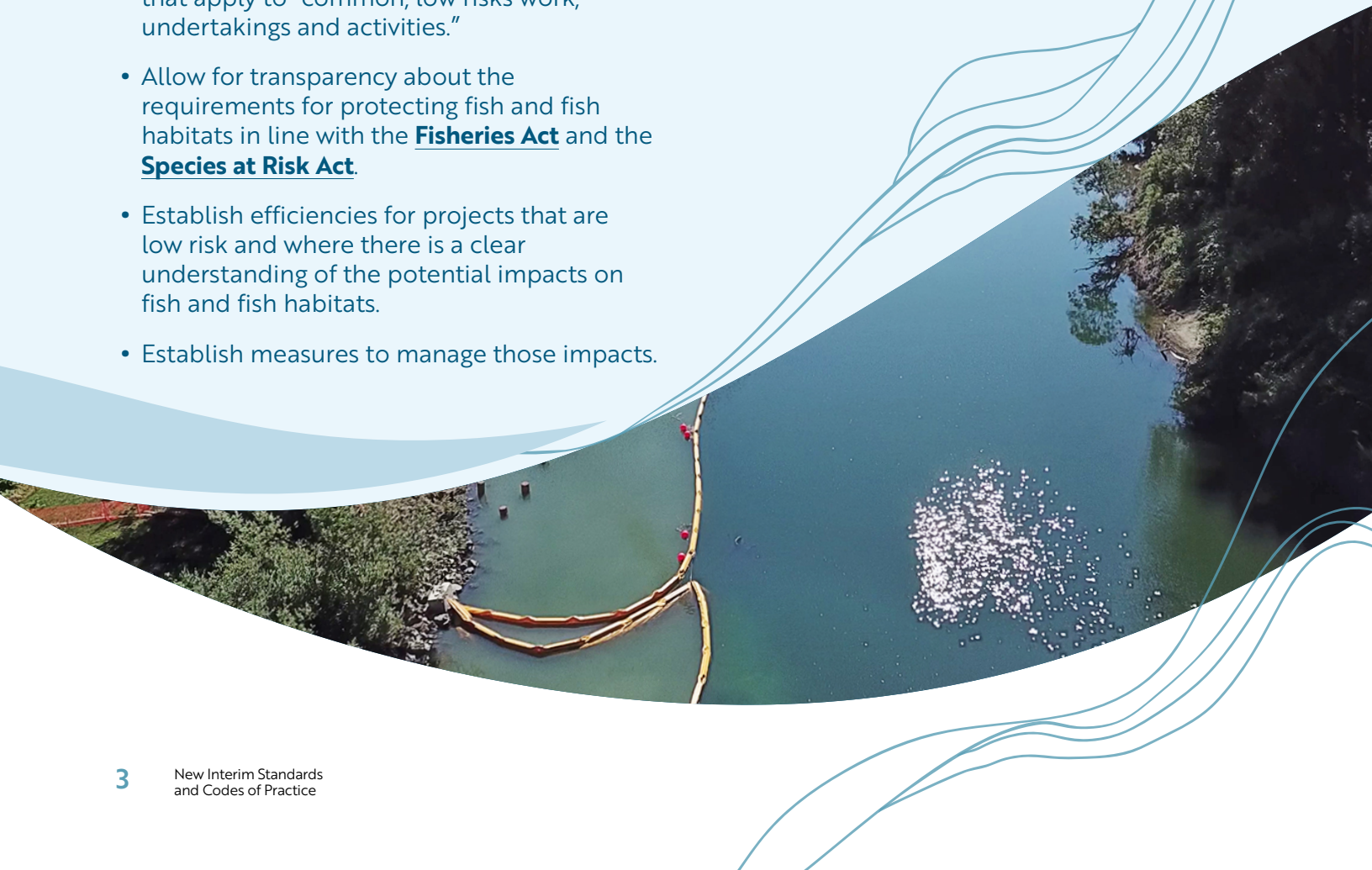
**STANDARDS:** outlines how a specific management measure should be designed and implemented to achieve its objectives.

### Codes of Practice Will:

- Help to conserve and protect fish and fish habitats against harmful alteration, disruption, destruction, or death of fish.
- Provide consistent and clear guidance across Canada regarding the management practices that apply to “common, low risks work, undertakings and activities.”
- Allow for transparency about the requirements for protecting fish and fish habitats in line with the **Fisheries Act** and the **Species at Risk Act**.
- Establish efficiencies for projects that are low risk and where there is a clear understanding of the potential impacts on fish and fish habitats.
- Establish measures to manage those impacts.

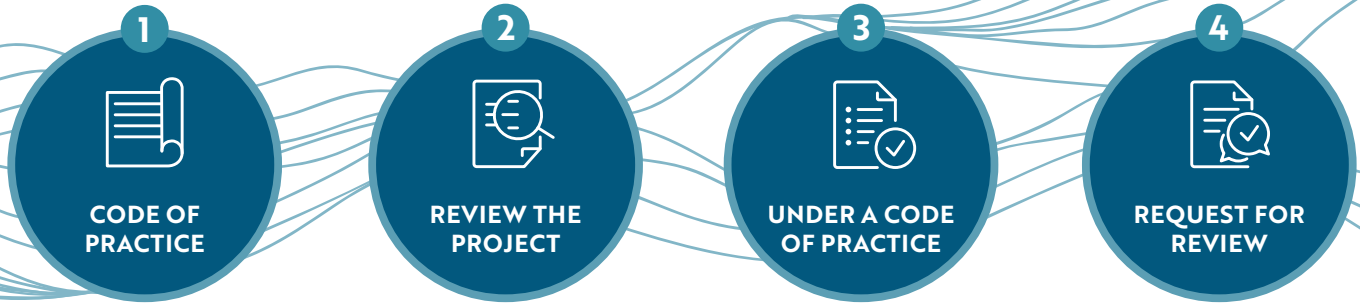
### Standards will:

- Guide the design and implementation of important mitigation measures that will help to maximize effectiveness.






# Use of Codes of Practice and Standards:



Anyone planning to undertake any work in or near water should check if their project falls under a **code of practice**.

If the project satisfies the requirements of a code of practice, it does not require a review under the FFHPP.

If the project does fall under a code of practice, it may still require a review.

A **request for project review** should be submitted to the FFHPP. 





## What's next?

### NWAC's Engagement with the New Interim Standards and Codes of Practice

To ensure that the perspectives of Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse+ People are included in the DFO's policies and programs to improve the management of fish and fish habitats, NWAC will be hosting engagement activities related to the **New Interim Standards and Codes of Practice**.

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### DFO's Engagement on the Framework for Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation

For more information on the New Interim Standards and Codes of Practice, please visit the DFO's Talk Fish Habitat engagement portal at [talkfishhabitat.ca](http://talkfishhabitat.ca)

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You can register to receive email notifications to participate in engagement activities using the **FFHP Registration portal**



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