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Proposed Classes for the Prescribed Works and Waters Regulation

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Introduction:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has started the process of public engagement for input on its proposals to include specific classes under the Prescribed Works and Waters Regulation (PWWR).

The **PWWR** will help **streamline approvals** for prescribed works regarding **minor waters that meet specific, defined conditions**. Additionally, the PWWR will provide another layer of regulations for managing routine works conducted around minor waters. **The implementation of specific classes under the PWWR is intended to provide better protection for fish and fish habitats.**



How will PWWR be used?

- ▶ PWWR is a tool to allow the DFO to manage works and projects that have the potential to affect fish and fish habitat.
- ▶ PWWR will define specific classes of regulation for projects considered low-risk or routine in nature.
- ▶ For such low-risk projects, impacts to fish and fish habitat can be managed using standard avoidance and mitigation measures. Using these measures will allow the DFO to authorize works that may cause some small disturbances, but otherwise serve the best interest of fish and fish habitat.
- ▶ The DFO is looking at several classes of work to include under the PWWR.





What are the proposed classes under the PWWR?

► Three classes of works have been proposed under the PWWR including:

1

Shoreline stabilization.

2

Aquatic habitat rehabilitation.

3

Ontario municipal drain maintenance and repair.





How will new classes be defined?

Each class will be defined by the following three components:



This includes a description of works, undertakings, or activities that define the class.

Regulation can only apply to projects that meet these design criteria.

This includes mandatory conditions proposed for a particular class. These are standardized avoidance and mitigation measures.

This allows further refinement of the class to specify those locations, waterbodies, or habitat types where the class may or may not occur.



What existing authorizations will the PWWR replace?

- ▶ The PWWR will replace Fisheries Act authorizations.
- ▶ Projects complying with this proposed regulation would not need to seek a site-specific review to proceed, providing they comply with prescribed conditions.
- ▶ By implementing PWWR, DFO will reduce the use of non-regulatory tools, such as letters of advice. Therefore, regulations can offer efficient and effective ways to manage low-risk, routine works.
- ▶ The PWWR will promote fish-friendly project designs for consideration during project planning and development stages.
- ▶ The PWWR intends to include mandatory before and after project notifications for improved consideration of cumulative effects.



For more information on the PWWR, or to share your thoughts on PWWR, please visit the DFO's Talk Fish Habitat engagement portal at, talkfishhabitat.ca



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