

New Migratory Rainbow Trout Barrier for the Credit River

Public Notice Requesting Input to a Screening Process

Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship
and Facility Development Projects

The Credit River Anglers Association, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), invite public input into the Class EA Screening Process for the proposed construction of a new migratory rainbow trout barrier in the Credit River. The study area extends upstream from Winston Churchill Boulevard in Norval to the confluence with the East Credit River in Inglewood. The purpose of this project is to segregate spawning and nursery habitats for naturalized migratory rainbow trout from spawning and nursery habitats for native migratory and resident trout and salmon species in order to achieve diverse, naturally self-sustaining populations for the Credit River watershed. The project includes assessment and evaluation of different types of barriers as well as a variety of potential locations in the river. Significant adverse environmental effects are to be identified, evaluated and mitigated where possible.

A project screening is being conducted under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects to assign this project to a category for evaluation. The assigned category determines the level of detail of the project planning evaluation and the amount of consultation that will be undertaken. This project has been tentatively assigned to Category C, on the basis that there could be significant adverse environmental effects and public concern. MNR is requesting public input on this category assignment before proceeding further.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on February 27, 2007.

The preliminary Environmental Study Report includes background information and the rationale for the Category C designation. It can be viewed at www.craa.on.ca. For more information on the project, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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If MNR decides that this is a Category C project, a subsequent first public notice to inspect the draft Environmental Study Report will be advertised.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and personal information under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining any further consultation needs. All comments and opinions will be kept on file and may be available in study documentation that is made available for public review. All comments and contact information received may be forwarded to the project applicant unless specifically requested otherwise. For more information on the collection and use of personal information, contact Jane Sirois, Information Officer at 905-713-7344.



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