

# Planning some work on your waterfront property?

# Who to Call

Rideau Canal, Rideau River, Cataraqui River and watershed lakes

When doing work in or near a public waterway, you may need approval before starting your project.

- Municipalities are responsible for planning applications and building permits.
- Parks Canada comments on planning applications and issues in-water and shoreline work permits to protect the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CA) provide comments on planning applications with respect to watershed natural heritage, natural hazards, water quality and water quantity and they regulate development proposals that may affect flooding, erosion, wetlands and alterations to shorelines and watercourses.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for managing Ontario's Crown land in a way that balances social, economic and environmental interests. MNR applies the *Public Lands Act* and *Endangered Species Act* in its review of shoreline activities and provides natural heritage value advice with regards to *Planning Act* applications.

## Common Projects at a Glance

Project Type	CA	MNR	Parks Canada	Municipality	Transport Canada
<b>ON the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site *</b>					
<b>Planning Act Application</b> — (severance, zoning amendment, minor variance etc.)	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Clarification of Potential Crown Ownership</b>			✓		
<b>Adjacent Upland Development</b>	✓			✓	
<b>Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration</b>	✓		✓		
<b>Dock</b>			✓		
<b>Boathouse</b>	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Aquatic Plant Harvesting</b>			✓		
<b>Dredging</b>	✓		✓		
<b>Floating Raft/Mooring Buoy</b>			✓		
<b>OFF the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site **</b>					
<b>Planning Act Application</b> — (severance, zoning amendment, minor variance etc.)	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Adjacent Upland Development</b>	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration</b>	✓	✓			
<b>Dock</b>	✓	✓			
<b>Boathouse</b>	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Aquatic Plant Harvesting</b>		✓			
<b>Dredging</b>	✓	✓			
<b>Floating Raft/Mooring Buoy</b>					✓

\* ON the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site refers to waterbodies on the Rideau waterway administered by Parks Canada (see map on reverse)  
 \*\* OFF the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site refers to all other waterbodies (streams and lakes) in the Rideau River and Cataraqui River watersheds that are not on the Rideau waterway (see map on reverse)

## Who to Call

**Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority**  
 613-546-4228  
 info@crca.ca  
 www.crca.ca

**Rideau Valley Conservation Authority**  
 613-692-3571  
 1-800-267-3504  
 postmaster@rvca.ca  
 www.rvca.ca

**Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**  
 Kemptville:  
 613-258-8204  
 Kingston:  
 613-531-5700  
 www.mnr.gov.on.ca

**Parks Canada**  
 Rideau Canal Office  
 Smiths Falls  
 613-283-5170  
 1-888-773-8888  
 rideaucanal-info@pc.gc.ca  
 www.pc.gc.ca/rideau

**Transport Canada**  
 Navigable Waters  
 Protection Program  
 National Capital  
 1-877-842-5606  
 Ontario Region  
 519-383-1863  
 www.tc.gc.ca

Assistance may be available from these agencies for shoreline naturalization and other improvements.

# Additional Information about Working Near Water

## Federal Fisheries Act:

Sport fishing is renowned and river tourism provides hundreds of jobs directly and indirectly. Diverse and healthy fish populations indicate a healthy river ecosystem. For more information about the *Fisheries Act* and fisheries protection, please visit the Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppa/index-eng.html](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppa/index-eng.html). DFO may also be contacted directly by phone at 1-855-852-8320 or by email at [fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

## Fish Timing Windows:

No in-water or near-water works are allowed during certain times of the year. These fish timing windows allow adults to spawn successfully in the aquatic environment without the undue stress from shoreline development and in-water work.

### Warm water fish communities (e.g. bass)

— March 15 to June 30

### Mixed fish communities (e.g. bass and lake trout)

— October 1 to June 30

### Cold water fish communities (e.g. lake trout)

— October 1 to May 31

## The 25% Policy:

Shoreline development of all kinds (dock, boat lift, upland deck and platform, etc.) should not cumulatively disturb more than 25% of the length of your shoreline to a maximum of 15 metres. This requirement is incorporated in Conservation Authority and Parks Canada approval policies. It makes sense. The shoreline is the most vulnerable part of the entire river ecosystem so disturbs it as little as necessary to achieve reasonable access to the water.

## Who to Call on or near the Rideau Canal



CATARAQUI REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



RIDEAU VALLEY  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Ontario



Parks Canada

Parcs Canada



Transport Canada

Transports Canada

