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Hello,

Since 1991, the governments of Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) have been negotiating towards a settlement of the Algonquin Land Claim. A key part of these negotiations is the recommended addition of Crown land to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and the establishment of a recommended provincial park (Natural Environment Class) in the area of the Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve, to be named Whiteduck Provincial Park.

These recommendations were included in the Algonquins of Ontario Agreement-in-Principle signed by the three negotiating parties on October 18, 2016. However, as a result of ongoing negotiations, the recommended boundaries for both provincial parks have changed since the release of the AOO Agreement-in-Principle.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is inviting you to comment on the following projects (Category B) under the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order:

1. Amending a boundary by regulation to add Crown land to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park (Recreational Class); and
2. Rescinding a boundary by regulation for Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve (the lands to be included in Whiteduck Provincial Park) and establishing a boundary by regulation to create Whiteduck Provincial Park (Natural Environment Class).

For detailed information on these project assessments, including net environmental effects associated with amending, rescinding and establishing the boundaries by regulation, based on ecological, social, economic, and cultural criteria, please read the **Draft Environmental Assessment Summary Report** [<https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-draft-environmental-assessment-summary-report>].

Ontario is also seeking your input on proposed changes to hunting regulations under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* (FWCA) related to these two provincial park boundaries. These proposed changes would allow hunting to continue as described in the enclosed notice.

A summary of both consultations can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-additions-to-ontarios-provincial-park-system>

If you have questions about either project, or would like to provide comments, please contact us at 1-844-276-9091 or eerfeedback@ontario.ca. Comments will be received until **December 10, 2020**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Dickson".

Kirsty Dickson
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