



## **Important Notice: Amendments to the Fisheries Act**

On November 25, 2013, the amendments to the *Fisheries Act*, the Applications for Authorization (under Paragraph 35(2) (b) of the *Fisheries Act* Regulations) and Information Requirements Regulations came into force. **As a result, effective November 25, 2013 CLOCA no longer undertakes reviews and/or approvals under the *Fisheries Act* on behalf of Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).** It is now the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that their projects meet the DFO requirements under the self-assessment process. Further information regarding this process can be found at the [DFO website](#).

This DFO self-assessment process begins immediately and will apply to all on-going projects currently under review with CLOCA, applications where permits have not yet been issued and any future permit applications that would normally have involved our review under the *Fisheries Act*. We expect to have further information in the near future regarding this new process. CLOCA will share any new information as it becomes available.

Please note that although CLOCA will no longer review projects under the Federal *Fisheries Act*, the Authority continues to deliver programs and services directed towards the protection and management of fish and fish habitat as an integral component of our watershed management program. In this regard, we will continue with our Aquatic Monitoring Program providing valuable information and data with respect to fish, fish habitat and other aquatic habitat conditions. CLOCA is still responsible for administering Ont. Reg 42/06 under the *Conservation Authorities Act* for works within regulated areas and will continue to provide quality service in this regard, including review of impacts on fish and fish habitat. In addition, CLOCA will continue to provide Plan Review services under the *Planning Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act* to our municipal partners including the provision of advice as it relates to impacts on fish and fish habitat.

***What we do on the land is mirrored in the water.***