



List of recent petitions for Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Issues: Fisheries (aquaculture, habitat)

Petitioner(s): Musgamagw
Tsawataineuk Tribal Council

Date Submitted: 05/27/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 54 - Sea lice infestation of wild salmon smolts, British Columbia—Federal management of salmon aquaculture

Summary: The petitioner raised concerns about the overall management of the salmon aquaculture industry in British Columbia in the wake of an alleged outbreak of sea lice in wild salmon smolts in the Broughton Archipelago (in the Queen Charlotte Sound) in 2001. The Tribal Council asserts that there is evidence to suggest that the sea lice originated from fish farms in the area.

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Issues: Fisheries (habitat),
Biological diversity (wildlife),
Water issues (water quality)

Petitioner(s): Peter Weygang

Date Submitted: 04/30/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 51 - Proposed boat launch for the Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario

Summary: The petition concerns the proposed construction of a public boat launch ramp on Pigeon Lake, which forms a part of the Trent-Severn Waterway. The petitioner asserted that notwithstanding Parks Canada's original position to prohibit development at the location in question (sensitive fish habitat), the Agency issued a permit authorizing the construction of a boat launch in February 2002.

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada Agency

Issues: Water issues (marine environment - oceans), Other (military - defence), Renewable and non-renewable resources (energy)

Petitioner(s): Myles Kehoe

Date Submitted: 04/02/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 50 - Military dumpsites off Canada's Atlantic coast

Summary: The petitioner raised concerns about the proposed oil and gas exploration projects off Canada's Atlantic coast. Through his own research, the petitioner has documented the presence of numerous chemical weapons dumpsites and military dumpsites of unexploded ordnances off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The petitioner expressed concern about the potential impacts that oil and gas exploration might have on these sites.

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Health Canada, National Defence, Natural Resources Canada

Issues: Fisheries (habitat, enforcement), Renewable and non-renewable resources (forestry)

Petitioner(s): Natural Resources Defence Council Environmental Education Society (NRDC)

Date Submitted: 03/26/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 49 - Protecting fish habitat—Forestry practices in British Columbia

Summary: The petitioner is concerned about logging practices in British Columbia relative to fish habitat. The NRDC alleges that government authorities are not enforcing the provisions of the Fisheries Act and policies on buffer zones around small and feeder streams.

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Issues: Fisheries (habitat), Air issues (air quality), Environmental assessment, International - bilateral issues (international environmental agreements), Renewable and non-renewable resources (energy), Water issues (aquatic ecosystems, navigable waters, water quality)

Petitioner(s): Citizens Environment Alliance of southwestern Ontario and southeast Michigan

Date Submitted: 03/12/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 48 - Environmental impacts of proposed power generating station

Summary: This petition concerns a proposal to locate a 580-megawatt natural gas electricity generating station on the Canadian side of the Detroit River in Windsor, Ontario. Among other things, the Alliance is concerned about air emissions and discharges of large quantities of heated cooling water into the river.

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Issues: Fisheries (aquaculture)

Petitioner(s): David Elderton

Date Submitted: 02/27/2002

Status: Completed

Petition No. 47 - Lifting of the moratorium on new fish farming licences, British Columbia

Summary: The petitioner expressed concern about the lifting of the moratorium on new fish farming licences in British Columbia. He cited a recent inquiry into salmon farming in B.C. and requested that Fisheries and Oceans Canada take steps to ensure that the provincial decision to lift the moratorium will not lead to further environmental problems

Federal Departments Responsible for Reply:
Fisheries and Oceans Canada