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### **PUBLIC REMINDED TO STAY AWAY FROM OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE IN LOCKPORT AS FLOODWAY CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS**

#### **Floodway Authority to Maintain Alternative Winter Access to the Red River**

While reminding the public to stay away from the Outlet Control Structure in Lockport as construction of the structure continues, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has announced that it is maintaining an alternative river access for fishermen to access the Red River.

“During the winter months, fishing continues to be a very popular activity in Lockport,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “This alternative route provides fishermen an accessible way to haul their fishing huts to the river while helping to ensure that they stay away from the active construction zone.”

“When the floodway authority approached us, we were pleased that they recognized the importance of fishing to the local economy,” said Stu McKay, owner of *Cats on the Red*. “We see this partnership as a good opportunity to enhance ice fishing opportunities in Lockport.” McKay noted that there will be no charge to the public to access the river from the property during the winter months.

Historically, fishermen have used the east side of the Red River in the vicinity of the outlet to access the Red River. As this site is now considered an active construction zone, the MFA, in cooperation with *Cats on the Red* outfitter and fishing lodge, is maintaining an alternative river access for fishermen on the west bank of the Red River through the *Cats on the Red* property.

Anybody wishing to access the Red River to ice fish is advised to use this access route as opposed to accessing the river through the active construction zone at the outlet. Fishermen are reminded that use of the access is **at their own risk**. Access to vehicle traffic will be closed on March 1.

**The public is reminded to always exercise extreme caution if, and when, they travel on ice.**

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