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Dear Sir or Madam:

Our file

Attached for your review and comment are the Draft Policies governing In-Water and Shoreline Works and Related Activities for Parks Canada's historic canals in Ontario: The Trent-Severn Waterway and the Rideau Canal.

Parks Canada, as the Federal Agency responsible for the management of these historic canals, is seeking the views of the public through a consultation program planned from now until September 30, 2004. Through this consultation, we intend to gather public input to help us shape and finalize these Draft Policies.

The broad purpose of these policies is to provide guidance and consistency in the issuance of permits for in-water works and related activities for residential properties. The principles found in these draft policies support continuing recreational access to the shore while taking steps to ensure that activities do not adversely affect the natural and visual values which Waterway and Canal users treasure.

In order to facilitate your input into this process, the Trent-Severn Waterway has acquired the services of a consultant to facilitate the consultation, record the results and provide summary recommendations. Your comments can be forwarded to:

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An electronic copy of the policies may be viewed at www.pc.gc.ca/rideau-trent

Should you wish to meet with a representative of the Trent-Severn Waterway to discuss the Draft Policies, meetings can be arranged through the contact identified above. Because of the large number of organizations and agencies along the 386 kilometer length of the waterway, the consultant will seek to arrange group meetings where possible.

I invite your comments of the Draft Policies and I encourage you to get involved in the public review of these Draft Policies and help Parks Canada bring forward a sustainable approach to managing in-water and shoreline works.

Yours truly,

Ken East
Superintendent
Trent-Severn Waterway

