CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

EACH YEAR THOUSANDS OF SMALL PROJECTS ACROSS CANADA DESTROY AQUATIC HABITAT AND KILL FISH AND OTHER WILDLIFE

A TOTAL AREA EQUIVALENT TO

2,000,000 M² OR 1,311* HOCKEY RINKS

IS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED EVERY YEAR!

98%

OF CANADIANS SAY PROTECTING OUR FRESHWATER HABITATS AND AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

94%

OF CANADIANS SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF THE FISHERIES ACT

Sadly, these projects are allowed to proceed largely unchecked despite being prohibited by current legislation, causing irreversible habitat loss in our rivers, lakes, and streams.

In fact, no charges have been laid in three of the past four years.

Canadians care about our freshwater and want the government to act.

A recent survey** commissioned by the Canadian Wildlife Federation showed:

96%

OF CANADIANS POLLED WANT STRONGER REPERCUSSIONS FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE FISHERIES ACT

92%

AGREED THEY WOULD SUPPORT MORE POLICIES TO PROTECT OUR AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY

ACT NOW!

VISIT STOPHABITATLOSS.ORG
TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE OUR FRESHWATER HABITATS.

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*Laura C. Third, Project Review Under Canada's Fisheries Act: Risky Business for Fisheries Protection, Fisheries, Feb. 2021

**This Maru Public Opinion survey conducted on behalf of Canadian Wildlife Federation was undertaken by the sample and data collection experts at Maru/Blue. 1,520 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Maru Voice Canada online panelists were surveyed from June 2nd - 5th, 2023. The results of this study have been weighted by education, age, gender, and region (and in Quebec, language) to match the population, according to Census data. This is to ensure the sample is representative of the entire adult population of Canada. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size has an estimated margin of error (which measures sampling variability) of +/- 2.5%, 19 times out of 20. When compared to the data tables, discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.