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PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

PETITION NO./N° DE LA PÉTITION
411-4270

BY / DE
Mr. Hsu (Kingston and the Islands)

DATE
June 18, 2013

REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, MINISTER OF THE
CANADIAN NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
MINISTER FOR THE ARCTIC COUNCIL
RÉPONSE DE LA MINISTRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT, MINISTRE DE
L'AGENCE CANADIENNE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE DU NORD
ET MINISTRE DU CONSEIL DE L'ARCTIQUE

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq

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MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

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The amendments to the *Fisheries Act* under Bill C-38 that relate to pollution prevention provisions, for which the Minister of the Environment is primarily responsible, are intended to make the management of those provisions more efficient while maintaining the current high level of environmental protection.

The amendments add greater flexibility to the regulatory tools that can be used to effectively manage deposits with a view to reducing duplication and increasing compliance certainty for regulated entities.

There was no change to the long-standing prohibition against depositing deleterious substances. The prohibition will continue to apply to all water frequented by fish in order to ensure the continued effectiveness of this key pollution prevention provision.



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Amendments to the *Fisheries Act* were included in the *Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act* (Bill C-38) and the *Jobs and Growth Act 2012* (Bill C-45), which received Royal Assent on June 29 and December 14, 2012 respectively. The changes will focus the Act on protecting the sustainability and ongoing productivity of recreational, commercial and Aboriginal fisheries and will offer enhanced compliance and protection tools.

The *Fisheries Act* amendments will also provide clarity, certainty and consistency of regulatory requirements through the use of standards and regulations; and support enhanced partnerships to ensure agencies and organizations that are best placed to provide fisheries protection services to Canadians are enabled to do so.

For example, the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (\$10M/2years), launched in June 2013, brings like-minded partners and their resources together with the common goal of enhancing Canada's recreational fisheries.

The Government of Canada is focusing protection rules on managing threats to the fisheries and the habitat that supports them.