

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

A CALL TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF FISH AND FISH HABITAT  
AND TO KEEP SECTION 35 (1) OF THE FISHERIES ACT INTACT

We, the undersigned Citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

**WHEREAS**, habitat refers to the water or land necessary for the survival of all species, including fish; and

**WHEREAS**, habitat destruction is the most common reason for species decline and extinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the weakening of habitat protections in section 35 of the Fisheries Act will negatively impact Canada’s water quality and fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, changing the wording of the Fisheries Act or other laws affecting the health of Canada’s ecosystems must be based on the best science available, and

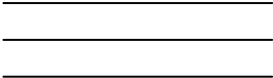
**WHEREAS**, it is critical that any changes to the Fisheries Act do not jeopardize the ecosystems on which we and Future generations depend simply to provide short-term profit for a few;

**THEREFORE**, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to keep section 35(1) of the Fisheries Act as it is currently written with its emphasis on habitat protection.

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