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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

By email: FPP-PPP.XNCR@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Re: Discussion Paper: Proposed modifications to the Application for Authorization under Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the Fisheries Act Regulations

Dear Sirs:

The Ontario Rivers Alliance (ORA) is a Not-for-Profit grassroots organization acting as a voice for several stewardships, organizations, private and Indigenous members who have come together to protect, conserve and restore healthy riverine ecosystems.

The ORA wishes to express our full support for the proposed changes to the *Application for Authorization Under Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the Fisheries Act Regulations*. We also support the proposed schedule of the new proposed Regulations to come into force at the same time as the new fish and fish habitat protection provisions proposed in Bill C-68.

We urge the government to move for Royal Assent of Bill C-68, and the proposed Regulations made by the Governor in Council, without haste. It is crucial that the Fisheries Act and Regulations are set before the next election.

We are very grateful to this government for restoring the heart and soul of the Fisheries Act!

Thank you!

Respectfully,

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