August 8, 2016

Dear Applicant:

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act FA/18/2016**

On July 11, 2016, The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request for access to the following records:

"Any communications to and from the minister regarding the management of waste/wastewater from fish processing operations in the province -- whether specific to a single operation or general, from Jan. 1, 2016 to present."

Clarified on July 18, 2016 to include; "only e-mail communications".

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for DFA to provide partial access to the requested information. Please note access to specific information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with Section 40(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy, as required by 8(2) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act), we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request the information has been compiled and the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6 t 709.729.4797 f 709.729.0360
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8  
Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500  

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-4797 or by email at rhondahickey@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Rhonda Hickey  
ATIPP Coordinator  

Enclosures

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT, 2015

Right of access

8. (1) A person who makes a request under section 11 has a right of access to a record in the custody or under the control of a public body, including a record containing personal information about the applicant.

(2) The right of access to a record does not extend to information excepted from disclosure under this Act, but if it is reasonable to sever that information from the record, an applicant has a right of access to the remainder of the record.

Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.
Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21 ;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23 ;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24 ; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26 .

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

2015 cA-1.2 s42

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 , the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

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(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner’s refusal under subsection 45 (2).

2015 cA-1.2 s52
March 30, 2016

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

Right Honourable Sir:

The Joint Council of Conception Bay North is comprised of ten municipalities in the Federal Riding of Avalon. Meetings are held on a monthly basis with agendas that pertain to common interests for the ten member Towns. At a recent meeting of the Joint Councils, it was agreed that written contact be made with your office regarding concerns raised with the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations.

On July 18, 2012 the then Minister of Environment, the Honourable Peter Kent along with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Denis Lebel, announced that the Government of Canada had adopted Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations. The regulations, developed under the Fisheries Act, set effluent quality standards that can be achieved through secondary treatment, or equivalent, of wastewater prior to discharge.

It is acknowledged that there are numerous benefits to improved wastewater effluent quality. These include healthier fish and ecosystems, increasing recreational use, such as swimming, commercial fisheries and also reducing water supply costs for municipalities and industry. The benefits will be seen by individuals and households for both current and future generations.

Under the regulations, all owners or operators of wastewater systems are required to monitor and report effluent quality and quantity. Owners or operators of wastewater systems must also install, maintain and calibrate flow monitoring equipment. Owners of the systems must record information on the sewer outfalls and report the findings quarterly to the Federal Department of Environment.

Having given a short summary in the prior paragraphs, it is our intention now to express our concern, not with the Government of Canada’s attempt to ensure the protection of our waterways but with the mandatory monitoring/reporting of the wastewater quantity/quality on a yearly basis.
Regulations apply to any wastewater system designed to collect an average daily volume of 100 cubic metres (100,000 litres) or more. It is our opinion that this average daily volume is set considerably low. The majority of smaller to medium sized municipalities will most certainly exceed this daily volume and subsequently, be required to provide an adequate form of wastewater treatment. We were of the understanding that after having done one year of monitoring & reporting, operators of systems will be ranked as HIGH, MEDIUM OR LOW RISK. In consultation with officials from Environment Canada, we have learned that this does not apply to the Province of Newfoundland because the Province did not sign an agreement on the Wastewater Effluent Regulations; therefore, we must continue to monitor yearly!

Municipalities in this province face many challenges in raising enough revenue to provide basic services to its residents. When faced with added costs, it often means cutting some other area of expenditure. Property tax is the main source of revenue. The majority of smaller communities have one full time administrative person plus one full time employee engaged in public works, i.e. roads, snowclearing, water/sewer maintenance etc. Given that the Towns staff do not have the expertise to undertake the monitoring/sampling of wastewater, it is required to engage outside personnel to undertake the task.

Towns in the Conception Bay North area of our Province have engaged a private company to monitor our system for a twelve month period at a cost of approximately ten thousand dollars ($10,000.) Many towns availed of funds from its Gas Tax allocation to cover this expenditure. WSIR requires that we must continue this reporting on a yearly basis. This will mean that approximately TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS from limited budgets must be set aside to cover this cost - this is an added expense that most municipalities can not absorb.

Mr. Prime Minister our concerns are being brought forward on behalf of the communities represented by the Joint Council of Conception Bay North here in Newfoundland; however, we have learned that there are small to medium sized communities all across Canada adversely affected by the requirement under WSER which mandates YEARLY monitoring/sampling of wastewater. The costs incurred in obtaining the quarterly reports for submission to Environment Canada is an added burden on the already strapped tax dollar available to most municipalities.

Another area of concern is the way in which the average daily volume of effluent is calculated. It is our understanding that towns with multiple outfalls are based on the singular amount from each outfall and not from the cumulative total. Basically, a Town with six outfalls may not fall under the requirement since each outfall is recorded individually. We feel the calculation should be based on the total amount of effluent discharged.

Given that the Province of Newfoundland did not sign the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations and that municipalities are incorporated under the Municipalities Act, Province of Newfoundland we wonder if our Communities are obligated to undertake monitoring/sampling of wastewater. Information from Provincial officials does not appear to conform with the information we have obtained from Federal Officials.

In conclusion, Mr. Prime Minister, the Joint Council of Conception Bay North is respectfully asking your consideration in having the Wastewater System Effluent
Regulations modified based on the following:

1. Every town that has a wastewater system should monitor for the first year to ascertain flows that run through their systems. If the flows are over the acceptable level, then they should be working towards a wastewater treatment facility. In the interim, monitoring be done every 3 to 5 years until the treatment facility is up and operational.

2. The calculation should not be based on 100 cubic metres of wastewater per day. It should be done based on the type of effluent that is being discharged through the system. This would eliminate misrepresentation of counts by eliminating the amount of run-off from manholes - comprised mainly of water!

On behalf of the Joint Councils of Conception Bay North, we respectfully ask that you please consider the points brought forward.

For further clarification on the issues relayed to you in this correspondence, please contact Wayne Rose, Town Manager, Town of Brigus, NL at office # (709) 786-4388 or by email brigus@eastlink.ca

We thank you for your assistance and we shall wait your reply.

Yours truly,

Gordon Power
Chair
CBN Joint Council

Wayne Rose
Town Clerk/Manager
Town of Brigus
From: <Hunter.Tootoo@parl.gc.ca>
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min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca<mailto:min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

Thank you for contacting the office of Hunter Tootoo, MP for Nunavut.
Please be assured that your email will be carefully reviewed, and responded to appropriately.
If you are emailing with regards to my role as Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, please email min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca<mailto:min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

Merci d'avoir contacté le bureau de Hunter Tootoo, d'abord du Nunavut. S'il vous plaît soyez assuré que votre courriel sera examiné attentivement, et répondu de manière appropriée. Si vous envoyez un courriel à l'intention de mon rôle en tant que ministre des Pêches, des Océans et de la Garde côtière canadienne, s'il vous plaît envoyez un courriel au min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca<mailto:min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

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4/6/2016
Environment and Climate Change Canada - Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

Environment and Climate Change Canada would like to update and clarify some of the information that you received in a recent document from the Newfoundland and Labrador - Department of Municipal Affairs outlining the compliance requirements for the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER).

1. Application of the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

The Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations apply in respect of a wastewater system that deposits effluent in water or a place referred to in subsection 36(3) of the Fisheries Act and that is designed to collect an average daily volume of 100 cubic meters or more of influent, or actually collects an average daily volume of 100 cubic meters or more of influent during a calendar year. Environment and Climate Change Canada would equate this volume to the amount of wastewater generated by a population of approximately 200 people.

2. Transitional Authorizations

The deadline to apply for Transitional Authorizations under the WSER was June 30, 2014. Thus, transitional authorizations are no longer available to owners/operators of wastewater systems. Those wastewater systems operating without a transitional authorization are required to meet the effluent quality standards established in Section 6 of the WSER.

The WSER effluent quality standards are:

- average carbonaceous biochemical oxygen (CBOD) demand due to the quantity of CBOD matter in the effluent does not exceed 25 mg/L;
- average concentration of suspended solids in the effluent does not exceed 25 mg/L;
- average concentration of total residual chlorine in the effluent does not exceed 0.02 mg/L, if chlorine, or one of its compounds, was used in the treatment of wastewater;
- maximum concentration of un-ionized ammonia in the effluent was less than 1.25 mg/L, expressed as nitrogen (N), at 15°C ± 1°C.
- Effluent cannot be acutely lethal to fish

3. Monitoring Requirements

Monitoring reports must be submitted either quarterly or annually depending on the type of wastewater system.
Quarterly monitoring reports are required if the system is a continuous wastewater system. Annual monitoring reports are required if the system is an intermittent wastewater system or a continuous wastewater system with a hydraulic retention time of less than 5 days and an average daily effluent volume less than or equal to 2,500 cubic metres. Monitoring reports must be submitted within 45 days after the end of the year or quarter.

4. **WSER links**

Below are several links that provide information on the WSER:

- *Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations* – Department of Justice Canada website
- Environment and Climate Change Canada Wastewater website
- Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations Reporting
- Information for Owners and Operators of Continuously Discharging Wastewater Systems
- Information for Owners and Operators of Continuously Discharging Wastewater Systems with Hydraulic Retention Time > 5 Days
- Information for Owners and Operators of Intermittently Discharging Wastewater Systems

5. **Environment and Climate Change Canada Wastewater Program – Contact Information**

For questions regarding the WSER, contact the Environment and Climate Change Canada Wastewater Program at:

- Email: ec.eaux-usees-wastewater.ec@canada.ca
- Telephone: 819-420-7727
- Fax: 819-420-7382

Regards,

**Wastewater Program**

Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada

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This email is intended to provide guidance only. This document is not a substitute for reading the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER) and does not in any way supersede or modify the Fisheries Act or the WSER. In the event of an inconsistency between the content of this email and the Act and/or the WSER, the Act and the WSER prevail. Individuals with specific legal problems are urged to seek advice from legal counsel.

4/4/2016
Hi Wayne,

I don’t recall getting a message to call you. If I missed that, my apologies.

I do have an email from President Oldford saying that she’d spoken to you about your particular challenges with the regulations, that she had outlined our advocacy work on the file so far and would continue to do. We’ve reported back to the members at the regional meetings on this. She didn’t give me the impression we needed to get back to you specifically because you’d already been updated on our work.

We are lobbying for changes to the regs and as soon as we hear of potential changes obviously we will inform the membership.

I can’t speak for Mayor Power, I don’t have any correspondence from him on this.

So based on the timeline you outlined below, you spoke to our President on a Thursday and then six working days later you decided to bring it to the joint council because you hadn’t heard back on any results? I’m not sure that’s a reasonable thing to expect on a file this significant. However, the joint council is clearly free to follow whatever path it chooses.

Craig

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On Mar 31, 2016, at 10:13 AM, Town of Brigus <brigus@eastlink.ca> wrote:

Hi Craig,

I totally agree with you that things work best when it’s coordinated, However on February 16 or 17 I called to talk to you about this issue and left a message with Ruby (I think) for you to call me, that never happen.

On February 17 I spoke to Present Oldford about this issue and also forward to her an email outlining my concerns. She told me that she was going to raise this issue at a meeting that was taking place the next week in Corner Brook. To date I haven’t heard anything back from her.
On February 18 I spoke to our Avalon Director, Wayne Power, with the same issue and to date I haven’t heard anything back.

On February 25 I attend the CBN Joint Council meeting in Cupids and raised the issue. It was agreed that I would spare head this letter on behalf of the Joint Council to bring our issues to the powers that be. That was done on March 30, 2016.

I have also spoken to Ian Duffett at Municipal Affairs with regards to the false information they are sending out to towns. I have come to the conclusion they know less then I do.

Wayne

From: Craig Pollett  
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 10:12 PM  
To: brikus@eastlink.ca  
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Craig

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Karen

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Dear Mr. Rose,

Thank you for your email of March 30th to Premier Ball regarding the wastewater system effluent regulations. I wish to advise you that your correspondence will be brought to the Premier’s attention at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

Joanne Young / Information Management Specialist

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Andrew Robinson - Compass <editor@cncompass.ca>; Parsley, Betty <BettyParsley@gov.nl.ca>; Catherine McKenna - Hon. Minister <catherine.mckenna@parl.gc.ca>; Ball, Dwight <DwightBall@gov.nl.ca>; Joyce, Eddie <edjoyce@gov.nl.ca>; Gudie Hutchings - MP <Gudie Hutchings@parl.gc.ca>; Hunter Tootoo - Hon. Minister <Hunter.Toottoo@parl.gc.ca>; Judy Foote - MP, Minister <judy.foote@parl.gc.ca>; Justin Trudeau - Prime Minister <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>; Karen Oldford - MNL <koldford@municipalnl.ca>; Ken McDonald - MP <ken.mcdonald@live.ca>; Michael Maier - Wastewater (EC) <Ec.eaux-useses-wastewater.ec@canada.ca>; Nick Whalen - MP <Nick.Whalen@parl.gc.ca>; Parsons, Pam <PamParsons@gov.nl.ca>; Scott Simms - MP <scott.simms@parl.gc.ca>; Seamus O'Regan - MP <Seamus.oregan@parl.gc.ca>; Sheila Fitzgerald - Small Town Director <sfitzgerald@municipalnl.ca>; Crocker, Steve <SteveCrocker@gov.nl.ca>; Steve Prestley - BioMaxx <steve@biomaxx.ca>; Town of Bay Roberts Avalon <shawe@town.bayroberts.nf.ca>; Town of Clarks Beach Avalon <joanwilcox@nfi.fainb.com>; Town of Cupids Avalon <townofcupids@eastlink.ca>; Town of Harbour Grace Avalon <fkg@nf.sympatico.ca>; Town of North River Avalon <townofnorthriver@bellaliant.com>; Town of South River Avalon <townofsouthriver@persona.ca>; Town of Spaniards Bay Avalon <spaniardsbay@persona.ca>; Town of Upper Island Cove Avalon <townofuic@nfi.aibn.com>; Town of Victoria Avalon <townofvictoria@nf.aibn.com>; Yvonne Jones - MP <YvonneJones@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: Wastewater System Effluent Regulations
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A2

Right Honourable Sir:

Please find attached our letter from the Conception Bay North Joint Council (CBN Joint Council) regarding the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations.

We hope that this gets the attention that is required to update the Wastewater system Effluent Regulations.

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Town of Brigus

From: <judy.foote.a1@parl.gc.ca>
Date: Thursday, April 07, 2016 9:56 PM
To: <brigus@eastlink.ca>
Subject: RE: Wastewater System Effluent Regulations

Good Afternoon Mr. Rose,

Thank you for your email.

I will bring it to the attention of Minister Judy Foote.

Best regards,

Ibrahim Berrada
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Sent: March 30, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Andrew Robinson - Compass; Betty Parsley - MHA; McKenna, Catherine - M.P.; Dwight Bell - Premier; Eddie Hon. Joyce - Minister; Hutchings, Gudie - M.P.; Tootoo, Hunter - M.P.; Foote, Judy - M.P.; Trudeau, Justin - Député; Karen Oldfored - MNL; Ken McDonald - MP; Michael Maier - Wastewater (EC); Whalen, Nick - M.P.; Pam Parsons - MHA; Simms, Scott - M.P.; O'Regan, Seamus - M.P.; Sheila Fitzgerald - Small Town Director; Steve Crocker - MHA Minister; Steve Prestley - BioMaxx; Town of Bay Roberts Avalon; Town of Clarks Beach Avalon; Town of Cupids Avalon; Town of Harbour Grace Avalon; Town of North River Avalon; Town of South River Avalon; Town of Spaniards Bay Avalon; Town of Upper Island Cove Avalon; Town of Victoria Avalon; Jones, Yvonne - M.P.
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4/8/2016
Good Morning Mr. Rose,

Thank you for your letter addressed to Minister Tootoo.

It will be brought to the attention of Minister Judy Foote.

Best regards,

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From: Town of Brigus [mailto:brigus@eastlink.ca]
Sent: April 6, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Tootoo, Hunter - M.P.; McDonald, Ken - M.P.; Betty Parsley - MHA; Dwight Ball - Premier; Steve Crocker - MHA Minister; Foote, Judy - M.P.; Robert Keenan - FFAW
Subject: LIFO

Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Minister

Please find attached the Town of Brigus letter supporting the “Standing up for Rural NL.
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Town of Brigus

From: "Prime Minister/Premier Ministre"<PM@pm.gc.ca>
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 4:42 PM
To: "Town of Brigus" <brigus@eastlink.ca>
Cc: "Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P." <ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca>
Attach: Prime_Minister_-_Wastewater_System.pdf
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear Mr. Rose:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations.

You may be assured that the statements made by the Town of Brigus have been carefully reviewed by this office. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your message to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. I am certain that she will appreciate being made aware of your concerns.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer
for the Prime Minister's Office
Agent de correspondance
de la haute direction
pour le Cabinet du premier ministre

>>> From: Town of Brigus brigus@eastlink.ca Received: 30 Mar 2016 03:20:11 PM

>>> Subject: Wastewater System Effluent Regulations >>>>

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A2

Right Honourable Sir:

Please find attached our letter from the Conception Bay North Joint Council (CBN Joint Council) regarding the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations.

6/2/2016
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6/2/2016
Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER) address untreated and undertreated sewage being discharged into a river, lake, ocean, stream or other body of water. These federal regulations set mandatory minimum effluent quality standards that are achieved by secondary wastewater treatment.

The regulations apply to outfalls with an average of 100 m³ of effluent per day or more, which equates to discharge for approximately 294 people. Systems with less than this are exempt from the regulations.

How to become compliant?

1. Determine the number of households connected to each wastewater outfall.

2. Determine if the outfall meets the minimum threshold for registration with Environment Canada.

3. If the outfall volume is clearly less than 100 m³ of effluent per day, no registration is required. However, if the outfall volume is near 100 m³ of effluent per day or greater, the outfall must be monitored and registered with Environment Canada (1-800-668-6767). Monitoring outfalls involves measuring flow and collecting samples. Requirements for monitoring, record-keeping, reporting and toxicity testing are specified in the regulations www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2012-139/FullText.html.

4. Environment Canada will analyze 18 months of submitted data and provide communities with temporary authorization to operate the outfall and determine if outfall is high risk, medium risk, or low risk.

5. The Department of Municipal Affairs will work with communities to develop wastewater treatment solutions to assist with compliance of the WSER deadlines. Building Canada Funds, including Gas Tax Funds can be used for wastewater projects.

What happens if municipalities don’t comply with the regulations?

Non-compliant municipalities are subject to prosecution under the Fisheries Act.

Municipalities that do not comply with the regulations may also not qualify for future federal cost-shared funding from federal/provincial infrastructure programs, including the new Building Canada Fund.

Need Help?

Environment Canada officials can be reached at 1-800-668-6767 or email wse-ec@ec.gc.ca if you have any questions.

For further information from Municipal Affairs, you can contact Ian Duffett, Director, Municipal Infrastructure and Waste Management at 1-709-729-7482 or ianduffett@gov.nl.ca