

Your Federal Government is considering revising the Navigable Waters Protection Act:

It will mean than any and all of our waterways are unprotected from commercial development unless they are specifically nominated for protection. This is exact opposite of the current situation.

An excerpt from the proposed change:

- For further clarity, a navigable water:
 - (a) must be, for at least three consecutive months of the year, capable of supporting typical transportation, commercial, or recreational type floating vessels that draw a **draft of at least one metre**;
 - (b) must be **at least two kilometres in length and contain no fixed and permanent restrictions for floating vessels referred to earlier**, and may include a single body of water, or only a specific section of a water body—for example, a continuous two-kilometre stretch of a stream—which is in total five kilometres long, or a two-kilometre continuous stretch of connected water bodies—for example, a lake plus a river plus another lake;
 - (c) may be a man-made or naturally occurring water body—in Saskatchewan and Alberta in particular, because of irrigation, we have a number of man-made reservoirs that are fairly extensive in length and width and require bridges across them.
- In addition, a water body meeting all these criteria **may be nominated for designation as a navigable water by one level of government only**, either municipal, provincial, or federal.
A nominated water body must be designated as a navigable water body through a process of public review and provincial approval. A joint federal-provincial approval process would apply for nominations in which there are interprovincial or international navigational issues associated with a designation or a non-designation of a nomination. Once a water body is designated as a navigable water, it may be de-designated by following a process similar to that which led to the designation in the first place.
- **Note: The default is nothing is protected!**

Please copy the letter below, look up your MP on the list and send it.

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