



GOVERNMENT OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

**Department of  
Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

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**To:** All Engineering Consultants

**Re:** **Implementation of the First Thirteen National Operational Statements (NOS) - Newfoundland and Labrador Region**

**Date:** May 10, 2005

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Attached is a copy of a letter from Ms. Michelle Roberge, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, relating to the implementation of National Operational Statements for low risk activities. Please note this streamlined regulatory process in your implementation of projects funded through this Department. Further information may be obtained from the nearest DFO office.

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Dear Mr. Churchill:

**Re: Implementation of the First Thirteen National Operational Statements (NOS) – Newfoundland and Labrador Region**

The Habitat Management Program of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada is pleased to announce the official implementation of National Operational Statements for low risk activities. As noted in the attached informational brochure, these statements will present proponents with up-front guidance on how to carry out a specific activity as well as how to design low risk projects in a fish habitat friendly way. Their intention is to provide a "bottom-line sign-off", which definitively tells the proponent that if they follow the recommended measures while carrying out their work, they are in compliance with the Fisheries Act, and a review by DFO is not required.

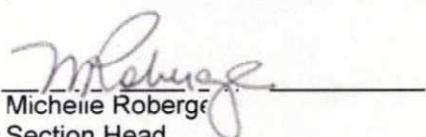
As of April 1, 2005, the following thirteen (13) NOS are in effect within the Newfoundland and Labrador Region:

- Aquatic Vegetation Removal	- Directional Drilling
- Beach Creation	- Ice Bridges
- Beaver Dam Removal	- Off-Stream Ponds
- Bridge Maintenance	- Overhead Line Construction
- Clear Span Bridges	- Routine Maintenance Dredging
- Culvert Maintenance	- Underwater Cables
- Dock Construction	

Other additional Operational Statements will be developed as new low risk activities are identified over the coming years.

The DFO is confident that the implementation of these Operational Statements will benefit both the Department as well as its clients. HMP staff will spend less time reviewing routine projects, and more time on those projects posing a higher risk to fish habitat, as well as on monitoring. Proponents of low risk activities will now be able to proceed with their undertaking without a DFO review.

For copies of Operational Statements and/or more information on National Operational Statements, please contact the nearest DFO Area Office listed within the attached brochure.

  
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Michelle Roberge  
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