

Communiqué

To: All DFO staff and CEA member companies

From: DFO Deputy Larry Murray and CEA President Hans Konow

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Re: 5th Anniversary of CEA-DFO MOU

July 2007 marks the 5th anniversary of the Canadian Electricity Association – Department of Fisheries & Oceans Memorandum of Understanding (CEA-DFO MOU).

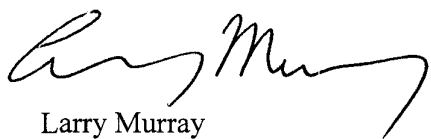
The work of staff of CEA member utilities and DFO has been instrumental in building a collaborative process for defining and addressing policy priorities to improve the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat with respect to new and existing hydro electricity generating stations.

An important part of this collaborative work has been focused on compliance with the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act. This has included cooperative work on clarifying policies and developing management tools for the application of the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act to new and existing hydroelectric facilities. While much of the effort has focused on the compliance theme, this has been complemented by work on research and monitoring, education and training and stewardship and on organizing workshops across the country to allow opportunities to exchange information and views on the results of our collaborative work.

While the collaborative work under the MOU has been protracted and laborious, we are nearing a strategic point in our work together - where we will begin to move from a focus on national level development of policies and management tools to regional level implementation.

The fifth anniversary provides an opportunity to put in place an implementation framework which will engage regional staff of CEA-members and DFO to cooperate in on the ground application of the policies and management tools to effectively and efficiently conserve and protect fish and fish habitat while ensuring the continued production of reliable, affordable, and sustainably delivered electrical energy to Canadians.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of DFO and the CEA members that have contributed to advancing the collaborative work under the MOU for your efforts to date and for your work to come. Conserving and protecting fish and fish habitat, and delivering electricity matter a great deal to Canadians. The work you are doing is critical to ensuring that these activities can be conducted in the best interests of all citizens in Canada.



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