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Fisheries (Alberta) Act
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MINISTERIAL ORDER

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Inspection of Certain Conveyances for Invasive Species at Inspection Stations Order

I, Bill Werry, Deputy Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development pursuant to s.32(2) and s.32(7) of the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*, make the order in the attached Appendix, being the Inspection of Certain Conveyances for Invasive Species at Inspection Stations Order.

Ministerial Order No. 34/2013 is repealed.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 2nd day of April, 2015.

Original Signed By

Bill Werry
Deputy Minister

APPENDIX

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Whereas there are invasive organisms that pose an ecological threat to Alberta's environment and may cause economic harm, and

Whereas there is a justifiable belief that some conveyances may harbour invasive organisms thereby providing a means for those organisms to be transferred to Alberta waters,

I hereby establish this Order, being the *Inspection of Certain Conveyances for Invasive Species at Inspection Stations Order*.

- 1 (1) In this Order,
 - (a) "Act" means the *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*;
 - (b) "subject conveyance" means a conveyance to which this Order applies.
- (2) Definitions and other interpretation provisions in the Act apply in construing this Order.
- 2 This Order and s.32(7) and s.33.2 and so far as applicable, s.32(2) of the Act apply with respect to the following conveyances:
 - (a) conveyances transporting any watercraft, or a dock or wharf, and
 - (b) conveyances which have been, or could reasonably be expected to have been or to be, used to transport
 - (i) anything referred to in clause (a) or
 - (ii) any other item, including but not limited to equipment, which, in the course of its use or its intended use, could reasonably be expected to have been, or to be, exposed to subject water.
- 3 The Minister shall ensure that, in addition to the signs required by s.33.2 (2) of the Act, there are signs that clearly:
 - (a) identify the location of the inspection station,
 - (b) indicate that the inspection station is open for inspection or closed, as the case may be, and
 - (c) communicate that the operators of all subject conveyances are required to stop at the inspection station.
- 4 An individual operating a subject conveyance shall, in accordance with s.33.2(3) of the Act, stop at an inspection station at the location that is indicated.
- 5 The person operating or in charge of a subject conveyance as well as every individual in or on it shall, when at an inspection station, take or cooperate in taking any steps that are reasonably necessary to assist an official, including but not limited to, permitting the official to inspect the conveyance for invasive organisms.

6 An official on duty at an inspection station shall inspect all subject conveyances at the inspection station that the official reasonably suspects may harbour invasive organisms and shall take samples of water and other substances in or on subject conveyances where the official determines that those samples are required to assist in identifying the presence of invasive organisms.

7 An official at an inspection station may request any information they consider to be reasonably required to determine the presence of invasive organisms in or on a subject conveyance, and the person in charge of that subject conveyance, as well as every individual in or on it, shall provide that information to that official.

8 If it is reasonably necessary to effect the decontamination of a subject conveyance, an official shall drain all subject water from the conveyance, clean and disinfect the conveyance, and remove any invasive organisms found on or in it.

9 If it is reasonably necessary to effect the decontamination of a subject conveyance, a fishery officer or fishery guardian shall do what is necessary, including seizing, killing, destroying, or otherwise disposing of all invasive species, and may detain the conveyance or affected equipment in order to remove the risk of the presence of any invasive species.

10 Pursuant to s.32(2) and s.32(3) of the Act, a fishery officer or fishery guardian who reasonably believes that a subject conveyance

- (a) harbours invasive organisms and has not been effectively decontaminated shall,
or
- (b) may harbour invasive organisms, may,

quarantine that conveyance for any period up to 30 days at a location, identified by a fishery officer or guardian, to ensure the effectiveness of decontamination procedures and shall make every reasonable endeavour to ensure, as soon as practicable, the eradication of any invasive organisms that are not attached to the conveyance.