Take action! Send a message in a bottle to your Member of Parliament

Lakes and rivers in Canada are in danger. The former Harper government left 99 per cent of lakes and rivers unprotected under the Navigation Protection Act (NPA) and clawed back other regulations meant to protect freshwater sources.

Take part in the Council’s Every Lake, Every River Campaign
Send a message in a bottle to your local Member of Parliament that you want every lake and every river safeguarded from environmentally damaging projects like mines, dams, fracking and pipelines.

This fall, the Trudeau government will hold public consultations on restoring and modernizing freshwater protections. With so many harmful projects being proposed, restoring and enhancing these protections is more important than ever. You and I must urge the government to show the leadership needed to protect every lake and every river in Canada and Indigenous communities.

Big oil, mining and other industrial companies will be lobbying the government to keep the status quo.

The Trudeau government must ditch the NPA and replace it with a restored and enhanced Navigable Waters Protection Act and other water legislation so that all lakes, rivers and waterways are fully protected.

Here’s how you can send a message in a bottle to your Member of Parliament:

1. Visit www.canadians.org/EveryLakeEveryRiver for a website link to confirm whether your local lake or river is unprotected. Any water body not on this list is unprotected. All lakes and rivers are now unprotected from large pipeline and transmission line projects.

2. Go to your local lake or river and put some water from it in a Mason jar. Take a photo and tweet it with the hashtag #EveryLakeEveryRiver and mention @CouncilofCDNs. You can also email the photo to us at webmaster@canadians.org. We will add your photo to a Flickr album and feature it on our website.

3. Deliver the jar of water to your local Member of Parliament’s constituency office during office hours. On the lid, write “Protect Lake ________” and a message to your MP. Talk to your local MP about the importance of protecting every lake and every river.

Donate to help protect Every Lake, Every River
Your donation is needed to:

Get people informed and engaged. Knowledge is power, and your gift will equip people across the country with tools to get informed and engaged – and join our movement for water justice.

Flood the consultations. You’ll help to launch a national ad campaign to ensure all of us know when and where this fall’s consultations are happening and turn out in huge numbers. This is our chance to be heard.

Keep the pressure on MPs. You’ll support critical local actions and letter-writing campaigns aiming at keeping the pressure on MPs to stand up to Big Oil lobbyists and to listen to their constituents.

Prefer to donate by phone? Call us toll-free at 1-800-387-7177 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET).

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