

## **Changes to Fisheries Act, Policy and Review Process**

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Since November 25, 2013, there have been numerous changes to the way Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Fisheries Protection Program, applies the *Fisheries Act*. This includes changes to Act, policy and review process. We will speak to these changes including: the *Fisheries Act*, most relevant Policies, our self-assessment website, and the one-window review for *Fisheries Act* and *Species at Risk Act*. Our talk will emphasize what professional biologists need to know when helping proponents navigate the regulatory process specifically related to channel realignments and stabilization.