

New Brunswick

New Brunswick is part of two regions of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) ([Region Map](#))

1. [Maritimes Region](#)
2. [Gulf Region](#)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) [Operational Statements for New Brunswick](#)

The Province of New Brunswick [Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Technical Guidelines](#) are used in New Brunswick to protect fish and fish habitat from development activities that occur in or near the water. The following Operational Statements are incorporated into the Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Technical Guidelines and therefore it is not necessary to contact DFO for approval before carrying out the following activities if they are conducted in accordance with the guidelines:

Beaver Dam Removal
Bridge Maintenance
Clear Span Bridges
Culvert Maintenance
High-Pressure Directional Drilling
Dock Construction
Ice Bridges and Snow Fills
Isolated Pond Construction
Submerged Log Salvage
Maintenance of Riparian Vegetation in Existing Rights-of-Way
Overhead Line Construction
Punch and Bore Crossings
Underwater Cables

The DFO website indicates that [Aquatic Vegetation Removal](#) is an activity that is currently not included in the [Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Technical Guidelines](#). Proponents are directed to follow the conditions and measures in this DFO Operational Statement to protect fish and fish habitat. DFO requests that the notification form (attached on the last page of each Operational Statement) be sent to DFO to assist in monitoring the effectiveness of the Operational Statements in protecting fish habitat.

Useful References

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). 2006. Ecological restoration of degraded aquatic habitats: a watershed approach. DFO Oceans and Science Branch, Gulf Region. 180p.

[Fisheries and Oceans Canada \(DFO\). 2008. Protection, Restoration and Enhancement of Salmon Habitat Focus Area Report.](#)

[Fisheries and Oceans Canada \(DFO\). 2008. Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Atlantic Salmon.](#)

The province of New Brunswick is responsible for development, highways, infrastructure and industrial activity within its boundaries, and has developed guidance documents to facilitate conformity with fish habitat protection requirements of the [Fisheries Act](#).

Province of New Brunswick - Additional Information

New Brunswick [Clean Water Act](#)

New Brunswick [Watercourse and Wetland Alteration](#) Regulatory Requirements

[Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Package](#)

[Watercourse Alteration Technical Guidelines](#)

[A Coastal Areas Protection Policy for New Brunswick](#)

[Guideline for the Siting and Operation of a Dredging Material Disposal Site on Land](#)