

## Environmental Guides for Fisheries - Updates

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Comment ID	Organization	Comment	Response
443	Individual	Fish Guide Part 1, Page 44, third paragraph: "...may benefit from the support of additional fisheries expertise during." Missing word at end of sentence?	Updated. The missing word was 'design'.
444	Individual	Fish Guide Part 1, Page 101, Table 5-11: various gradings of "SB" material are referenced. Should these instead be "WB" (e.g. WB-200) following OPSS.1005?	Updated.
445	Individual	Fish Guide Part 1, page 106, Section 5.12, first paragraph: The link "DFO Fish and Fish Habitat Policy Statement" does not work.	Updated and functioning verified.
446	Individual	when trying to open the documents, I get an error saying 404 - page not found!	The attachments were temporarily unavailable due to technical issues. This was fixed on February 12, 2025.
447	Individual; on behalf of client (e.g. as a lawyer or consultant)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The inclusion of the new Indigenous Consultation requirement is great to see.</li> <li>2. One Page 10, 2nd Paragraph of the Fish Guide (Pt 1) determine is spelled incorrectly.</li> <li>3. It would be nice to see field investigation requirements higher in the steps/ a step on its own. It is understood that it indicates that field investigations may be required to confirm a waterbody (Step 1) and to support BMP (step 3) but in practice at least one field investigation in the spring is needed for</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Revised.</li> <li>3. Step 1 is intended as a high-level screening to identify projects which can be screened out early and which may need further consideration. Although the MTO Fisheries Protocol is presented as a stepwise process, there may be instances where the steps occur non-sequentially (e.g., where waterbodies and fish habitat cannot be confirmed until after background data and field investigations have been conducted). The steps are built on a hierarchy of required approvals to proceed with the project; not necessarily the work required to achieve the determination</li> </ol>

		<p>larger projects with potential smaller features/drains/ ditches to determine if it is a waterbody, understand general bankfull conditions (to determine if within 30 m of project works), and to determine if significant habitat is present (as if it is some BMPs do not apply).</p> <p>4. In March 2024, DFO released updated Pathway of Effects - now there is 9 (rather than 11), will this be updated in the Fish Guide? Should consultants be using the PoE's within the Fish Guide or using the updated versions provided by DFO?</p> <p>5. Under the majority of the steps it has a documentation box. Should consider adding a box under Step 1 identifying if anything is required such as, documentation/Screening memo that no waterbodies are present/how this was confirmed, distances were confirmed, routine works, etc.</p> <p>6. Has safety and Book 7 been considered in the Fish Guide? Should there be a requirement for staff working on these projects to have Book 7 training? Important when considering area of field investigations/ effort and what would be required for full detailed assessment (i.e., potential requirement for block trucks).</p>	<p>at each step. Wording has been added to Section 1.4 to reflect this.</p> <p>4. MTO will be reviewing DFO's revised PoEs to determine how/if to incorporate them into the Fish Guide. Service Providers should continue to use the industry-specific PoEs in the Fish Guide to assess MTO projects unless/until otherwise directed.</p> <p>5. Updated.</p> <p>6. Occupational health and safety is outside the scope of the Fish Guide. All Service Providers are required under their legal agreement to have an Occupational Health and Safety Plan for their staff and comply with all applicable legislation, including the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i>.</p>
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