

CANADIAN RIVERS NETWORK

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About the CRN:

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The Canadian Rivers Network (CRN) is a coalition of groups and organizations across Canada working together to:

- Inform Canadians about the value of our waters, rivers, lakes and streams.
- Advocate for the conservation of natural and cultural heritage values associated with Canadian waters, rivers lakes and streams.
- Advocate for the preservation of the ancient right of public navigation on Canadian waterways.

The CRN was formed in June of 2008 in direct response to an initiative of the federal government to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) and eliminate navigation rights on thousands of waterways across Canada.

In media reports January 12 and 13, 2009, it became clear that this initiative to amend the NWPA and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act is now part of the federal government's economic recovery package.

OUR POSITION:

The federal government is acting radically by attempting to gut Canadian laws intended to protect the environment, under the guise of rescuing the economy.

The Harper government does not have a mandate to eliminate the public right of navigation on Canadian waterways, a common law right that predates confederation.

The Harper government does not have a mandate to gut the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

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