

Public Notice for a Category B Project Evaluation

Turtle Portage Marine Railway System Decommissioning

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Kenora District** intends to decommission the **Turtle Portage Marine Railway System** in 2019. The hand-operated, mechanical boat lift allows users to transfer boats over land between Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Bay on Lake of the Woods. Maintenance and operation of the current system is cost prohibitive. The MNRF is inviting public comment on the decommissioning. No significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated.

This proposal is being planned in accordance with a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNRF Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. A Notice of Completion will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. Where concerns can be resolved, MNRF may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on **October 15, 2018**.

For more information on the project, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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