



**Written submission from the
Ontario Federation of Anglers and
Hunters**

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In the Matter of the

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Ontario Power Generation Inc.

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Application to extend the operation of
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station
Units 5 to 8 until December 31, 2026

Demande visant à prolonger l'exploitation
des tranches 5 à 8 de la centrale nucléaire de
Pickering jusqu'au 31 décembre 2026

Commission Public Hearing

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station License Renewal Application

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is Ontario's largest, non-profit, fish and wildlife conservation-based organization, representing 100,000 members, subscribers, and supporters, and 700 member clubs. I am writing this letter in support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Pickering Nuclear Generating Station license renewal application.

In addition to being the lead sponsor, since 2011, of the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) – a partnership between the OFAH and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – OPG Pickering has partnered annually with the LOASRP and OFAH since 2012 on a four-part initiative within the LOASRP's classroom hatchery program. Through this partnership, local Pickering students participate in the rearing of juvenile Atlantic Salmon, from egg to fry, housed at Pickering Nuclear. During the program the students receive a presentation on the overall restoration effort, clean up a section of Duffins Creek, and conduct a local rain to runoff program with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The program concludes with the students assisting in the release of their fish into Duffins Creek. This initiative supports the LOASRP priority to "improve the general public and angler awareness in the program" and helps to connect local residents, including youth and new Canadians, to their local watershed and the importance of being engaged environmental stewards.

One of the challenges of returning or protecting a species, such as Atlantic Salmon, in a region from which they have been extirpated for over 100 years is the loss of cultural memory. Additionally, fish live in another world and are not commonly encountered by the public. Without an awareness of what

exists, or existed, in the local environment, communities cannot be fully engaged as stewards in protection and restoration. By working together, the LOASRP and OPG raise awareness about the Great Lakes and the importance of aquatic ecosystem health while contributing to the restoration of an iconic Canadian fish species.

The OFAH looks forward to continuing its partnership with OPG across Ontario and in the Pickering area, which will benefit students, communities, and Lake Ontario's Atlantic Salmon. I would be pleased to discuss this further with you if necessary.

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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