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**Written Submission from the
Ontario Federation of Anglers and
Hunters Foundation**

**Mémoire de la
Fédération des pêcheurs et des
chasseurs de l'Ontario**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

Ontario Power Generation

Application to refurbish Pickering Nuclear
Generating Station and to renew licences
for the Pickering Nuclear Generating
Station and Waste Management Facility

Ontario Power Generation

Demande concernant la réfection de la
centrale nucléaire de Pickering et le
renouvellement de ses permis pour la
centrale et l'installation de gestion des
déchets

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**Audience publique de la Commission
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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 Foundation (OFAH Foundation) is dedicated to preserving Ontario's natural heritage through conservation research, habitat restoration, and educational initiatives that promote sustainable outdoor activities. As a leader in conservation, we work collaboratively with partners, experts, and communities throughout Ontario to protect and enhance fish and wildlife populations for today and future generations. The OFAH has been the host organization for the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) since its inception in 2006. I am writing this letter in support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Pickering Nuclear Generating Station license renewal application.

The LOASRP is a partnership between OFAH Foundation and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. In addition to OPG being the lead sponsor of the LOASRP since 2011, 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 rearing juvenile Atlantic Salmon from egg to fry at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Information Centre. 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 connect local residents, including youth and new Canadians, to their local watershed and to the importance of being engaged environmental stewards.

One of the challenges of returning or protecting a species, such as Atlantic Salmon, to a region from which it has 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.

OFAH Foundation looks forward to continuing its partnership with OPG across Ontario, including in the Pickering area, benefiting 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, reading "Ben Teskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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