



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

**Mémoire de la
Ontario Federation of Anglers
and Hunters**

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station**

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.,
centrale nucléaire de Pickering**

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear
Power Reactor Operating Licence for the
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

Demande de renouvellement, pour une période
de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un
réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale
nucléaire de Pickering

Commission Public Hearing – Part 2

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Partie 2**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: OPG Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Licence Renewal Application

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), its 100,000 members, subscribers, and supporters, and 740 member clubs, I am writing this letter in support of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Pickering Nuclear Generating Station licence 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 Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – OPG Pickering has partnered with the LOASRP and OFAH since 2012 on a four-part initiative linked to the LOASRP's classroom hatchery program. Through this annual partnership with OPG, local Pickering students participate in the delivery of eggs to the hatchery housed at Pickering Nuclear, receive a presentation on the overall restoration effort, clean up a section of Duffins Creek in Pickering, conduct a local Yellow Fish Road program, and then release the Atlantic Salmon raised at Pickering Nuclear into suitable habitat. This initiative supports Priority 5 ("Improve the general public and angler awareness in the program") of the *LOASRP Five Year Implementation Strategy (2016-2020)*.

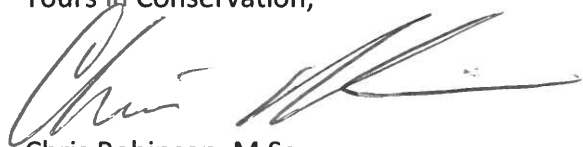
One of the challenges of returning or protecting a species, such as Atlantic Salmon, in a region from which they have been absent or at reduced numbers for long periods of time is the attendant loss of cultural memory. Additionally, fish effectively live in another world and are not commonly encountered by the public. Without and 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 the restoration of an iconic Canadian fish species.

OPG has also sponsored Tackleshare, an innovation OFAH program of fixed and travelling lending libraries of fishing equipment, which in the Pickering area in 2017 saw over 230 local residents participate in fishing events with us. As part of each event, an introduction to aquatic habitats

and ecology is also provided. Province-wide in 2017, 31,376 residents of Ontario were engaged in fishing events through Tackleshare.

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

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Robinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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