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

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Ontario Federation of Anglers and
Hunters Foundation**

In the matter of the

À l'égard d'

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Application to renew power reactor
operating licence for the Darlington
Nuclear Generating Station

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Demande concernant le renouvellement
du permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur de
puissance pour la centrale nucléaire de
Darlington

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Part-2**

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To Whom It May Concern:

**Subject: Renewal of OPG Darlington NGS Power Reactor Operating Licence
 for a 30-year term**

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) Darlington 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 Darlington has partnered annually with the LOASRP and OFAH since 2019 on a four-part initiative within the LOASRP's classroom hatchery program. Through this partnership, local students participate in the rearing of juvenile Atlantic Salmon, from egg to fry, housed at Darlington Nuclear. During the program, the students receive a presentation on the overall restoration effort, clean up a section of Bowmanville Creek, and conduct a local Watershed Wishes program with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. The program concludes with the students releasing their fish into Bowmanville Creek with help from our staff. 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.

OFAH Foundation looks forward to continuing its partnership with OPG across Ontario and in the Darlington 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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