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Sent: May 25, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Matthew Linton
Cc: Andy McNeely; Jon Mills
Subject: RE: 26-HCAA-00896 Project Review - 112 Shady Lane
Attachments: Docks and Boathouse Mitigation Summary.pdf

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Dear Matthew Linton:

Subject: 26-HCAA-00896 Boathouse Installation, St. Lawrence River, Leeds and Thousand Islands – Implementation of Measures to Avoid and Mitigate the Potential for Prohibited Effects to Fish and Fish Habitat

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your proposal on April 21, 2026. We understand that you propose to:

- Construction of a 14m x 16.2m boathouse on steel piles driven into the bedrock; and
- Removal of existing boathouse; and
- Use a barge and excavator to pile drive new steel piles; and
- Avoid dredging or vegetation removal.

We understand the following aquatic species listed under the Species at Risk Act may use the area in the vicinity of where your proposal is to be located:

- Pugnose Shiner listed as Threatened

Our review considered the following information:

- Request for Review form and associated documents

Your proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in:

- the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat which are prohibited under subsections 34.4(1) and 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*;

- effects to listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*; and,
- the introduction of aquatic species into regions or bodies of water frequented by fish where they are not indigenous, which is prohibited under section 10 of the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations*.

The aforementioned impacts are prohibited unless authorized under their respective legislation and regulations.

Additional information on measures to protect fish and fish habitat can be found in the attached document. Provided that you incorporate these measures into your plans, the Program is of the view that your proposal is not likely to result in the contravention of the above mentioned prohibitions and requirements.

Should your plans change or if you have omitted some information in your proposal, further review by the Program may be required. Consult our website ([Projects near water \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](http://Projects.near.water(dfo-mpo.gc.ca))) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review may be necessary. It remains your responsibility to remain in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, the *Species at Risk Act* and the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations*.

It is also your *Duty to Notify* DFO if you have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. Such notifications should be directed to DFO.OPHabitat.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or 1-855-852-8320.

We recommend that you notify this office at least 10 days before starting your project and that a copy of this letter be kept on site while the work is in progress. Send your notification to the DFO 10 day notification mailbox: DFO.OP10DayNotification-Notification10JourOP.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. It remains your responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to your proposal.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact Lucas Coletti at Lucas.Coletti@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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Good evening,

Please see attached Requested Project Review for a proposed . We have noted the project occurs within the DFO's Aquatic Species at Risk Map and is identified as a critical habitat area for Pugnose Shiner fish.

We have provided a copy of the application form, civil drawings, an illustration of the site and location, and engineered boat house drawings for your review.

I am happy to discuss, at your availability, this project in further detail and our required next steps from your team. If you could also provide us with the anticipated timelines on the review of this application, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you!

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