

## Appendix IV – Federal Legislation Regulating Activities In and Around Lakes



Federal legislation can be found on the Department of Justice Canada website at:  
<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/index.html>.

Legislation	Administered by	Background	Regulated Lake Activities
<i>Fisheries Act (Canada)</i>	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	This Act provides for the protection of fish and fish habitat of all waters frequented by fish. The Act includes provisions for habitat protection and provides for the establishment of regulations for pollution prevention and control. Federal Fisheries and Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officers, designated by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, can enforce the Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic vegetation control.</li> <li>• Beach development / sand placement.</li> <li>• Dredging / in-filling.</li> <li>• Any project on the bed or shore or a lake, including shoreline erosion control.</li> <li>• Depositing harmful material into the water, or where it may harm fish.</li> <li>• Destruction of fish habitat.</li> </ul>
<i>Navigable Waters Protection Act</i>	Transport Canada	This Act ensures a balance between the public right of navigation and the need to build works, such as bridges, dams or docks in navigable waters. Navigable water is any body of water capable of being navigated by any type of floating vessel for the purpose of transportation, recreation, or commerce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoreline development (erosion control works, placing of permanent structures).</li> </ul>
<i>Fertilizer Act</i>	Canadian Food Inspection Agency	This Act controls the composition of fertilizers in Canada. It regulates what fertilizers and supplements are manufactured and sold in Canada. It regulates against any component known to be harmful to plants or the environment. "Fertilizer" refers to any substance or mixture of substances, containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium or other plant food, manufactured, sold or represented for use as a plant nutrient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulates what fertilizers are used by the agriculture industry in Canada.</li> <li>• Regulates how manure is used in non-agricultural fertilizers.</li> </ul>