

Public Notice

Sand Pond National Wildlife Area, Nova Scotia – Proposed Habitat Enhancement Project – Public Comments Invited

27 October, 2020 – The Canadian Wildlife Service must determine whether the proposed Sand Pond National Wildlife Area, Nova Scotia – Proposed Habitat Enhancement Project, is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

To help inform this determination, the Canadian Wildlife Service is inviting comments from the public respecting that determination. All comments received will be considered public [and may be posted online]. For more information, individuals should consult the Privacy Notice <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection> on the Registry website.

Written comments must be submitted **by 27 November, 2020** to:

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The Proposed Project

Ducks Unlimited Canada is proposing to undertake a habitat enhancement project located at the Sand Pond National Wildlife Area.

The scope of this project includes removal of a de-commissioned water control structure and concrete fish ladder in order to remove the infrastructure liability while improving fish passage upstream of this partial barrier. The project will not detract from the intended purposes of the structure while greatly enhancing fish passage into the upstream lakes and watercourses.

The proposed project will be initiated during fall / winter of 2020 and continue later in 2020/2021 during a period when disturbance to migratory birds and other wildlife will be minimal.

The structure will be isolated from the water and maintenance flow provided by a bypass channel. All structure material and earth berm will be removed off site. All necessary measures to address potential siltation will be employed, including use of silt fences. All exposed surfaces will be covered with hay mulch at the completion of construction. Access to the project site will be facilitated via an existing maintenance access road. Minimal removal of vegetation along this access road will occur, to provide safe access for construction equipment.