



Parks Canada invites public consultation regarding mooring restrictions



Hi Wolfe Lake friends,

Here we are, sharing the first Wolfe Lake Association Westport (WLAW) News Flash of 2024 which serves to relay a bulletin from Parks Canada regarding mooring restrictions, as well as an invitation to weigh in on matters relating to this topic. We are sharing this information with you as it is of relevance to all WLAW members and lake residents. If you have comments or concerns regarding mooring issues -- including any relating to the growing popularity of controversial floating home accommodations made from metal shipping containers [photo] -- we encourage you to leave your remarks for Parks Canada.

FROM PARKS CANADA, AS PUBLISHED ON THEIR WEBSITE:

“SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO – March 8, 2024 – Parks Canada is advising the public that consultations are now underway on a Notice of Mooring Restrictions that is planned to come into effect on May 1, 2024, related to the mooring of floating accommodations on the Rideau Canal.

Under the notice, most of the current provisions on the waterway will remain the same. The current regime for mooring at Ontario Waterway Lock stations will remain unchanged.

Shoreline owners may continue to moor their vessels adjacent to their properties without the requirement for a mooring permit. Mooring of vessels at licensed marinas will not require a

permit. The notice will allow Parks Canada greater management control over floating accommodations in a way that is consistent with recent changes to the Province of Ontario’s regulations. The Notice of Mooring Restriction is posted on the Consulting with Canadians website for a 31-day comment period between March 7, 2024, and April 7, 2024, and can be found at the following link.”

<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/rideau/info/avis-restrictions-amarrage-notice-mooring-restrictions>

Further reading:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6590> and <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-floating-homes-shipping-containers-cottage-country-1.6799500>

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