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Via Paddle Canada Website and email Distribution List

BILL C-10 HAS PASSED

The Budget Implementation Act (Bill C-10) has passed. Both the navigation and environmental rights of Canadians are potentially being sacrificed for short-term economic gain.

Despite promises by the Senate National Finance Committee, the public consultation on the non-budget items featured in Bill C-10 - including the amendments to the NWPA - is not going to happen. The Budget Implementation Act was prematurely pushed out of the Senate National Finance Committee and passed into law on 13-March-2009 with the NWPA amendments still intact.

A bill altering the public right of navigation in Canada has passed through Canadian Parliament with little consultation from the Canadian public.

WHERE DO WE GO NEXT?

Now, we begin the process of trying to reverse the effects. We need to carry and expand on what we have built here into the next step, which is to make people accountable for what has happened here, and offer them the opportunity to do the right thing.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Help us continue to raise awareness about this issue and encourage your friends and family to participate in forthcoming action alerts.

- Continue to support the initiatives of I Speak for Canadian Rivers.
- <http://www.ispeakforcanadianrivers.ca>

Paddle Canada wishes to extend our thanks for all the personal time and effort that every paddler has extended to the NWPA campaigns to date. Although we all are disappointed, we have demonstrated that our voices are stronger and speak louder when we work together. We will continue to lobby for change and with the continued support of Canadian paddlers, like yourself, we have no doubt we can continue to enact change.