

## **Important Notice Regarding the Unlawful Placement of Boat Lifts in Alberta Waterways**

Owners of boat lifts (boat hoists) currently placed within the limits of Pigeon Lake, Sylvan Lake, and other Alberta lakes, are hereby, advised that the placement or construction of any work within the limits of any navigable waterway is unlawful without prior approval by the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities under the provisions of the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* (NWPA).

Many of these boat lifts are potential hazards to navigation and are not compliant with Transport Canada requirements.

Non-compliance with the NWPA may result in enforcement action, and/or removal of the boat lift at the owner's expense.

Individuals should consider the following criteria when making an application for approval under the NWPA to place or construct a boat lift:

- the boat lift cannot be placed more than 30m from any shore; ■ the boat lift must be marked with yellow reflective material (or lights) on all four sides; and
- proof of consent from the upland property owner must be obtained and provided.

Notwithstanding the above criteria, each case will be considered on its own merit, and may not be limited to the above.

For further information on the NWPA process, please visit our national website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/oep/nwpp/menu.htm>, or contact our Edmonton office at 780-495-8215 for a copy of the application form and guide.