

Lake Links 2023

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Sustainable Fisheries for the Future

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ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

Private Charitable Foundation

- *Incorporated under Canada Corporations Act (Part II) as Not-for-Profit corporation in 1991*
- *Registered with Revenue Canada/Canada Revenue Agency*
- *Continued under new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act in 2015*
- *Affiliated with Big Rideau Lake Association*
- *Board Members from Big Rideau Lake Association and Upper Rideau Lake Association*

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- **TAX CREDITS FOR DONORS !!!!!**

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- Four broad categories of charitable purposes:
 1. relief of poverty ;
 2. advancement of education ;
 3. advancement of religion;
 4. other purposes **beneficial to the community** in a way the law regards as charitable
 - *for example, promotion of health or protection of the environment, by means which provide a charitable benefit to the public or a sufficient section of the public*

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 - *Charitable Objects and Activities*

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- Registration & Charitable Objects having to with Environmental Protection activities:
- <https://www.canadiancharitylaw.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CRA-Guidance-Protection-of-the-Environment-and-Charitable-Registration.pdf>

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 - **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan** -water quality research in the 10s of \$Millions since the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan legislation enacted in 2006
 - **Lake Erie** – water quality research in the 10s of \$Millions recently to address agricultural sources of contaminants

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- **Lake Partners:** *MOECP & FOCA, 20+ yrs. of data collection where cottagers from FOCA's member associations across the entire province collect samples as citizen scientists- the MOECP analyzes and adds to its database;*
- **Universities.** *Queen's University, Carleton University, University of Guelph, McGill University, all have groups doing water quality research;*

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- **Ontario/Canada Institute for Collection, Assimilation and Prioritization of Research?????**

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