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Dear Ms. Visneskie Moore:

**Subject: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Approval of  
Major Amendment to the Bonnechere River Water  
Management Plan to change the lower operating limits  
on Round Lake**

This letter is to advise that the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan (BRWMP) has been amended under Section 23.1(6) the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. A major amendment led by operator, Renfrew Power Generation, was undertaken to change the lower operating limit on Round Lake by an additional 50cm, from the existing 170.10 metres to a new lower limit of 169.60 metres, from January 1 to May 12. In order to achieve the lower winter/spring operating limit and consider impacts to fall spawning fish, an increased drawdown in the fall was needed. As such the lower operating limits for the fall were also amended.

Changes as a result of this amendment are reflected in the updated (October 2019) version of the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan. A summary of this amendment can be found in the History of Amendments in the BRWMP.

Regards,



Sharon Rew

Regional Director, Southern Region  
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## OCTOBER 2019 AMENDMENT

On October 3, 2019, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) approved a major amendment to the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan. The amendment was completed to change the lower operating limit by 50cm on Round Lake, in an effort to provide increased capacity for the spring freshet. The amendment changes the existing WMP lower limit of 170.10 metres to a new lower level of 169.60 metres, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>. In order to achieve the lower winter/spring operating limit and consider impacts to fall spawning fish, an increased drawdown in the fall was needed. As such the lower operating limits for the fall were also amended.

The amendment was categorized as major and included consultation with the public and Indigenous communities, in accordance with the 2016 Maintaining Water Management Plans Technical Bulletin.

The major amendment has resulted in changes to the following sections of the plan:

<b>Section 4.5.3 Reach 8: Round Lake (Jack Chute to Tramore Dam)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text description has been <b>revised</b>.</li><li>• Table 10 has been <b>revised</b></li><li>• Figure 8 has been <b>replaced</b></li><li>• Table 11 has been <b>revised</b></li></ul>
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