



ANTOINE NATION

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BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION AN202600003

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WHEREAS the Antoine Nation has been advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) recommends adding a multi-species fish passage to the Quebec Temiskaming Dam Replacement Project as a means of protecting lake sturgeon by virtue of habitat defragmentation;

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation has reviewed DFO's recent answers to a number of the questions the Antoine Nation submitted to the DFO in December 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation's traditional knowledge of the fisheries in the Upper Ottawa River does not agree with DFO's rationale for a multi-species fish passage (reasoning included in attached response letter to DFO);

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation strongly believes that the proposed fish passage would only provide a one-time migration route for lake sturgeon and many other species to enter Lake Temiskaming never to return downstream of the dam (reasoning included in attached response letter to DFO);

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation notes that site specific environmental assessments for all species impacted by the fish passage have not been completed;

AND WHEREAS provincial jurisdictions have not been involved in the overall fisheries impact assessment associated with the proposed fish passage;

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation strongly believes that the proposed fish passage would further deplete the abundance of many other fish species below the dam further threatening and degrading Antoine Nations subsistence fishing rights in their traditional territory (reasoning included in attached response letter to DFO);

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation has not been provided with any confirmation that moving lake sturgeon from below the Temiskaming Dam into Lake Temiskaming would further protect Lake Sturgeon;

AND WHEREAS DFO's response to our concerns did not address the long-term impact of invasive species associated with its goal of creating a continuous fisheries migration route over the entire Ottawa River;

AND WHEREAS the Antoine Nation's indigenous rights impacted by the proposed fish passage have not been completed and properly mitigated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Antoine Nation does not support the proposed fish passage, however is supportive of completing the following fisheries studies and alternate lake sturgeon remediation initiatives:

- a) Detailed assessment of the lake sturgeon population assessment in the Upper Ottawa River (in attached letter response to DFO)
- b) Releasing tagged lake sturgeon in the study area to determine migration, critical habitat and survivability (in attached letter response to DFO)
- c) Detailed study of the status of lake sturgeon in Lake Temiskaming (in attached letter response to DFO)
- d) Consideration given to restocking lake sturgeon in Lake Temiskaming (in attached letter response to DFO)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Antoine Nation is prepared to lead these initiatives as part of their conservation commitment in their traditional territory.


	FOR	AGAINST
Butler	YES	
Dufoe	YES	
Lamabe	YES	
McElheran	YES	

Moore

YES

CARRIED

Chief Davie Joannis

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Davie Joannis', written in a cursive style.