



**PREVENTIVE NOTICE: Presence of an aquatic invasive species  
in the Ottawa River**



**What you need to know:**

- The Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) informs the public that the spiny water flea, an aquatic invasive species of the zooplankton family with a high risk of spreading, has been detected in the McConnell Lake sector of the Ottawa River.
- According to MFFP specialists, it is likely that this species has dispersed down the Ottawa River beyond the Municipality of Rapide-des-Joachims; in this case in the portion of the Ottawa River bordering the Municipality of Pontiac.
- Invasive alien species can have irreversible impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity and some important socio-economic activities, such as sport fishing and tourism.
- The MFFP therefore reminds anglers and users of all types of watercraft of the importance of properly cleaning their watercraft and equipment when they go to different bodies of water.

## Where to inquire:

- The Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Website: [www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/the-wildlife/wildlife-conservation/invasive/?lang=en](http://www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/the-wildlife/wildlife-conservation/invasive/?lang=en)
- Municipality of Pontiac's Website: [www.municipalitepontiac.com](http://www.municipalitepontiac.com);
- Municipality of Pontiac's Facebook account: [www.facebook.com/pontiacmun](http://www.facebook.com/pontiacmun).