

Ditch Maintenance Form

(for Works in a Wet Constructed Ditch)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

LOCATION OF WORKS (be specific, include map if available)

Ditch Name (if available) :

Length of Maintenance Works: _____ m Habitat Classification (if available) _____

Fish Presence _____ Unknown _____

ANTICIPATED WORK DATES

(NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS NOTICE IS REQUIRED)

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS CONDUCTED IN A WET CONSTRUCTED DITCH DURING JUNE 15 – SEPT. 30 (circle appropriate works).

- ◆ Localized pruning of riparian vegetation, which is overhanging into the wetted channel and obstructing water flow, to a point above the high water mark and/ or pruning of ditch bank vegetation to a height of not less than 4 meters. (> 100m)
- ◆ Hand *cutting* or machine mowing of emergent aquatic vegetation above the waterline of the ditch. (> 100 m)
- ◆ Hand *removal* of emergent aquatic vegetation from the thalweg (i.e. emergent aquatic vegetation along the edges of the ditch is not disturbed) (> 100m)
- ◆ Machine removal of riparian vegetation on the north and east side of a constructed ditch (wet or dry) only for the purpose of constructing an access for channel maintenance
- ◆ Installation, maintenance or cleanout of sediment traps which do not require the construction of any structures within the ditch (e.g. weirs, dams, trash racks, etc.)
- ◆ Localized removal of blockages to flow less than 5 meters in length (e.g. debris dams)
- ◆ Dredging or cleaning the entire bottom along a ditch length < 50 m / yr
- ◆ Replacement of an access road culvert with a culvert of increased length.
- ◆ New culvert installation that will not impact native trees and shrubs.
- ◆ Bank stabilization or repair by rip rap planted with vegetation, such as willows or other bio-engineered method (geo-fabric) if the area is less than 50 m².
- ◆ Construction of a livestock crossing through a constructed ditch
- ◆ Construction of new structures within the ditch e.g. irrigation gates
- ◆ Other works: _____
- ◆ ***PLEASE CHECK TABLE 2 FOR THOSE WORKS IN A WET CONSTRUCTED DITCH WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF DITCH MAINTENANCE FORM.***
- ◆ ***ANY OTHER WORKS WILL REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FROM DFO.***

SIGNATURE:

I acknowledge that I have read the guidelines and conditions attached:

Date: _____

Fax or mail to DFO –

Signature: _____

see *Agricultural Watercourse Maintenance Guide* for contacts.