

Government of Alberta ■

Environment

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Residents of the Summer Village of Itaska Beach:

Unauthorized Shoreline Modifications

Alberta Environment requires all residents to **IMMEDIATELY STOP ALL UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES** on the bed and shore of Pigeon Lake until they have the proper approvals.

Some common shoreline activities requiring a Water Act Approval:

- Aquatic and riparian vegetation control and removal (ie. reed beds, grass, cattails, etc.)
- Beach development
- Bottom dredging and excavation
- Erosion protection works (ie. retaining walls, riprap, rock armoring, etc.)
- In-filling or re-grading

Some common shoreline activities exempted from a Water Act Approval:

- Seasonal docks, boat lifts and piers
- Installation of a portable water supply line or pump if there is minimal disturbance to the bed and shore

Activities on the bed and shore are not allowed unless approved.

Alberta Environment will conduct inspections to ensure compliance.

Residents who conduct activities without an approval may be in contravention of the Water Act and may be subject to enforcement action. Be advised that other federal, provincial, and/or municipal approvals may also be required.

If you require additional information regarding healthy shorelines, how your actions affect the lake, why it is important to maintain aquatic and riparian vegetation, and how to apply for approvals to conduct shoreline work, **please contact the Spruce Grove Alberta Environment office at (780) 960-8600.**

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