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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 26, 2019

QUINTE CONSERVATION ISSUES A WATER SAFETY STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 26 TO 28, 2019

Quinte Conservation has issued a Water Safety Statement for Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte due to a Gale Warning in effect, which forecasts strong winds and high waves.

According to the Environment Canada Marine Forecast, Gale force winds exceeding 70 km/h are expected throughout the region late this afternoon and into Wednesday afternoon, along with high waves building up to 4 metres by Wednesday evening.

During this period, there is a possibility for localized flooding and shoreline erosion due to wave uprush. Residents are reminded to exercise caution near and around water as banks may be unstable.

Quinte Conservation is issuing a Water Safety Statement regarding the changing conditions in the watershed. A Water Safety Statement indicates that high flows, unsafe banks, high waves or other factors could be dangerous for users such as anglers, boaters, swimmers, children or pets. Localized shoreline flooding is possible.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions and will provide an update if forecasts and conditions change. For current water levels or to report any observations of flooding, residents are encouraged to visit QuinteConservation.ca.

This message will be in effect until (or updated before) November 28, 2019

Quinte Conservation is a community-based environmental protection agency. It serves 18 municipalities in the watersheds of the Moira, Napanee and Salmon Rivers and Prince Edward County. It provides cost-effective environmental expertise and leadership. Quinte Conservation's main goal is to create a sustainable ecosystem where people and nature live in harmony. More information about Quinte Conservation is available at www.quinteconservation.ca.

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WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT: This is a general notice of potential flooding or other conditions that pose a safety risk. There are two kinds of statements:



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- a WATER SAFETY STATEMENT indicates that high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for users such as anglers, boaters, swimmers, children or pets. Flooding is not expected.
- a FLOOD OUTLOOK STATEMENT gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

FLOOD WATCH: This level notifies that the potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

FLOOD WARNING: Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.