

## Decision Matrix - Dismantlement of Beaver Dams - Outaouais Region

- Presence of Beaver Dam Noted
  - Decide to Leave it in Place - no further action required
- Efforts to frighten off beavers or to prevent property damage are unsuccessful
  - If property has been damaged
    - Private or Public Property - proceed to dismantle the dam in accordance with the Best Practices Guide
  - If a disaster is anticipated
    - Proceed to dismantle the dam in accordance with the Best Practices Guide
  - If one wishes to prevent property damage
    - Private or Public Property - obtain an SEG permit from the Ministry of Wildlife and Natural Resources before dismantling the dam

### Notes:

1. No work can be done to dismantle a beaver dam without the consent of the owner of the property on which the dam is located. This, however, does not apply to the MRC which can intervene to protect property or public safety.
2. An SEG permit is not required to trap beavers when a beaver dam has caused property damage or when a catastrophe is feared. However, such a permit is required from the Ministry of Wildlife and Natural Resources if one wishes to dismantle a beaver dam in order to prevent property damage.