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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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FLOOD WARNINGS CANCELLED FOR INLAND LAKES

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has cancelled all Flood Warnings and Flood Watches for inland lakes today. A Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety is now in effect for all inland lakes and streams within the Cataraqui Region watersheds.

Water levels have continued to decline over the past week and lakes have now fallen to or below high spring levels. Despite the Flood Warning/Watch cancellation, the CRCA is urging residents to exercise caution around lakes and streams and to stay away from the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses, as well as any dams.

Water managers continue to conduct operations to minimize the effects of the high-water levels and pass flows down through the system.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions, forecasts, and update statements as needed. This Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety will remain in effect until Monday May 29, 2017.

Flood Warning remains for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River

Flood Warning statement at www.crca.ca/news valid until Friday May 26, 2017

See below for watershed conditions terminology:

Watershed Conditions Statement: general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.
- Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook: 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: Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or 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.

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