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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement today.

Recent rainfall has increased creek and lake levels considerably. Except for somewhat warmer temps to begin this coming weekend the cold temps we are currently experiencing and expect to receive will cause the formation of ice over creek and lake water levels that are currently falling. This may lead to weaker ice as a result of air pockets that form under the ice as water levels drop.

Regardless, the temperatures have likely not been low enough for long enough in many areas to provide adequate ice thicknesses for safely going on the ice.

Local residents are reminded to stay off the ice and away from the unstable creek banks.

This statement is valid until: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Newsrooms please note:

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. 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.

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