



## *Fast Facts*

The following fact sheet is intended to provide you with answers to your own questions and will help you answer questions you may receive from visitors.

### Waskesiu River Riffle – May 2006

- 1. Parks Canada has maintained recreational access to Waskesiu Lake by building:**
  - additional boat launch lanes at the Waskesiu Lake main marina (completed in 2004); and
  - a “Newbury riffle” (constructed in 2005, some additional work required) to replace the outdated Waskesiu dam.
- 2. The Newbury riffle improves the health of the lake and river system.** It is made of rock, gravel and other materials and creates natural looking rapids.
- 3. The riffle was constructed according to an engineered and approved design.**
- The riffle includes a V notch in the middle to allow for fish passage and water flow. The V notch is required for fish passage and is normally a small part of the dam near the centre. The V notch is a 3 metre (m) wide and .3 m deep channel that allows for fish passage.
- 5. As predictable with a newly-constructed structure, settling has resulted in the north end of the riffle (located near the picnic area) and is lower than it should be this spring. The area will be surveyed and more rock will be added to this area to raise it to the appropriate level.**
- 6. This work will take place as part of scheduled project completion and site cleanup work in May 2006.**
- Water flow occurred over the winter and this provided fish access into Waskesiu Lake. Water flow will be monitored on a regular basis throughout 2006.
- For more information, contact the park information centre.



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