

*The following questions were posed by attendees during the November 12, 2014 webinar with Julie Gelfand, federal Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Due to technical difficulties, the questions could not be answered during the webinar. The Commissioner's answers to the questions are provided below.*

Q: How do we contact you to come talk at Quebec Environmental event on June 13 in Montreal?

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A: Contact [elisabeth.karner@oag-bvg.gc.ca](mailto:elisabeth.karner@oag-bvg.gc.ca)

Q: Federal government has done little to meet commitments on ocean conservation and planning, which is parallel to your final statement in this webinar. Will you include this in your next report. Second question, how do you hope to get federal government to follow your excellent recommendations?

A: I cannot say what will be in my next report yet. Still working on our plan for the next few years. Parliament is responsible for ensuring that the federal government implements our recommendations. The Departments have agreed with our recommendations.

Q: If this was a report card, what letter grade would you give the current government based on this report? Why did you analyze marine navigation rather than something like transportation GHGs? Have you asked the govt what is Canada's national transportation strategy?

A: I cannot give a grade answer overall. The former Commissioners decided the topics of the Chapters. I am not sure if we have audited or if a federal national transportation strategy exists.

Q: How does the auditor make assessments about the sustainability impact within the environmental approval process for new pipelines? What is next, in terms of the process and timing, for the government to respond to the report...i.e. is action required?

A: I am not sure how to answer this first part of this question. Departments have agreed with our recommendations. Parliament is responsible for holding Departments to account.

Q: Can you speak to sustainable fish habitat in non commercial rivers? The federal government has constitutional jurisdiction over seacoast and inland fisheries and we ask whether they are using and will use that jurisdiction to maintain sustainable fish habitat in non commercial fishery streams/rivers.

A: We have not completed an audit regarding fish habitat in non commercial rivers.