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Good Day Karen,

Thank you for your email regarding fishing at Grenadier Pond.

As you are aware, fishing is a permitted activity in City of Toronto parkland except where signs are posted indicating fishing is prohibited. We aim to minimize the number of areas where fishing is prohibited and take a "fishing by default" position. Municipal Code makes it an offence to disobey signs prohibiting fishing or to attempt to harm wildlife. We take both of these offenses seriously, and our Provincial Offences Officers are authorized to take enforcement action against individuals in both cases.

Any prohibitions that were previously put in place were done in consultation with a variety of stakeholders. Though the consultation process and in collaboration with Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and High Park Natural environment groups, the environmental sensitivity and special designations of the pond were acknowledged and areas established. These established areas are a compromise between the stakeholders including those that support fishing and the City of Toronto. Based on these decisions, Parks posted signs in the designated No Fishing Zones to inform Anglers of the appropriate areas for responsible fishing around Grenadier Pond.

At this time, PFR is not considering any further restriction of fishing at the Grenadier Pond beyond the ANSI and ESA areas. As education is key in educating Anglers in the practices of responsible fishing including awareness of potential environmental and wildlife impacts, we will continue to inform Anglers utilizing on site signage, information on the City's website and we will continue to work with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority on the design and construction of recreation nodes across the City. As part of the City of Toronto website, there are valuable resources and information for Anglers which includes High Park specific information. I have attached a couple of links below.

<https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/parks,-forestry-and-recreation/parks/city-of-toronto-parks-fishing.html>

<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/parks-gardens-beaches/ravines-natural-parklands/fishing/>

The City of Toronto will continue to work with Municipal Licencing and Standards, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to educate Anglers, add recreational nodes and, though the City of Toronto website, inform Anglers of other fishing locations across the City.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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