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## **Restriction in place near Calgary Bow River weir**

*Calgary...* With the onset of warmer weather, the Government of Alberta is warning recreational users of the Bow River at Calgary that a portion of the river is closed as a result of construction.

As a safety precaution, the restricted area extends from the boom upstream of the Calgary weir to the bottom end of the construction zone, approximately 500 metres downstream of the weir. The weir is being altered to make it safer. The area including the construction zone and river is expected to be open for recreational use in 2012.

In the interim, recreational users are asked to respect the restriction until the project is complete and tested, and the river is reopened. Users can be charged under the *Canada Shipping Act* if found trespassing in the closed area.

The new works include a series of rock rapids downstream of the original weir and modifications to the weir itself. Once completed, these rapids will be surfable and safe to canoe or float through. Two of the new rapids are almost complete and are being tested this summer. Water users may see boats and other equipment in the construction zone, but the area remains closed to the public.

The Harvie Passage Weir Reconstruction project is a partnership between Parks Foundation Calgary, Government of Alberta, City of Calgary, Alberta Lottery Fund and The Calgary Foundation. It is named in honour of Calgary philanthropist Donald Harvie and family.

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