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June 28, 2011 – Peterborough – The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) is pleased to announce the publication of the [“Best Management Practices Guide for Channel Darter and Waterpower Operation and Development in Ontario”](#), an initiative undertaken in partnership with Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

“Ontario’s waterpower industry is committed to continuously advancing our knowledge and practices in support of environmentally responsible development and operations”, said Colin Hoag, OWA Policy Advisor. “This Best Management Practices adds to our suite of products developed in collaboration with key federal and provincial agencies.”

The Best Management Practices (BMP) was prepared by Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (NRSI) and focuses on the relationship between waterpower and the Channel Darter, a fish species listed as threatened under the federal *Species at Risk Act* and the provincial *Endangered Species Act*. The BMP accompanies similar OWA products related to American Eel and Lake Sturgeon and can be downloaded at www.owa.ca.

“Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (NRSI) has enjoyed working with the OWA on this project, added Rob Steele, Vice President, NSRI and primary author of the BMP. “This undertaking demonstrates OWA’s ongoing commitment to responsible development and the sustainability of Ontario’s natural resources.”

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