



August 22, 2008
For Immediate Release

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

BOATING ADVISORY

Warning – Boaters Advised to Avoid the Red River Floodway Inlet Control Structure

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is advising the boating public to exercise extreme caution in the vicinity of the Inlet Control Structure in St. Norbert and to avoid navigating through the structure from September 3 and continuing for the remainder of the 2008 navigation season.

As part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project, the MFA will be undertaking maintenance and construction work on the structure including gate system testing and the installation of a temporary cofferdam. The work will involve independently raising and lowering the east and west structure gates at various times to facilitate scheduled maintenance activities. Restricted flows and increased velocities are expected to produce dangerous boating conditions in the remaining open gate bay area of the Inlet Control Structure. As a result, the boating public is advised to exercise extreme caution in the area and to avoid navigating through the structure as the work proceeds.

The MFA would like to thank the public for their co-operation and understanding as the Red River Floodway Expansion Project proceeds.

-30-

Contact: Ronuk Modha
Manitoba Floodway Authority
(204) 945-4900 or 1-866-356-6355