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Dear Client:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), North Bay District is pleased to advise that the final Lake Nipissing Fisheries Management Plan is available for the public to view.

The plan highlights the value of the ecological diversity of the lake and is designed to be adaptable to a wide range of environmental conditions. It will help guide future management of fisheries and aquatic resources to ensure the sustainability of the Lake Nipissing ecosystem.

The plan confirms steps already taken to protect the stressed walleye population in Lake Nipissing for future generations. It includes three recreational fishing regulation changes announced earlier this year to support walleye recovery.

Fisheries surveys indicate that fewer small walleye are now being harvested by anglers under the new walleye regulation change. This will allow these young fish the ability to grow to maturity and reproduce.

The Lake Nipissing Fisheries Management Plan was developed by the MNRF with advice from the Lake Nipissing Fisheries Management Plan Advisory Council and the public. I would like to thank all those who took the opportunity to comment on the draft Fisheries Management Plan. These comments were taken into consideration as we finalized the plan.

The plan includes actions to:


- ensure a healthy lake environment;
- conserve the diversity of the fish community; and
- provide opportunities to contribute to the social and economic well-being of the surrounding area.

The MNRF is committed to the conservation of biodiversity and the management of Ontario's natural resources in an ecologically sustainable way to ensure that they are available for the enjoyment and use of future generations.

The final plan is available to view online through the Environmental Registry at www.ontario.ca/ebr by searching for registry number 012-1353. The plan can also be viewed by appointment at the local MNRF District Office at 3301 Trout Lake Road, North Bay, ON P1A 4L7.

If you have any questions regarding the plan or would like to make an appointment to view the plan, please contact Valerie Vaillancourt, Management Biologist at 705-475-5530 or by email at lakenipmanplan@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,


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