

## **MNR Fish Assessment Program 2014**

From: MNR Biologist Chuck McCrudden

To: all Lake Temagami residents

Re: MNR Gill netting and fish studies in 2014

While TLA as well as the municipality and a number of other groups have been notified by mail of the 2014 Broadscale Assessment activities it is clear that not everyone is getting the message.

In an attempt to improve this situation, particularly after the recent Cross lake concerns, I have attached a number of documents to inform TLA members of the project and its objectives via the TLA F&W website.

In addition I have provided the results of the initial assessment from summer 2009 for Lake Temagami. This assessment and past individual lake assessments from the 2009 FMZ 11 Broadscale work can be found online via the MNR's Fish ONLine tool. Searching by lake and then reviewing the documents for that lake will provide reports such as the Lake Temagami report provided above. As not all lakes are assessed it might be best to search for lakes from the 2014 list of lakes for assessment as they are being repeated this year.

You will notice that the "Handout" document has contact information for those folks responsible for the program in the NE (Jeff Amos and Kevin Leblond).

You will also notice from the Lake List attachment that Lake Temagami is scheduled for re assessment this summer and I believe that will occur during early August. As indicated the net sets will be well marked and obvious to boaters etc. It is highly unlikely that travelling boats will tangle in nets given they are typically set on bottom and are only 6' tall however floats may inadvertently have excess rope floating in the immediate proximity to the float and anglers may find their angling equipment tangled in nets if they travel between the two float markers.

Finally, although I don't think it needs to be said to members, it is an offense under the FWCA to tamper with a lawfully set gillnet.

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