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Dear Fisheries Management Zone 11 Stakeholder,

**SUBJECT: Broad-scale Fisheries Monitoring Program work in
Fisheries Management Zone 11**

From approximately May 26 to August 25, 2014, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) science crews will be conducting netting operations on the attached list of lakes. Netting will take five to eight days to complete. Nets are checked and moved daily to a new location.

Notices will be posted at various locations like the public boat launch and retail stores located on the lake during the netting operations. While the lake is being monitored all nets will be clearly marked with orange MNR buoys. Please don't lift the nets or buoys, and avoid recreational activities between and around the buoys.

The broad-scale monitoring program is designed to monitor the current and changing state of fisheries across Ontario. This is year two of the second five-year cycle to collect information for fisheries management. Approximately 64 lakes will be assessed this summer in the Northeast Region. MNR science crews will collect information on fish species, take water samples, and check for invasive species. This information will be used by biologists to evaluate the health of fish populations and make management decisions for Fisheries Management Zones 8, 10 and 11.

Attached is a fact sheet with more information about the broad-scale program. A summary of the first cycle is available on the Fish ON-Line website at Ontario.ca/fishing.

If you have any questions about the fieldwork, please contact Kevin Leblond at 705 235-1137 or Jeff Amos at 705 235-1214.

Yours truly,

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Attach.